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Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments	An interesting research area but a lot of modification and changes must be done. Please use short-term for waste paper sludge (WPS). For other comments please refer to the article. Please update and upgrade the grammar of the paper.	

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