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Clinical features of occupational asthma due to western red-cedar asthma (WRCA)

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“Western red-cedar asthma (WRCA) is the most common form of occupational asthma in British Columbia and is caused by sensitivity to a molecule found in the wood called plicatic acid (PA). Patients suspected of having WRCA must complete two inhalational challenges to determine sensitivity to PA, an expensive and time-consuming process. There is need for a cheaper and quicker method of diagnosis. Blood is relatively easy to access and useful in studying WRCA. Changes were observed in the blood cell count of WRCA after inhalational challenges. I propose that I can identify changes in the blood cell count and use these to understand molecular mechanisms associated with WRCA.”

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