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Describe the conditions, under which the research was done.

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Describe the obtained data systematized in tables and figures designated as Table 1, Table 2, ... and Fig. 1, Fig. 2, ... and cited in the paper text in this order.

Give interpretation of the regularities established through the measured data directly and (or) using regression equation (linear or other).

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Attach the measurement unit with every physical, chemical and biological magnitude used by you in the research and described in the paper. Write this unit after each magnitude given in tables and figures.

Formulate the main and secondary regularities, findings and establishments, and explain them from physical point of view, or chemical or biological ones.

#### CONCLUSION

Formulate the main result of your research work: as regularity, or as a new model, or as a new approach, or as a new data on the process considered.

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