Supplementary Information

Isolation and antitumor efficacy evaluation of a polysaccharide from *Nostoc commune* Vauch.

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Figure S1. Steps involved in the extraction and purification of polysaccharides from *Nostoc commune* Vauch. (NVPS).

| Neutral sugar | Monosaccharide composition in NVPS (mol) |
|---------------|--|
| Rhamnose | b |
| Fucose | b |
| Arabinose | 4.96±0.17 |
| Xylose | 182.05±0.32 |
| Mannose | 0.97±0.41 |
| Glucose | 1 |
| Galactose | 3.15±0.09 |

Table S1 Monosaccharide compositions of NVPS^a.

^a Values are expressed as means \pm SD and three replicated independent determinations.

^b Not detectable.

 Table S2 Cytotoxic activity of NVPS against various human cell lines.

| Cell lines | IC_{50} (mg/mL) |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| MCF7 (Breast cancer cell) | 0.067 ± 0.004 |
| DLD1 (Colon cancer cell) | 0.11±0.02 |

MCF7 and DLD1 cells were incubated with various doses of NVPS for 36 and 48 h,

respectively, and subjected to MTT assays to measure IC_{50} values.