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[3] MacDougall C, Chambers HF. Aminoglycosides. In: Brunton LL, Chabner BA, Knollman BJ, eds. Goodman & Gilman's the pharmacological basis of therapeutics. 12th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2011. p. 1505-20.

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[4] Puritch GS, Bradbury R, Mason W, inventors; Safer Inc, assignee. Fatty acid based emulsifiable concentrate having herbicidal activity. United States patent US 5,035,741. 1991 Jul 30.

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