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PART 1: Review Comments

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Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>Reviewer's comment</p> <p>The panacea to the global challenge of plastic waste management is the transition towards plastic circular economy, which can be sustained through tailor-made management strategies. However, cutting-edge strategic solutions are constrained by inadequate data due to inadequate plastic-based predictive models.</p> <p>This paper presents an improved version of an existing two-state cyclical dynamic closed (CDC) model. The CDC model was formulated using a homogeneous linear system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) and was modified by introducing a separation target which plays an essential role in determining both quantity and quality of recycled plastics. The Laplace transforms technique was the main analytic solution technique used. Values of the parameters were computed using the global plastic data applied for the existing CDC model, and with a technique termed the <i>n</i>th-order product derivative proximity, alternating pairs of initial values were selected each for the global annual plastic production and the global annual plastic waste generation. The validation process of the new CDC model was accomplished using the mean average percentage error (MAPE), which is a measure of the model's predictive power.</p> <p>The resulting MAPEs for the new CDC model were 5% and 6.5% (as against 13% and 18% in the existing model) respectively for the global annual plastic: production and waste generation, indicating that the new model predicts with 95% and 93.5% degrees of accuracy respectively for the global annual plastic: production and waste generation. Therefore, the new CDC model has outperformed the existing CDC model in terms of predictive power, and thus, establishing the new CDC model as an improved version of the existing one. The model can therefore make impactful policy decisions for sustainable plastic waste management thereby aiding to achieve the transition towards circular economy in plastic waste management.</p> <p>The study contributes to science by improving the predictive accuracy of the existing CDC model for plastic waste management. The improvement was achieved by the introduction of the plastic waste separation target which cannot be neglected in modeling the dynamics of the PLC. Thus, introducing this parameter extends the existing CDC model in terms of its representation of a real-life exposition of plastic waste management. Another predictive-accuracy-determining factor is the proposal of a new technique of selecting and alternating pairs of initial values, which we have labelled the <i>n</i>th-order product derivative proximity. The improvement in the predictive accuracy will therefore, help to optimize decision-making and policy formulation for effective, efficient and sustainable plastic waste management.</p>	
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