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#### **Abstract**

Intermittent -vacuum stripping (IVS) was developed as a pretreatment for thermophilic anaerobic digestion (TAD) to improve methanogenesis and hydrolysis activity through preventing free ammonia and hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) inhibition from liquid swine manure (LSM). Over 98% of ammonia and 38% organic nitrogen were removed in 60 minutes from 55  $^{9}$ C to 85  $^{9}$ C with vacuum pressure (from  $100.63 \pm 3.79$  mmHg to  $360.91 \pm 7.39$  mmHg) at initial pH 10.0 by IVS. Thermophilic methanogenesis and hydrolysis activity of pretreated LSM increased 52.25% (from  $11.56 \pm 1.75\%$  to  $17.60 \pm 0.49\%$ ) in 25 days and 40% (from 10 days to 6 days) in bio-methane potential assay. Over 80% H<sub>2</sub>S and total nitrogen were removed by IVS assistance, while around 70% nitrogen was recycled as ammonium sulfate. Therefore, IVS-TAD combination could be an effective strategy to improve TAD efficiency, whose elution is more easily utilized in algae cultivation and/or hydroponic system.

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