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	= bulk density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	
	- Figure 5 : replace the comma with the points for	
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	ordinate= thermal conductivity (W/m.K) and absciss	
	= water content (%)	
	- The thermal behavior of the hygroscopic material is	
	influenced by water content which reaches its	
	maximum value corresponding to a relative	
	saturation state and the thermal conductivity tends	
	to get stabilized [13]: delete Ezbakhe H. et al.	
	- Table 2: formulas are not clear	
	- write $4 \times 4 \times 16$ cm <sup>3</sup> et non $4 \times 4 \times 16$ cm <sup>3</sup> . Why the	
	choice of this dimension?	
	- Insert the equation Rc = F / S in the text and put a	
	number to this equation	
	- Describe the technique for measuring the	
	compressive strength?	
	- Figure 6, Figure 9, Figure 10, Figure 11 and Figure	
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	values, absciss = Néré pod in the laterite (%).	
	- This value is found in the Hakimi work's reported	
	by Meukam [15]: put the reference of author Hakimi	
	- Conclusions et non Conclusion.	
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