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**Figure 1:** A nice linear plot

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**Table 2:** Tabulated data of the study

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Conclusion should include the summary and generalization of the results and contributions and limitations of the work.

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