

Evaluation Cytotoxicity Effects of *Centaurea Cineraria* Extracts Against some of Cancer Cell Lines

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This research included the detection and determination of flavonoids from *Centaurea Cineraria* extract collected from public gardens using high-performance liquid chromatography technique. The compounds (Cirsilineol, Jaceosidin, Melitensin) were found, their concentrations were measured and found (36254,63719,89035 $\mu\text{g/ml}$), and qualitative chemical detections were performed. Study of the effect of the methanolic extract of *Centaurea Cineraria* containing the flavonoids mentioned above. The extraction process was carried out using an ordinary organic solvent ethanol and using a rotary evaporator device. The flavonoids present in the extract were detected, using standard flavonoids (Cirsilineol, Jaceosidin, Melitensin) and study the effect of the extracts on some cancer cell line also study on utilizing stable free extreme compound 1, 1-Diphenyl-2-Picryl-hydrazil (DPPH). Results uncovered that the more expanding in centralization of the concentrate the seriously rummaging level of the free extremists. The fixations that were utilized gone from 36.12 to 2000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, considered the Methanol concentrate of *Centaurea Cineraria* essentially showed high anticancer activity agent movement (96% at 2000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) connected with hexane extricates which were 94.61% at 2000 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. This work additionally planned to concentrate on the cytotoxic and anticancer impacts of *Centaurea Cineraria* extricates The predominant decrease in attainable count cell was 500/ml in various cell lines, which was associated to methanolic isolates and appeared to cause cell loss in the cell lines L20B, PC-3, and HCT116 separately.

Keywords: *Centaurea Cineraria*; Cancer cell lines; Cytotoxicity; DPPH; HCT116; L20B; PC-3.

Malignant growth is perhaps the most widely recognized infections in both created and emerging nation. Plant items have been utilized over the entire course of time to treat and forestall illnesses as a result of their huge number of various phytochemicals with various organic activities¹ indeed, the mixtures got from plants assume a significant part in the advancement of anticancer specialists to be utilized in clinical practice². Since

significant proof has demonstrated that plant auxiliary metabolites are a likely wellspring of anticancer mixtures and disease cells might foster protection from existing medications, today broad examination is being done all around the world to find new plant species with anticancer properties³.

The family *Centaurea Cineraria* having a place with the Asteraceae, is the third biggest class in Turkey⁴. Some *Centaurea* species are utilized as

cures against different infections in Turkish society medicine⁵. Previous investigations inspected the pharmacological and organic properties of *Centaurea Cineraria* and a few *Centaurea* animal groups showed cytotoxic impacts against some cell lines⁶. The significant constituents of *Centaurea* species were flavonoids, and greasy acids⁷. There were no sufficient reports an publication about the anticancer impacts of *C. Cineraria* and activity of extracted flavonoid⁸. Accordingly, the current study aimed to extract the flavonoid from *C. Cineraria* and study its antioxidant activity and anticancer activity against some cancer cell line.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

Plant collection and Extraction of *Centaurea Cineraria* flavonoid

Leaves were collected from a Baghdad area garden. The Herbalist composed the plant depiction, and the new leaves were withdrawn and disinfected from dust with tissue paper prior to being set in the shade inside a by and large ventilated room until they displayed at an expected weight. The powder was made by crushing dried leaves into a fine powder and dealing with it at 4°C the flavonoids were extracted according to the following : determine the degree of solubility of flavonoids in organic solvents, adding (85% methanol and 15% water) (volume / volume) to (100g) of dry powder of *C. Cineraria*, the mixture is shaken for 12 (an hour) at a temperature of 4 °C, after which the solution is filtered through a glass cotton, the first filtrate is kept at (4 °C), then the precipitate is extracted again in the same way, but using (50% methanol and 50% water) (volume/ volume).

We get the second filter. The two filters are mixed and then left for several hours, then filtered using filter paper and then evaporated using a (Rotary Evaporator) device at a temperature of (40°C). a volume of hexane is added to a volume of the extract, and it produces an organic part (hexane extract) and water part. The organic extracts (organic parts) were subjected to an evaporation process to remove the organic solvents, then dried and kept at a temperature of (20-C)⁵.

Inferential tests were carried out included detection of neutral ferricchloride, base solution, Base lead acetated etection to detect flavonoids

and Estimation, Quantitative, determination and characterization of *C. Cineraria* flavonoids using HPL C analysis using number of standard flavonoids (Cirsilineol, Jaceosidin, Melitensin) , concentrates of *C. Cineraria* flavonoids leaves papered as (640,320,160, 80,40,20,10µg/ml) to zero in on its implications for disease presumption ace progress utilizing DPPH moderate glancing through measure as shown by⁹. ELISA tests was used to measure spectrophotometrically against a stable DPPH medium. When DPPH is lowered, the colorimetric changes (from fundamental violet to light-yellow) are learned at 517nm⁹.

The cytotoxicity and anticancer activity condition percent limitation of moderate: Percentage is equal to (Absorbance of -ve control - Absorbance of test/Absorbance of -ve control) multiplied by 100. obstacle The negative control was a mixture of (DMSO: Solvents (Methanol1:9 v: v), and tests were facilitated (concentration of *C. Cineraria* flavonoids leaves which was the positive control). The L20B, PC-3 prostate prison line, and HCT116 cell lines were gotten from the Improvements were made with 10% FBS (Sigma), 1% 5,000 units/mL penicillin, and 5,000 lg/mL streptomycin, and the cells were kept alive in RPMI (Gbico, Carlsbad, CA) (Sigma). In a 37°C, 5% CO2 atmosphere, the cells were transferred¹⁰.

The 3-[4,5-dimethylthiazoyl]-2, 5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) test is used to determine cytotoxicity⁹. This test was carried out by dissolving 3-[4,5-dimethylthiazoyl]-2, 5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) at 2 mg/ml, filtering the solution through a 0.22 lm millipore channel, and adding 50 l of the MTT tone to each of the microliter plate wells containing cell lines treated with various social events of concentrates for 24 hours.

The MTT-formazan huge stones were disengaged in 100 l Dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO), and the optical thickness of each was generally pulled in using an ELISA peruser at a sending rehash of 620 nm then using the following equation (Absorbancy of treated cell/Absorbancy of non-treated cell) 100] = toxicity¹¹.

Statistical analysis

When compared to untreated controls, The centralization of the concentrate with a half loss of full metabolic movement is defined as the

IC₅₀ value, and are accounted for as mean S.D. Graph Pad Prism was used to calculate IC₅₀ values with 95% confidence limits. Programming level 3.3 (Graph Pad Software, Inc., San Diego, CA). P values of less than 0.05 were considered enormous. All of the analyses followed a three-step process.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of neutral ferricchloride, base solution, Baseleadacet at detection test showed that the methanolic extract of *C.Cineraria* contains flavonoids through using the three detection. methanolic extract of *C.Cineraria* showed that it contained flavonoids, and this was confirmed by¹⁰ which recorded positive results of presence flavonoids in alcoholic extract of *C.Cineraria* contained flavonoids. HPLC analysis comparing with standard flavonoids (Cirsilineol, Jaceosidin, Melitensin,) were used in the chromatographic analysis shows the bundles of identical to the standard compounds approved by chromatography analysis peaks and retention time-Rt (1.233,2.048,3.448 mints) and the area was (107.6213, 118.7381, 62188) for each of (Cirsilineol, Jaceosidin, Melitensin) respectively as show in table (1) and figure (1) which shows the

peaks and retention time of the isolated flavonoids their concentrations were measured and found (36254, 63719, 89035 µg/ml).

Antioxidant Activity of *Centaurea Cineraria* Leaves Methanolic extracts

The activity of *Centaurea Cineraria* leaves Methanolic extracts was determine using the assay of free radical scavenging (stable DPPH) . results show that the antioxidant activity increase with the concentration increase more scavenging percentage of the free radicals ranged from 10 to 640µg/ml, the highest activity of antioxidant (69% at 640µg/ml) while the antioxidant activity (43,32, 21,17 ,11,9%) at the concentrations (320,160, 80,40,20,10µg/ml) respectively these results indicated the free radical scavenging activity DPPH was dose dependent that's mean higher concentration lead to higher antioxidant activity⁸.

The value IC₅₀ for each concentration determine in present study and disply the activity of inhibition effects of methanolic DPPH extracts was (189µg/ml) to high concentration. when compare with the values it was show high significant difference between the applaied concentration which lead to causing scavenging activity 50% of the DPPH (35, 47,52, 66, 71, 102µg/ml) respectively.

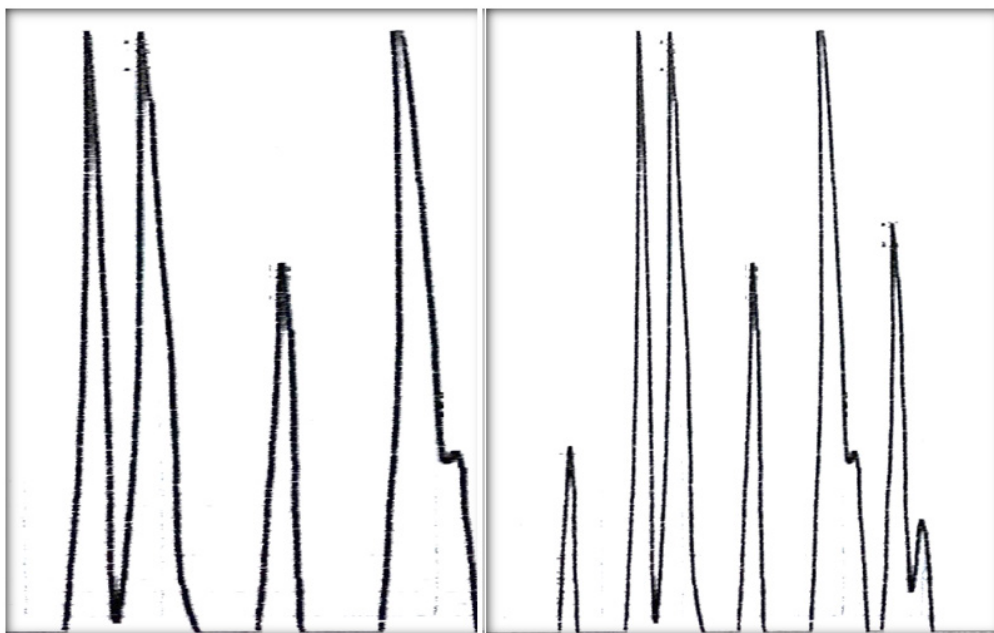


Fig. 1. HPLC analysis for standard flavonoids (Cirsilineol, Jaceosidin, Melitensin,) and extract were show three sharp peaks and retention time-Rt (1.233, 2.048, 3.448 mints) and the area. A. stander B. extract

The present results regarding *Centaurea Cineraria* antioxidant activity of the methanolic extract may be attributed mainly to presence of different type of flavonoid in the methanolic extracts (Cirsilineol, Jaceosidin, Melitensin,) which have the capacity to reduce and remove free radicals through reactive oxygen species quenching and then trapping radicals the an reaching their cellular targets¹².

Different research display the activity of *Centaurea Cineraria* flavonoid and show its role using DPPH extracts method in radical-scavenging activity of and the other active ingredient of *Centaurea Cineraria* like alkaloid and phenols, using different concentration of *Centaurea Cineraria leaves* extracts⁷ different study focus in the activity of *Centaurea Cineraria* extracts comparing with prunella flavonoid its show stronger effects than that of butyl hydroxytoluene which lead to of lipid oxidation delay². The organic

solvents like methanol show very low activity DPPH scavenging¹¹.

The solvent used in present analysis methanol is an amphiphilic compound and important in extract various active groups from the medical plant material. present results are agreed with previous researcher used methanolic extract in the study the activity of antioxidant and against DPPH⁶ Free radicals responsible for health conditions development especially cardiovascular disease, cancer, and aging process acceleration and initiation finally controlled of antioxidant substances¹².

Cytotoxicity Effects of *Centaurea Cineraria* methanolic Extract

Cell Line *in vitro* Using MTT Assay

The cytotoxic test of *Centaurea Cineraria* methanolic Extract using (MTT) 3-(dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide applied to determine the significant

Table 1. HPLC analysis and Molecular formula Determination time and band area for standard flavonoids and methanolic extract of *Centaurea Cineraria*

Area	Standard flavonoid		Extracted flavonoid				
	Retention Time	Standard flavonoids	Extracted flavonoid	Area	Retention Time	Concentration of isolated flavonoid	Molecular formula
1088	1.233	Cirsilineol	Cirsilineol	107.6213	1.730	36254	C18H16O7
91							
1169	2.048	Jaceosidin	Jaceosidin	118.7381	2.100	63719	C17H14O7
33							
7028	3.448	Melitensin	Melitensin	701.9919	3.321	89035	C17H14O7
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A. Standard B. Extract.

Table 2. Cytotoxic Effects of Methanolic extracts on L20B, PC-3 and HCT116

	Concentrations µg/ml L20B	Meancytotoxic effects ± SE	
		PC-3	HCT116
10	57.47±83.5	67.06±38.5	49.43±05.0
20	68.95±6.0	72.46±13.0	71.87±36.0
40	63.32±74.5	85.54±2.21	82.76±73.0
80	72.98±77.0	90.32±5.52	82.43±62.5
160	87.07±19.5	92.25±7.5	91.87±21.0
320	95.55±34.5	97.98±8.5	95.06±06.0
640	100.65±19.0	100.32±2.44	97.43±63.0
LSD value	201.01 *	52.59*	45.96*

*(P<0.05) probability value.

activity of Methanolic extract of *Centaurea Cineraria* against L20B, PC-3 and HCT116 cell lines. This experiment done to determine the viability and inhibition rate of L20B, PC-3 and HCT116. Results show good indicators regarding the activity of studied extracts incubation of L20B cells with the (640,320,160, 80,40,20,10 μ g/ml) concentrations of methanolic extract for 48 hours results indication that viability of cell and inhibition were pattern dose-dependent the viability of L20B decreased with the increase the concentration of the methanolic extract. The percentage of inhibition ranged from 57.47% to 100% with the concentrations (640,320,160, 80,40,20,10 μ g/ml)

respectively as display in table (2) and Figure (2), and the rate of cytotoxic activity calculated using the special equation listed in material and methods the our present results means that the extract have high activity in inhibition of studied cancer cell line L20B.

At the same time, Figure (3) displays the activity of *Centaurea Cineraria* Leaves Methanolic extracts against the viability of PC-3 during 48 hrs the viability of the cell after exposure to Methanolic extract.

Results indicated that the cell PC-3 viability decrease gradually with the increase of extract concentrations and show high significant

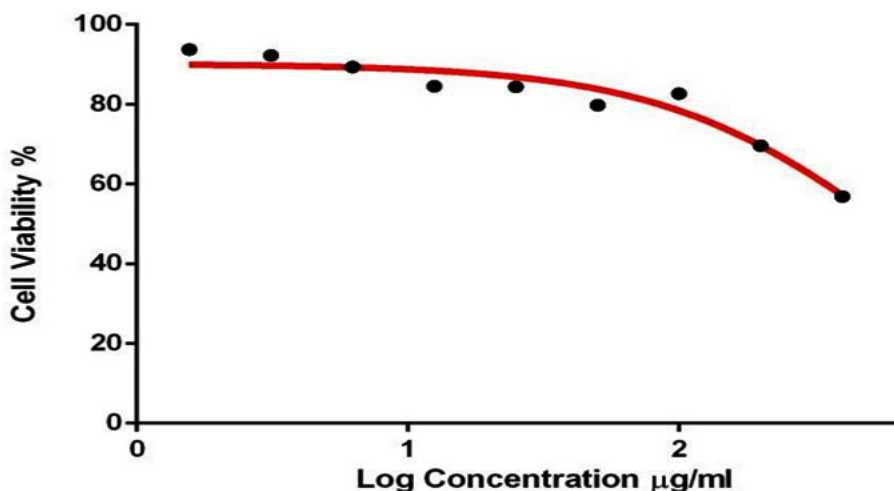


Fig. 2. Cytotoxicity effect of *Centaurea Cineraria* Methanolic extract, L20B after 48 hours in cubation at 37°C.

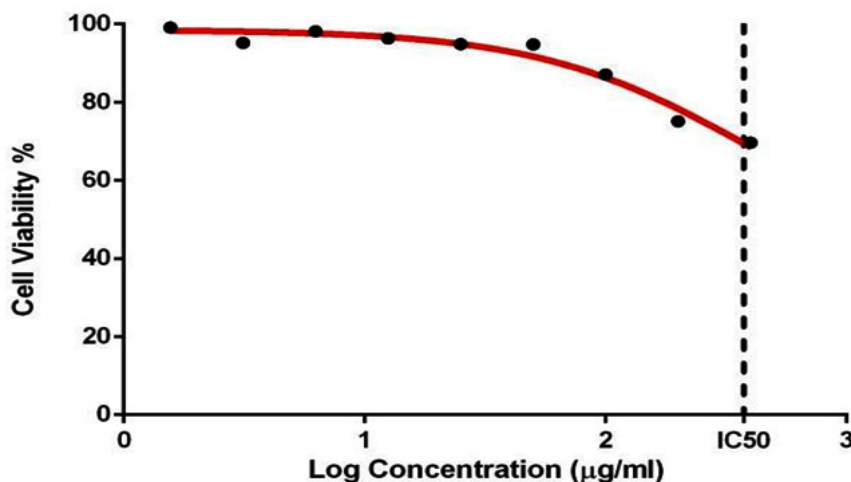


Fig. 3. Cytotoxicity effect of *Centaurea Cineraria* Methanolic extract on ,PC-3 after 48 hours in cubation at 37°C

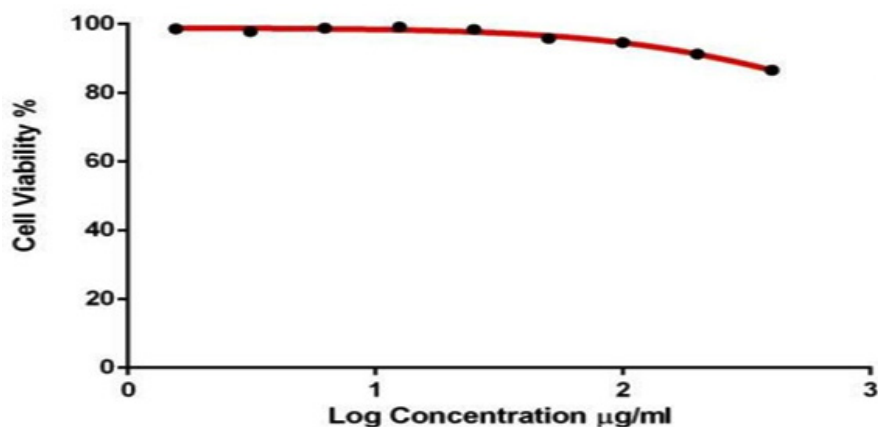


Fig. 4. Cytotoxicity effect of *Centaurea Cineraria* Methanolic extract on HCT116 after 48 hours in cubation at 37°C

difference between studied concentrations p value $e^{0.05}$ and the cytotoxic effects increase with the increase of concentration viability was not significantly affected by the application of extract concentrations as show in (table 2), these serial cocentrations (640,320,160, 80,40,20,10µg/ml) show high gradual percentage of inhibition (67.06, 72.46, 85.54, 90.32, 92.25, 97.98, 100), when compared with the viability of HCT116 cancer cell line (49.43, 71.87, 82.76, 82.43, 91.87, 95.06, 97.43%), show a maximum cytotoxic rate (97.43%) of methanolic extract at 640µg/ml, Result showed that, the highest concentration at 400 appeared to effect significantly ($pd^{0.05}$) level on viability of PC-32 comparing to other doses when the lowest concentration appear 97% viability of the PC-3 cell line the results display in figure (4) and table (2).

Show high activity against this type of cell line and the cytotoxic effects increase with the increase of methanolic extract concentrations, the potent cytotoxic effects significantly difference at the probability value ($pd^{0.05}$).

In contrast, viability PC-3 cells with methanolic corrosive concentrate at fixations ranging from zero to 67.06 % for 48 hours revealed a gradual decrease in cell practicality in a portion subordinate example in which the cell suitability gradual decreased with methanolic extract increasing. corrosive concentration had the lowest PC-3 cell reasonability (percentage) (86.57%) at fixation 500/ml, but it was 98.80% at 20/ml. With an IC50 of 28g/ml, the Ascorbic corrosive concentrate had a relatively strongcytotoxic

activity.

C. Cineraria is consistently used as solid flavors region of the world considering its inside and out expected activities like bactericidal, antifungal, and antiviral as well as cell support improvement¹³ regardless, not a huge number analyzes were watched out for the antitumor headway of *C. Cineraria* kills. The cytotoxic effect on a remarkably basic level worked out precisely true to form by the Ascorbic terrible spotlight separate on MCF-7 The presence of polyphenol, a large ingredient with a wide range of standard development, can be attributed to the cells.

This finding is consistent with¹⁴, who found that *C. Cineraria* concentrates had a strong cytotoxic impact against Human leukemic cell lines HL-60 and NB4, with LC50 values of up to 86.5g/ml. Similarly, polyphenol, one of the major ingredients of *C. Cineraria*, was found to be effective in preventing MIAPaCa2 pancreatic tragic advance cells (60-90 percent)¹⁵. The L20B, PC-3, and HCT116 cell lines were all affected by the *C. Cineraria* ascorbic stunning store, with the prostate dungeon line (PC-3) being the least affected. A few out of every odd one of the types of tumor cells demonstrated a general response for a The glycosides from *Anemopsis californica* leaves, for example, were used to assess their Bioactivity against a variety of advanced cell lines with anticancer properties.

It showed no progress against HePG2 and A549 cells, but was a proliferative antagonist against AN3CA and HeLA cells [16]. Certain chemical components in Ascorbic dreadful

concentrate could unmistakably impact the sensitivity of L20B, PC-3, and HCT116 cells, Ascorbic terrible concentrate was used for multi-limit cytotoxicity measure and MnSOD oxidative assertion test on PC-3 and HCT116, which According [1] and [7], specific anticancer medicines can affect distinct types of illness cells in different ways.

CONCLUSION

We concluded from the present results that the flavonoids from *Centaurea Cineraria* extract have higher activity against subjected cancer cell line using different concentration.

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