Letter to Editor

Comments on “adsorption characteristics of polyvinyl alcohols in solution on expanded graphite” in E-Journal of Chemistry

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Recently, Pang published the paper entitled above [1]. In section of “Adsorption kinetic models”, the author presented “initial adsorption rate” with Eq. (8). In fact, Ho has firstly presented a definition for the initial adsorption rate from the parameters of pseudo-second order model [2,3]. A modified initial adsorption rate equation has also been made in the following years because a mistake was included in the paper published in 1996 [4,5]. Furthermore, the equation and expression of the initial adsorption rate in Pang [1] could also be found in his articles published in E-Journal of Chemistry [6-9]. All these articles published by Pang were in the position of committing possible plagiarism articles.

Plagiarism is defined as when the authors of a scientific publication duplicate previously published idea, text, or figures in the scientific literature without any citations [10]. In recent years, the similar comments were also reported in Chemosphere [11], Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research [12], Canadian Journal of Chemical Engineering [13], Journal of Hazardous Materials [14], Microchimica Acta [15], and Water Research [16].

In my view, Pang should have cited the original paper for the initial adsorption rate equation and thereby provided greater accuracy and information details about the initial adsorption rate expression he employed.

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