

Review of: "How to search for patents on the recovery of rare earth metals from electronic waste"

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The manuscript provides a current trend on the recovery of rare earth metals from WEEE. It is good to see the direction of WEEE management based on recycling and recovery of REEs; however, it presents only simple information so the author should add more information in detail and more critical discussion and conclusion which will be more beneficial.

- The title and content of the manuscript do not quite match. The author should explain more about search methods.
- Precious elements in WEEE are not only REEs but also other metals such as gold and silver.
- Graph 2: please describe the meaning of blue, orange and grey bars.