

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

In response to the note of Criado and Ortega (C & O) [1], we would like to make the following statements.

(1) In our note [2], we stated that the validity of eqn. (1) was assumed. To us, this *clearly* indicates that we are concerned with “*n*-type” reaction *only* ($a = 1$).

(2) In regard to the determination of reaction mechanism, we refer C & O to our recent article [3]. In this, an equation similar to the one discussed by C & O was employed, under certain conditions, to distinguish one mechanism from among 15 theoretical possibilities for heterogeneous solid-state reactions.

(3) In ref. 3, we further state that conclusions regarding a correct mechanism should be confirmed, if possible, by means of X-ray diffraction and/or microscopy. Also, we state that additional techniques, e.g. isothermal, may be necessary to distinguish one mechanism from another.

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