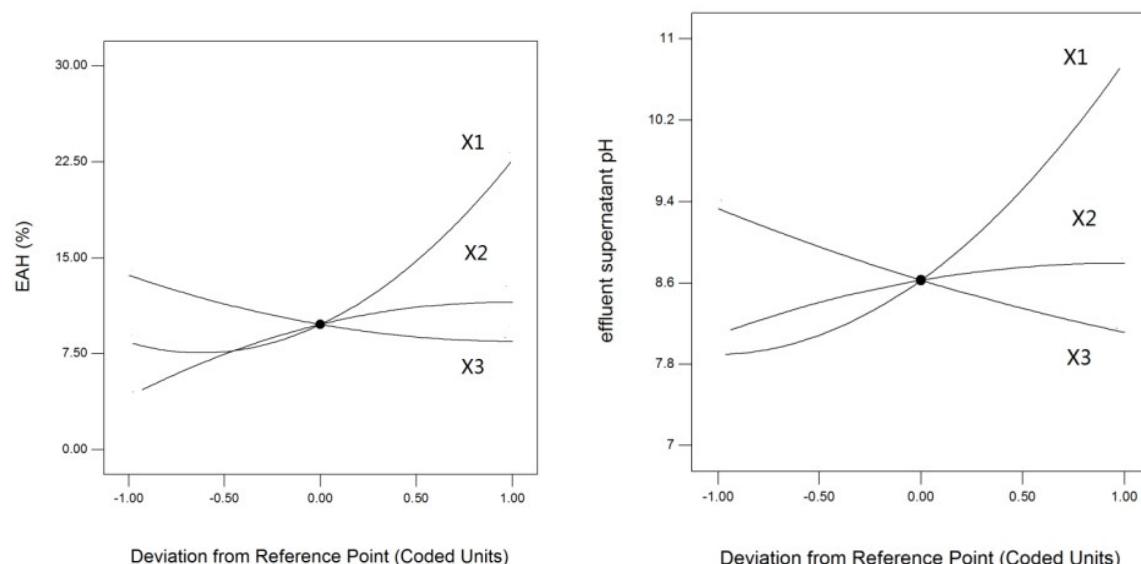


Fig. S1 Perturbation plots of EAH and effluent supernatant pH, where X<sub>1</sub>-alkaline hydrolysis pH, X<sub>2</sub>-distilled water volume, and X<sub>3</sub>-sludge sample volume

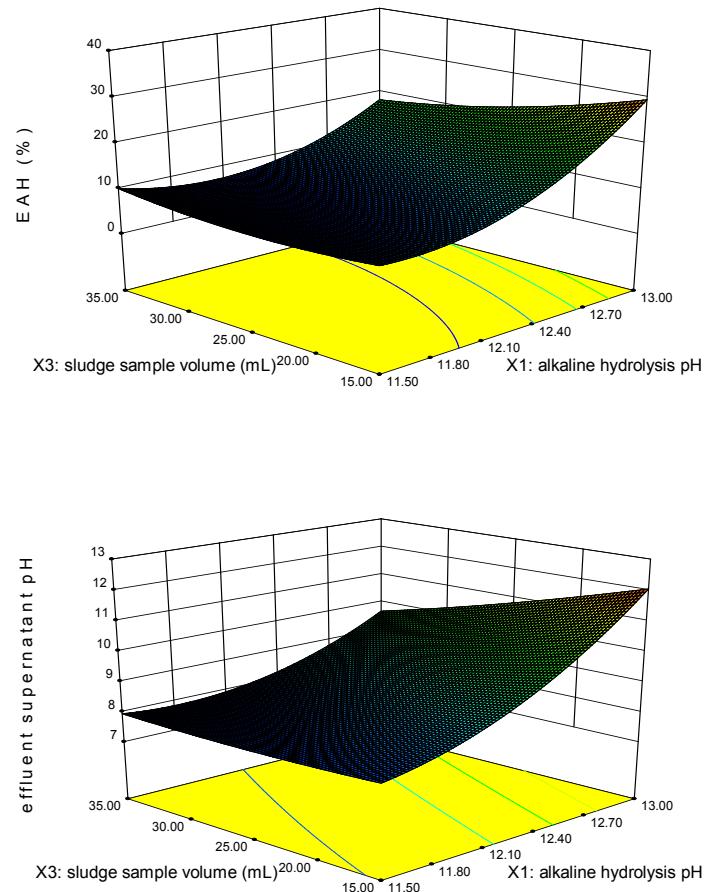
Fig. S2 Three-dimensional surface response plot of EAH and effluent supernatant pH

Fig. S3 Titration curve for the sludge sample

**Fig. S1**



**Fig. S2**



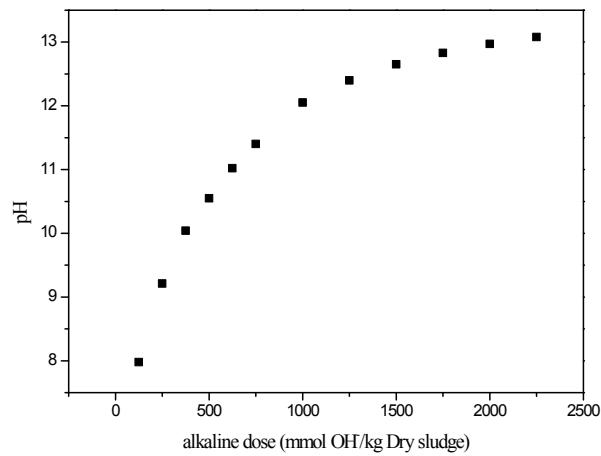
**Fig. S3**

Table S1 Analysis of variance for the RSM quadratic model, where  $X_1$ -alkaline hydrolysis pH,  $X_2$ -distilled water volume,  $X_3$ -sludge sample volume,  $Y_1$ -EAH, and  $Y_2$ -effluent supernatant pH

**Table S1**

Source	Sum of squares		Mean square		F value		p-value	
	$Y_1$	$Y_2$	$Y_1$	$Y_2$	$Y_1$	$Y_2$	$Y_1$	$Y_2$
Model	865.8 5	26.1 5	96.21	2.91	6.81 9	15.2 6	0.009 8	0.000
$X_1$	406.4 1	16.6 5	406.4 1	16.6 5	28.7 6	87.6 0	0.001 0	<0.0001
$X_2$	108.0 3	0.98	108.0 3	0.98	7.65	5.16	0.027 9	0.057 4
$X_3$	54.00	2.98	54.00	2.98	3.82	15.6 7	0.091 5	0.005 5
$X_1X_2$	76.97	1.90	76.97	1.90	5.45 2	10.0 3	0.052 0.038	0.015
$X_1X_3$	38.63	1.32	38.63	1.32	2.73	6.96	0.142 2	0.033 0.05
$X_2X_3$	1.50 3	0.05	1.50 3	0.05	0.11	0.28	0.754 0	0.614 1
$X_1^2$	158.2 2	2.11	158.2 2	2.11	11.2 0	11.1 2	0.012 0.035	0.012 0.015
$X_2^2$	10.08	0.15	10.08	0.15	0.71	0.77	0.426 3	0.409 1
$X_3^2$	11.81	0.03	11.81	0.03	0.84	0.19	0.391	0.673

	7	7	0	1
Residu al	98.91	1.33	14.13	0.19