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Author response to report 1:

Author's Notes	All authors would like to thank the Referees for their meticulous attention and suggestions, which have helped shape this paper. All recommendations, changes, and specific comments were taken into consideration, and the paper was modified accordingly. The text has been edited as recommended. Kindly find below a detailed list of the revisions and comments throughout the text:

Reviewer #3:

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Response 1:

We acknowledge that the information could have been divided as proposed in the comment, however, in relation to the number of articles that have been compared, we found their current division to be best, especially since the comparison between different elements was not easily feasible. As for the following processes, we noticed that these most recent experiments have not all carried out hydrolysis and/or fermentation following pretreatment. However, all of them highlight the

potential for bioethanol production following pretreatment. An overall comparison between the experiments that have completed the full process and produced the highest concentrations of bioethanol has been made in a separate paragraph (section 8. Ethanol Production Overview). The following paragraph was added:

“To reiterate, a high ethanol titer equal to 76.92 g/L was obtained from the fermentation of chemically pretreated industrial hemp using NaOH and process optimization [60], just as an ethanol concentration of 70.6 g/L was obtained from chemically and thermally pretreated corn stover using Ca(OH)2 and an autoclave [72]. In contrast, 44.2 g/L of ethanol was produced from the fermentation of chemically pretreated rice straw using NNMO [83], in addition to 43.1 g/L of bioethanol produced following fermentation of chemically treated wheat straw using [TEA] [H2SO4] [95]. As for sugarcane bagasse, a high ethanol concentration of 77.51 g/L was produced from chemical and optimized thermal pretreatment of the biomass [102]. Among the different pretreatments of barley straw, an ethanol concentration of 50 g/L was obtained from steam-exploded biomass [107], while about 16 g/L were obtained from microwave pretreated rye stillage, 13 g/L of ethanol from bamboo residues, and 75.6 g/L of steam-exploded Eucalyptus sawdust [108,110,114]. These recent experiments highlight once again the efficiency of chemical pretreatment of lignocellulosic biomasses. They also confirm the possibility of obtaining high ethanol concentrations from these biomasses, thus confirming its importance as an alternative energy source.”

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Response 2:

All language corrections have been made according to the review form.

Obviously, the more references the wider the review. For the current review, we added other articles and have a total of 115 references cited. More discussion was also added.

Comment 3: The author must use “the right template” to write the manuscript. Please download it from the website.

Response 3: The template used was downloaded from the website and the fonts were applied according to the type of text and its corresponding style.

Comment 4: Although refining lignocellulose wastes are at the top of interest, several issues should be addressed before the manuscript publication.

Response 4: All issues raised by the reviewer are inserted.

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Line 16: Please change “demand” to “need” and delete “again”.

Line 16: Please delete “its” and add “the”.

Line 19: Please change “important” to “essential piece of”; and “to note is the interrelation that exists” to “is the interrelation”.

Line 22: Please delete “subsequently”.

Line 24: Please delete “advantageous” and add “good”.

Introduction

Line 34: Please change “the burning of fossil fuels, which results in the emission of greenhouse gases (GHG)” to “burning fossil fuels, which results in greenhouse gases (GHG) emission”.

Line 38: Please change “as a result of” to “due to”.

Line 41-42: Please change “has indeed reported that fossil energy demand has declined in 2020 (Figure 1), but also highlighted that the demand” to “reported that fossil energy demand has declined in 2020 (Figure 1), but also highlighted that the demand”.

Line 48: Please change “In order to” to “To”.

Line 48-49: Please change “and they include” to “including“.

Line 49: Please change “All” to “However, all”.

Line 51: Please change “are” to “is”.

Line 54: Please add “the” before “digestion of foods” and delete “present”.

Line 57: Please delete “the”.

Line 59-60: Please change “emit 59 7.1 Gigatons of CO_2 eq yearly, which corresponds” to “7.1 Gigatons of CO_2 eq yearly, corresponding”.

Line 64-65: Please change “11% GHG were emitted by the United 64 States” to “the United States emitted 11% GHG”.

Line 69: Please change “priority of world leaders is to be able” to “of world leaders is”.

Line 71: Please delete “in its turn”

Line 72: effects

Line 73: Many agricultural practices excessively exploit the earth’s natural resources, further to “In addition, many agricultural farming practices excessively exploit the earth’s natural resources,”.

Line 75: Please change “that the planet is facing today, there have” to “facing the planet today, there has”.

Line 77: Please change “an increasing” to rising.

Line 81-82: Please delete “more specifically”.

Line 83-84: Please delete “in itself” or “an”.

Line 85: Please delete “particular”.

Line 89: Please delete “and are”.

Line 94: Please change “was” to “is”.

Line 106: Please change “drawn back” to “due to”.

Line 116: Please change “different to “various other”

Line 118: “techniques”, change “on” to “in”.

Line 119: Please change “taken into consideration” to “considered”.

Line 121: Please add “the” for efficiency of pretreatment.

Pretreatment of Hemp Biomass

Line 135: Please delete “in order”.

Line 138: Please change “with the goal of increasing” to “to increase”.

Line 142: Please delete “of them”

Line 148: Please change “which also enhances” to “enhancing”.

Line 163: Please change “appear to also” to “appear also to”

Line 163: Please change “the course of 24 h at 40°C, and tested four different fungi,” to “24 h at 40°C, and four other fungi were tested,

Line 182: Please delete “were”

Line 185: Please change “be a result of” to “result from”.

Line 192: Please change “were” to “was”

Pretreatment of Corn Stover

Page 4; Line 4: Please change " in order to" to "to".

Page 4; Line 6: Please change ", but" to ". Still,".

Page 4; Line 20: Please delete "while"

Page 4; Line 22: Please change "then performed, either" to "performed".

Page 4; Line 23: Please change "When it comes to" to "Regarding".

Page 4; Line 35: Please change "which finally resulted" to "resulting".

Page 4; Line 38: Please delete "which was".

Page 5; Line 8: Please change "the inclusion of" to "including".

Page 5; Line 11: Please change "the sugar that is preferential" to "the preferential sugar".

Pretreatment of Rice Straw

Page 3; Line 3: Please delete "similarly".

Page 3; Line 4: Please change "prior to" to "before".

Page 3; Line 13: Please delete "terms of".

Page 3; Line 16: Please change "to" to "with".

Page 3; Line 19: Please change "with the most success" to "successfully".

Page 3; Line 22: Please change ", while" to ". At the same time,".

Page 3; Line 22: Please change "utilized for the removal" to "used to remove".

Page 3; Line 26: Please delete "in order".

Page 3; Line 45: Please change "and" to ". It".

Page 4; Line 3: Please delete "therefore"

Page 4; Line 5: Please change "It can be concluded" to "Therefore, it can be concluded".

Page 4; Line 11: Please change “and encourages” to “, encouraging”.

Pretreatment of Wheat Straw

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Line 8: Please change “increasing” to “increased”.

Line 18: Please change “as well as” to “and”.

Line 19: Please change “favorable” to “promising”.

Line 25: Please delete “respectively”.

Line 30: Please add “the” before “concentration of the hydrolyzed sample”.

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Line 54: Please change “In terms of” to “Regarging”.

Line 55: Please change “The use of” to “Using”.

Pretreatment of Sugarcane Bagasse

Line 10: Please change to “advantages”.

Line 44: Please change “which represents” to “representing”.

Line 46: Please change “has underwent” to “undergone”.

Conclusions

Line 79: Please delete “in order” and change “further confirm“ to “confirm further”.

Line 82: Please delete “to be able”

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The authors have now provided a revised version along with a cover letter in which they address the referees' comments.

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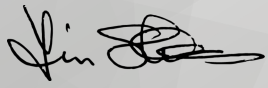

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