Problem of Write-N-Cite in-text citations displaying as full references within the text of a Word document

Sometimes when using Write-N-Cite you might find that your in-text citations suddenly start displaying as the full, complete reference instead of simply the Author and Date.

For example instead of the following:

My first important reference (Bhattarai 2012) followed by some text.
Some text for a footnote and the footnote will contain a reference. Now some more text and another reference (Fleming, Charter & Phangalos 2011).
Now some more text for my assignment on an interesting topic.

1 Text for footnote

You see:

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2 Text for footnote (Chemicoff & Venkatakrishnan 1995)

This is a known bug with Write-N-Cite. This bug occurs when you are using footnotes in your document and then insert a Write-N-Cite reference in the footnote. Note, there is no problem using footnotes themselves, it is only if you also add a reference within a footnote that the bug might occur.

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1 Text for footnote (Chemicoff & Venkatakrishnan 1995)

A footnote containing a Write-N-Cite reference can cause the bug to occur. The bug causes all in-text citations within your document to display as the complete reference.
To prevent this bug, your options are:

1. Remove any footnotes that contain Write-N-Cite references and think of a way to integrate the footnote text and reference into the body of your work instead of in the footnotes. (Note you don’t need to remove all footnotes, only those that contain a Write-N-Cite reference).

Or

2. Don’t insert the reference into your footnote until the very end of formatting your document – instead do the following:
   a. Enter your footnote into your document as normal, but don’t insert the reference into the footnote.
   b. Instead, insert the reference into the body of your work as a Write-N-Cite intext-citation. Then mark or highlight this intext-citation in some way so that it is easy to find the text again later (in step f below).
   c. Complete your document.
   d. Take a copy of the document (just in case something goes wrong with the steps that follow!).
   e. In the copy of your document, generate the bibliography.
   f. Now find the text of your intext-citation that you want to appear in the footnote.
   g. Select the intext-citation text (by clicking on your left hand mouse button and dragging the cursor over the text).
   h. Select the Remove Field Codes option in the RefWorks tab. Note this means all your Write-N-Cite intext-citations are now only plain text and will no longer be recognised as Write-N-Cite references – but this shouldn’t matter because you’ve already generated your bibliography. If it turns out you do want to make some changes to your document and regenerate the bibliography then you will need to do this in the copy you made of your document in step d above (lucky you took a copy!).
   i. Finally, copy the intext-citation text and paste it into the relevant footnote and delete the intext-citation text from the body of your document.