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Dear Editor of the Indonesian Journal of Chemistry,

We wish to submit an original research article entitled “Synthesis and Characterization of GO-Fe3O4 Nanocomposite based on Coconut Shell and Iron Sand as an Adsorbent for Rhodamine B” for consideration by the Indonesian Journal of Chemistry. We confirm that the written manuscript is original, and no part has been published before, nor is any part currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

*[This research was conducted to synthesize GO-Fe3O4from biomass in adsorbing rhodamine b, in this study we succeeded in synthesizing GO-Fe3O4 which is able to adsorb rhodamine b, where the raw materials used are coconut shells and iron sand. This adsorbent is useful in adsorbing various wastes, one of which is textile waste in the form of rhodamine b which is widely used in various textile industry needs.. Charaterization of GO-Fe3O4 shows functional groups such as hydroxyl, carboxyl, carbonyl and Fe-O. The adsorbent morphology analysis shows a smooth and porous surface with EDS C, O, and Fe analysis of 55.51%, 10.40% and 34.09% respectively, with an average particle size of 15.4 nm, where diffraction patterns were detected the formation of magnetite. Optimum adsorption of Rhodamine B occurs at pH, contact time of 120 minutes, a concentration of 6 mg/L with a maximum adsorption capacity of* 0.3396 *mg/g. The content of this manuscript is in line with the scope of the International Journal of Chemistry]*

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