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#### Abstract

As a way of improving process efficiency of pyrolysis of waste biomass, the effect of carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) on pyrolysis of spent coffee grounds (SCGs) was examined using a two-stage pyrolysis reactor consisting of a region with increasing temperature and an isothermal region. It was experimentally validated that  $CO_2$  accelerates thermal cracking of organic compounds formed during the pyrolysis of SCGs. The expedited thermal cracking attributed to employing  $CO_2$  in pyrolysis of SCGs led to changing pyrolytic products in gas,

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