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Dear Prof. Das:

As the founder and current Director of the University of California, Davis ChemWiki project, I would like to give my cordial congratulations to you for your all innovative teaching methodologies and formulae that you have formulated within the field of Chemical Education. I am especially appreciative of you donating these materials to the ChemWiki earlier this year.

I have gone through your all methodologies (Predicting the Bond-Order of Diatomic Species without MOT, Hybridization of Simple Molecules and Heterocyclic Compounds, Magnetic Behavior of Diatomic Species, Bond-Order of Oxides based Acid Radicals, Evaluating Spin Multiplicity, Identifying Aromatic and Anti-Aromatic Compounds, Calculating of π -bonds, σ -bonds, single and double bonds in Straight Chain and Cycloalkene Systems) and found that they are very much helpful for teaching at undergraduate, senior undergraduate as well as post graduate level students to make chemical education metabolic, simplest and time economic. I have attached the current ChemWiki URLs that link to your content in this letter.

While I do not have solid numbers indicating the efficacy of your pages specifically, a recent Chemistry Education Research and Practice (DOI: 10.1039/c5rp00084j) shows that the Wikitexts constructed from ChemWiki content like yours was statistically capable of substituting for conventional textbooks. Since integration of your content into the ChemWiki, it has garnered approximately 0.01% of our traffic. While this may appear a small and perhaps a negligible impact, it is very much not. With our current 80 million annual visitor traffic, your content has been accessed by close to 8,000 visitors to date each with your name and the Ramthakur College affiliation clearly indicated. As the traffic to the ChemWiki and Steve's content grows, the dissemination of your (and Ramthakur College) educational efforts correspondingly increase.

I look forward to many positive future discussions. Thank you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Delmar Larsen".

Delmar Larsen