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**Professor Abdelaziz SOUIZI**

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**Dear Prof. Dr.** **Abdelaziz SOUIZI:**

We are pleased to submit the attached original article entitled: **“Model study on dilute acid pretreatment of argane pulp for bioethanol production using response surface methodology”** by Fatima Zahrae Zouhair et al. for consideration for publication in Mediterranean journal of chemistry**.**

Given the real need for using natural resources and the lack of sufficient attention to the use of argane residues, we believe that the findings presented in our paper will appeal to a diverse range of scientists and researchers who subscribe to Mediterranean journal of chemistry.

In this study, we provide a comparative study of dilute acid pretreatment methods for improving argane pulp saccharification with special focuses on its potential use as a biomass for the second generation bioethanol production. In so doing, we hope that our research will help promote the ongoing efforts about the valorization of argane derived products.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by any other journal. All of the authors agree on the submission to Mediterranean journal of chemistry. We have no conflicts of interest to declare.

**Sincerely,**

Fatima Zahrae Zouhair