Editor's comment:

The revised MS and the report are including

Introduction Section

Is fine and covering the points required for activated carbon as well as phenacetin

Materials and Methods

1. Is good, and all concentrations and amount of sorbent are given in details, but

1) Zetapotential must be measured to insure the –ve charge of the surfaces at pH less than pHzpc
2) pHzpc must be included
3) For Kinetic studies; both Pseudo First Order Reaction & particle diffusion must be included to help in studying the adsorption mechanism
4) IR of sorbents before and after adsorption must be measured
5) XRD spectra must be added.

2.

Result & Discussion

1) Characterization of sorbents: Thermal analysis must be added, to be sure about the stability of sorbents through adsorption processes
2) Adsorption processes

2.1) Zetapotential must be measured to insure the –ve charge of the surfaces at pH less than pHzpc
2.2) pHzpc must be included
2.3) effect of pH curves are NOT GOOD and need more clarifying as the maximum absorption was observed at the starting pHs for all sorbents

3) For Kinetic studies; both Pseudo First Order Reaction & particle diffusion must be included to help in studying the adsorption mechanism
4) Adsorption mechanism must be included
5) SEM, EDX and XRD must be included after adsorption too
6) English and spilling usage are required

Author's feedback:

Noted.