## Anticancer Potential of $Lepidium\ Sativum\ Seeds$ Aqueous Extract on the Azoxymethane/ Dextran Sulfate Sodium-Induced Colon Cancer $In\ vivo$

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**Background:** Colon cancer is responsible for increasing the death rate worldwide. Commonly used anticancer drugs have various side effects and their clinical usage must be restricted due to their toxicity.

*Objective*: The present research aimed to evaluate the anticancer potential of *Lepidium sativum L*. (LS) seeds aqueous extract against azoxymethane/dextran sodium sulfate (AOM/DSS) induced-colon cancer in male albino mice.

*Methods*: Low (200 mg/kg) and high (400 mg/kg) doses of LS seeds extract were used to treat induced colon cancer in different stages.

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**Results:** The present results report that LS treatment for mice with colon cancer especially in high dose, decreases colon polyps/tumor incidence and size, tissues disorder, expression of P53 and increases apoptosis in colon tissue. Moreover, LS decreases micronucleus induction in polychromatic (PCE), increases PCE/normochromatic erythrocytes ratio and decreases the percentage of sperm abnormalities.

**Conclusion:** The present study reports anticancer potential of LS for induced colorectal cancer mice by ameliorating the inflammatory steps of colon.

**Keywords:** *Lepidium sativum*, colitis, colorectal cancer, azoxymethane, dextran sodium sulfate, male albino mice.