LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comment on "Selective adsorption of tannins onto hide collagen fibres"

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In a recent publication by Liao et al.[1], the section 1.3 Modeling of adsorption kinetics, authors mentioned a pseudo-second-order model from eq. (3) to eq. (5). In fact, the second order kinetic expression for the adsorption systems of divalent metal ions using sphagnum moss peat has been reported by Ho[2]. In order to distinguish the kinetics equation based on adsorption capacity of solid from concentration of solution, Ho's second order rate expression has been named pseudo-second order[2−5]. The most frequently cited papers were published in Chemical Engineering Journal[3], Process Biochemistry[4] and Water Research[5].

The pseudo-second order rate expression of Ho has been widely applied to the sorption of metal ions, dyes, herbicides, oil, and organic substances from aqueous solutions[6−8].

A research paper's contribution exists not only in its originality and creativity but also in its continuity and development for the research that follows. The reference section can play a key role to researchers who are interested in a paper's statement or who would like to follow the study or find useful information from the paper[9]. I suggest that Liao et al. cite Ho's original pseudo-second order kinetic expression paper or relevant works.

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Reply for the comment

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We have read the comment on our paper "Selective adsorption of tannins onto hide collagen fibres, Science in China, Series B, 2003, 46(5): 495—504". In our paper, the pseudo-second order model was used to describe the adsorption kinetics of tannins to collagen fibers. The second order kinetic expression for the adsorption systems of divalent metal ions using sphagnum moss peat has been reported by Ho. In order to distinguish kinetics equation based on adsorption capacity of solid from concentration of solution, Ho's second order rate expression has been named pseudo-second order. It was observed that the adsorption kinetics of tannins onto collagen fiber was fitted well by the pseudo-second order model. However, our work does not concentrate on the adsorption kinetics model. Our experimental data further confirmed the universal of pseudo-second order model, but we forgot to cite the reference of Dr. Ho due to our negligence (Ho, Y. S., McKay, G., Sorption of dye from aqueous solution by peat, Chemical Engineering Journal, 1998, 70(2): 115—124.). We will be more careful in our future research work. We thank Dr. Yuh-shan Ho for these comments.