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Physico-chemical characteristics and cooking quality of *Kodra (Eleusine coracana* L.) millet of Himachal Pradesh

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The present study was carried out in the department of Food Science, Nutrition and Technology, CSK Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University, Palampur with the objective to explore the physico-chemical characteristics and cooking quality of *Kodra* (*Eleusine coracana* L.). The samples of *Kodra* grains used in the present investigation were procured from local farmers of district Sirmaur of Himachal Pradesh. *Kodra* grains were assessed for nutritional composition and cooking quality. Results of the study showed that *Kodra* grains were found to contain valuable nutrients. The physical characteristics revealed the mean length and width of *Kodra* grain as 1.43 and 1.40 mm, respectively. The average moisture content of *Kodra* was recorded as 8.52 per cent. Expressed on dry matter basis the value for average ash content was 3.48 per cent and fat content was 3.53 per cent. *Kodra* was high in protein and also rich in mineral content.

Key Words: Kodra (Eleusine coracana L.), Physical characteristics, Cooking quality, Proximate composition

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