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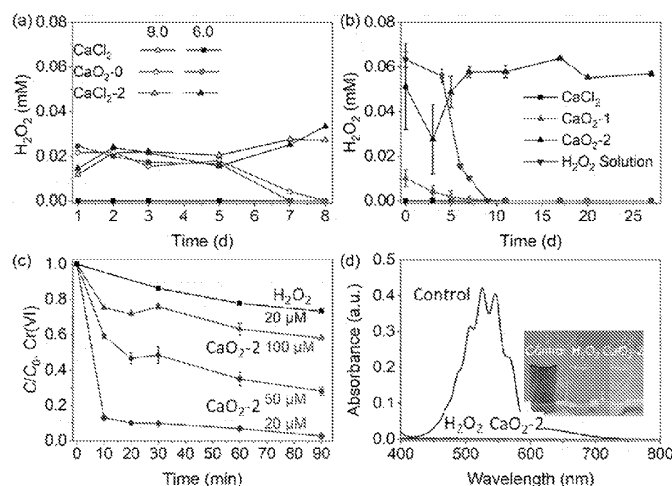


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: The present disclosure relates to a functionalised bead having a core and a surface, comprising peroxide moieties within the core of the bead, and peroxide particles adhered to the surface of the bead. The core comprises anionic and hydrophilic polymers crosslinked with multivalent cations. The functionalized bead has an average diameter of about 0.2 μm to about 10 μm. The peroxide particles have an average diameter of about 10 nm to about 900 nm. The present disclosure also relates to methods of fabricating the functional beads and methods of removing phosphate phosphorus and/or algae from an aqueous medium.

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