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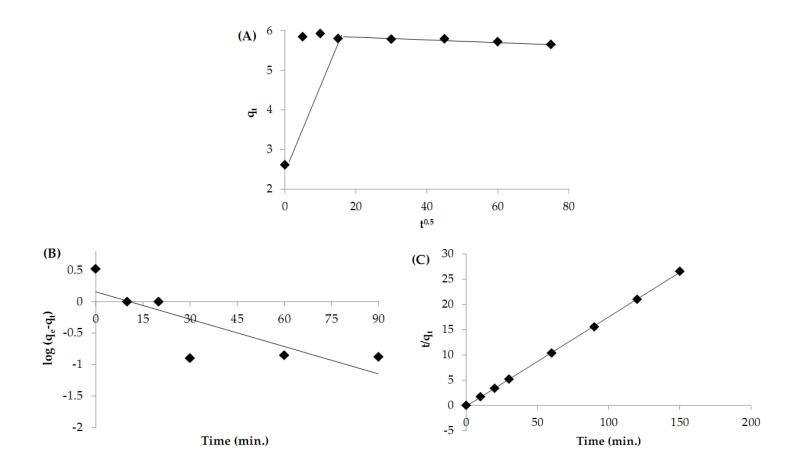
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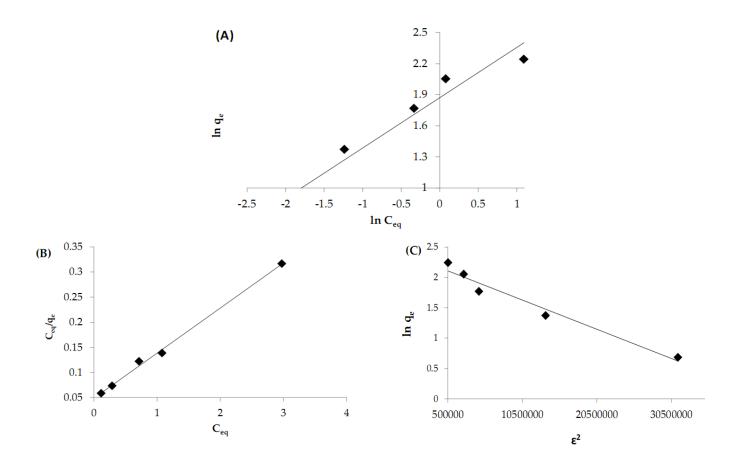
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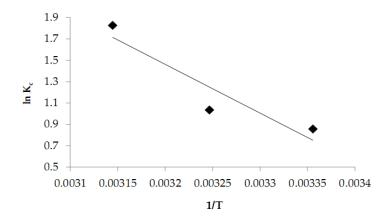
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**Figure S1**. Graphs of A) intra-particle, B) pseudo-first-order, and C) pseudo-second-order kinetic models for Cd<sup>2+</sup> ions biosorption on DSC biosorbent.



**Figure S2**. Graphs of A) Freundlich, B) Langmuir, and C) D–R adsorption isotherms models for Cd<sup>2+</sup> ions biosorption on DSC biosorbent.



**Figure S3**. Plot of lnKc versus 1/T for Cd<sup>2+</sup> ions biosorption on DSC biosorbent.