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Group	Treatment and Dose	Number of writhes (% Writhing)	% Writhing Inhibition
Control	1% tween 80 solution 10 ml/kg, p.o.	29.6 ± 1.99 (100)	---
Positive control	Diclofenac Na 25 mg/kg, p.o.	6.90 ± 1.25 * (23.31)	76.69
Test group-1	Ethanol Extract of <i>B. tersa</i> 250 mg/kg, p.o.	16.1 ± 1.24 * (54.39)	45.61
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