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## Highlights

- The von Bertalanffy model describes animal growth from conception up to maturity.
- The growth function evaluated for the postnatal data reproduces the prenatal development.
- The possibility of estimation of the weights of eggs, embryos, larvae, juvenile fish and fetuses.
- The model reproduces the experimental values of gestation (incubation) periods.
- The sources of the fit instability reported for the von Bertalanffy function are identified.

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