# **Electronic Supplementary Material**

## Investigation of the roles of lignin in biomass-based hydrogel for efficient

### desalination

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Samples	HEC/g	AL/g	GO/g	Content of AL/wt%	Economic cost/\$	
CGL1	0.2	0.1	0.02	31	1.616	
CGL2	0.2	0.2	0.02	48	1.616	
CGL3	0.2	0.3	0.02	58	1.616	
CGL4	0.2	0.4	0.02	64	1.616	
CGL5	0.2	0.5	0.02	69	1.616	

 Table S1 Synthetic formulations of CLGs

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Samples	CLG1	CLG2	CLG3	CLG4	CLG5
Apparent density/(g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	0.0375	0.0497	0.0553	0.0652	0.0686
Swelling ratio/( $g \cdot g^{-1}$ )	33.1	29.9	27.8	25.2	20.3

Table S3 Comparison of evaporation enthalpy results from DSC measurement and dark experiment

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Samples	Pure water	CLG1	CLG2	CLG3	CLG4	CLG5
Enthalpy of evaporation	2337	1748	1715	1718	1803	1836
measured by DSC/( $J \cdot g^{-1}$ )	2557	1740	1/13	1/10	1805	1050
Enthalpy of evaporation						
measured by dark field	2436	1697	1712	1555	1453	1406
experiments/ $(J \cdot g^{-1})$						

Ions	Initial seawater concentration/(mg $\cdot$ L <sup>-1</sup> )	Distilled water concentration/(mg $\cdot$ L <sup>-1</sup> )
Na <sup>+</sup>	10484	15
$\mathbf{K}^+$	1263	0.6
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	469	4.8
$Mg^{2+}$	109	4.0

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