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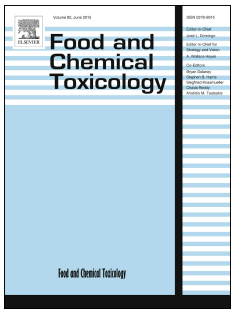

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Abbreviation: N. sativa, *Nigella sativa*; TQ, thymoquinone; IL-4, interleukin 4; IFN-γ, interferon-γ; PHA, phytohemagglutinin; Con A, concavaline A; MNCs, mononuclear cells; OVA, ovalbumin; CC-5, ethyl acetate column chromatographic fraction; TNF-α, tumor necrosis factor alpha; NO, nitric oxide; BAL, bronchoalveolar lavage; DMSO, dimethyl sulfoxide; WST, water-soluble tetrazolium salts; BrdU, bromodeoxyuridine.