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**Fig. 1** A schematic view of the Perfactory manufacturing process

**Table 1** Experimental and ANN predicted values for flank wear and surface roughness

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| Trial No. | Flank wear, mm | |  | Surface roughness, µm | |
| Experimental | ANN predicted |  | Experimental | ANN predicted |
| 3 | 0.479 | 0.659 |  | 0.917 | 0.735 |
| 4 | 0.085 | 0.237 |  | 1.763 | 1.946 |
| 8 | 0.189 | 0.296 |  | 1.263 | 1.466 |
| 12 | 0.686 | 0.502 |  | 1.956 | 2.076 |
| 15 | 1.219 | 1.329 |  | 2.21 | 2.011 |
| 18 | 0.306 | 0.465 |  | 1.482 | 1.341 |

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