

# Reply to the Comments on "Chemistry of Pyrolysis and Kinetic Studies of Shea Nut (*Vitellaria Paradoxa*) Shells Activated Carbon for Textile Wastewater Treatment"

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## Appreciation

I expressed my profound gratitude to *Iranian Journal of Chemistry & Chemical Engineering (IJCCE)* and the numerous scientist that patronize IJCCE especially to renowned Mentor in person of *Yuh-Shan Ho* whose contribution gave a new face to the study on adsorption.

Let me acknowledge the fact that the comment made by my mentor is correct. He stated that "To avoid being misconstrued, as well as to provide more accurate information authors should adopt primary references only".

His confession that this same comment on other articles was also published in listed and numerous highly recognized journals is an indication that it is a global academic issue.

## Let's reason together

Authors sometime adopt secondary reference due to several reasons including the following:

- i) Easy interpretation.
- ii) To portray linkages in research and how recent and timely the work attracts scientific findings
- iii) Inaccessibility of the original article especially by authors in developing nations
- iv) Recent findings and opinion
- v) Translating modeling and their validations (in primary references and by original authors) into mere applications which are more concrete and real (by secondary authors and references) and so on.

## Facts

How many scientists in this computer age can effectively adopt work by Sir Isaac Newton and his likes

with full understanding, interpretations and concretization? ... Please encourage secondary reference citations.

How many authors today should tender apologies to these great scientists for not citing their names and work as original authors?

Then how do we get citations of 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> century without a secondary ref citation?

How dynamic is sciences if we all return to primary authors only?

How many young researchers can depend on models and their validation studies (which ranges from "Ghost" to abstracts) to remain in science?

How then can publishers convince modern authors to publish their work if they can never be cited based on the fact that they are not the originator of the subject matter?

In my capacity as a reviewer and an author, I may state here that "it has not been established as a law in authors guide/instruction that only original articles and primary references should be cited"

## My contribution

If IJCCE agreed with the commentator, it should be spelt out in authors guide/instruction that only original authors of the subject matters should be cited. It should be noteworthy that by so doing, all references terminates with the 18<sup>th</sup> century and 1970s, the acclaimed transformation of knowledge, dissemination and its linkage will be difficulty and life will be more difficult for those that choose to remain in science especially among young researchers and in developing nations.

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**With regards to my article [1]**

1) The original author stated by my commentator is all correct. I cited secondary authors with regards to the facts that I could not lay hands on the primary references, my article is not on modeling and model validation but on application of the validated models as interpreted by the secondary author who now stand as my available access.

2) If my argument is not in agreement with IJCCE conviction, then I HUMBLY APOLOGISE with an additional acknowledgement which may as sell be publishand it is as stated.

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This is to acknowledge that the secondary authors cited by *Itodo et al.* in [1] as reference number [11] to describe Eq. (5a) and the one cited as [12] describing Eq. (6a) & (6b) respectively originate from the primary references [2, 3]

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