

## Comments on “Adsorption behavior of heavy metal ions by carbon nanotubes grown on microsized Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particles”

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Recently, Hsieh and Horng [1] published the paper entitled as above. In section 3—results and discussion, the authors mentioned the first and the second order kinetic models without any quotations. In fact these two kinetic models have been published [2-5]. In order to distinguish a kinetics model based on the adsorption capacity of a solid from the one based on the concentration of a solution, Lagergren's first-order rate equation has been called pseudo-first-order [6-7]. The Lagergren's equation has been widely cited, but there are far more mistakes made in the quotation and in the reference section of papers, including the title, the author's name, journal title, year of publishing, volume, and page number [3]. In addition, the second order kinetic expression for the adsorption systems of divalent metal ions using sphagnum moss peat has been reported by Ho [8]. To distinguish the kinetic model based on the adsorption capacity of a solid from the concentration of the solution, the second-order rate expression has been named pseudo-second-order [4-8]. The pseudo-second-order rate expression has been widely applied to the sorption of metal ions, dyes, herbicides, oil, pesticide, and organic substances from aqueous solutions [5, 9].

Accuracy in referencing is important for the transmission of scientific knowledge. Poor referencing reflects on the article, the authors, and the journal itself. Greater emphasis and responsibility must be placed on authors to check the accuracy of cited references in their submitted manuscripts [10]. Reviewers should also take the responsibility for this section of the manuscript. Finally the journal editors have to insist on reference accuracy in articles accepted for publication [11]. I suggest that Hsieh and Horng cite the original or the most cited papers for both kinetic mod-

els to have more accuracy and information of kinetic expression.

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