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ABSTRACT

INTRODUCTION

MATERIALS AND METHODS

RESULTS

DISCUSSION

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (OPTIONAL)

LITERATURE CITED

APPENDICES (OPTIONAL)

Example table:

Table 1. Septic tank

Parameter	Units	Average	Median	Min.	Max.
BOD	mg/L	150*	140	60	300
TSS	mg/L	75	70	40	150

*Average of 40 samples.

Example figure caption:



Fig. 1. The cross section.....

Note the first letter of each main word is capitalized. The caption is located beneath the figure.

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