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Title: Herbal formula SC-E1 suppresses lipopolysaccharide-stimulated inflammatory responses through activation of Nrf2/HO-1 signaling pathway in Raw 264.7 macrophages

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This manuscript describes the anti-inflammatory effect of herbal formula SC-E1 on lipopolysaccharide-stimulated inflammatory responses in Raw 264.7 cells. This paper will receive attention. However, I would recommend adding following minor point in the paper.

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