

Results

3.1 Effect of prebiotic and probiotic on the weight of HFD rats

	Groups						
	control positive	control negative	Green tea	Chia seed	chitosan	Probiotics	Mixture
BWG (g/6 weeks)	113±14 _{a,c,d}	62±6 _{a,b}	125±13 _{a,c,d}	97±6 _{a,c,d}	95±5 _{a,c,d}	113±2 _c	77±4 _{b,d}
Relative liver weight (g/100 g BW)	.04271 223698 7819±0 .00055 999448 1379 _a	.029219619 683247±0.0 0021848317 4503 _b	.034089271 089272±0.0 0040902593 3145 _c	.0303242353 85211±0.000 7654833910 39 _{b,c}	.0286425925 92593±0.000 7656752401 56 _{b,c}	.0287125279 12528±0.001 2746976935 56 _{b,c}	.0328831533 22178±0.001 40598324660 8 _{a,b,c}
Relative kidney weight (g/100 g BW)	.01692 392026 5781±0 .00109 889034 826 _a	.007958620 689655±0.0 0019619851 3042 _b	.006403767 403768±0.0 0021992726 4533 _b	.0066269454 12312±0.000 3346520955 37 _b	.0069074074 07408±0.000 2715852967 08 _b	.0066701470 70148±0.000 8068721279 77 _b	.0071569731 08193±0.000 53891713291 1 _b
Relative internal fats weight (g/100 g BW)	.01406 013289 0366±0 .00081 027811 6908 _a	.008004873 139468±0.0 0118182396 9081 _a	.011229320 229321±0.0 0157291937 8379 _a	.0110515550 39360±0.001 0975123839 4 _a	.0189351851 85185±0.001 5145397287 13 _a	.0076134904 13491±0.000 3314248344 9 _a	.0072185093 16071±0.000 87134604787 4 _a
Relative subcutaneous weight (g/100 g BW)	.01574 961240 3101±0 .00020 245622 3229 _a	.009262693 998623±0.0 0053350105 0393 _b	.015543407 043408±0.0 0148700864 881 _{a,b}	.0214499935 47555±0.001 0536513684 42 _a	.0201648148 14815±0.002 6679787152 9 _{a,b}	.0111678139 67814±0.000 3751269656 43 _b	.0108599146 98941±0.000 35877601639 b

Note: Values in the same row and subtable not sharing the same subscript are significantly different at $p < .05$ in the two-sided test of equality for column means. Cells with no subscript are not included in the test. Tests assume equal variances.¹

1. Tests are adjusted for all pairwise comparisons within a row of each innermost subtable using the Bonferroni correction.

Comparisons of Column Means^a

	Groups						
	control positive	control negative	Green tea	Chia seed	chitosan	Probiotics	Mixture
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
BWG (g/6 weeks)						B (.032) G (.041)	

3.2 Effect of prebiotic and probiotic on the lipid profile

	groups/test						
	control positive	control negative	Green tea	chia seed	chitosan	Probiotic	Mixture
HDL	38±1 _a	50±1 _b	40±2 _a	41±3 _a	41±1 _a	43±1 _{a,b}	42±1 _a
T.G	187±5 _a	75±4 _b	144±5 _{c,d}	166±9 _{a,c}	166±5 _{a,c}	164±2 _{a,c}	126±2 _d
TC	213±4 _a	112±5 _b	188±5 _{c,d}	165±6 _c	183±5 _c	166±2 _c	121±4 _b
VLDL	36.7±1.3 _a	14.9±0.8 _b	28.8±1.1 _{c,d}	33.3±1.7 _{a,c}	33.2±0.9 _{a,c}	32.8±0.3 _{a,c}	25.2±0.4 _d
LDL	135.9±3.4 _{a,e}	58.1±3.4 _b	122.5±5 _{a,d,e}	90.7±9.6 _c	110.5±5.1 _{a,c}	96.2±1.1 _{c,d}	58.5±5.3 _b

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Comparisons of Column Means^a

	groups/test						
	control positive (A)	control negative (B)	Green tea (C)	chia seed (D)	chitosan (E)	probiotic (F)	Mixture (G)
HDL		A(.021)					
T.G	B(.001) G(.007)		B(.014)	B(.018)	B(.004) G(.042)	B(.001) G(.003)	B(.010)
TC	B(.002) F(.009) G(.002)		B(.009) G(.009)		B(.012) G(.012)	B(.013) G(.011)	
VLDL	B(.004) G(.033)		B(.014)	B(.018)	B(.004) G(.042)	B(.001) G(.003)	B(.010)
LDL	B(.002) F(.011) G(.007)		B(.012) G(.026)		B(.029)	B(.012)	

Results are based on two-sided tests assuming equal variances. For each significant pair, the key of the smaller category appears in the category with the larger mean.

Significance level for upper case letters (A, B, C): .05

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3. Materials and Methods

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3.2.2. Sampling and Evaluation of Biological Parameters

After the sixth week, the rats were abstained from food for 12 h and the animals were anesthetized and blood samples were collected from the orbital sinus [71] and kept in dry test tubes then sacrificed by decapitation under thiopental anesthesia (50 mg/kg) [72] by well-trained personnel according to AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2020 Edition. All the samples were centrifuged at 1381 rpm for 15 min to obtain the serum, which was stored at 20 °C for further biochemical analysis. The rats were dissected immediately and after surgically removing the pancreas, kidney, and liver, the organs were washed in normal saline (NaCl, 0.9%), dried using Whatman papers, and weighed immediately. The body weights (BW) of the test rats were recorded at the beginning and end of the experiment to calculate the body weight gain (BWG). Additionally, relative weights of the kidney and liver of all the test groups were estimated.

3.2.3. Biochemical Analysis Tests

Serum creatinine, urea and uric acid were determined by the colorimetric method [73]. Serum aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alanine aminotransferase (ALT), alkaline phosphatase (ALP), albumin and total protein concentrations were determined calorimetrically [74,75].

Serum total lipids (TL), cholesterol (TC), triglycerides (TG) and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) content were analyzed by the enzymatic colorimetric method [73,76,77], while lowdensity lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) and very low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (VLDL-C) were calculated according to the equation of Friedewald et al. [78].

Friedewald's equation:

$$\text{LDL (mg/dL)} = \text{TC} - [\text{HDL} + \text{TG}/5].$$

$$\text{VLDL} = \text{TG}/5$$

$$\text{Risk 1} = \text{TC}/\text{HDL} \quad \text{Risk 2} = \text{LDL}/\text{HDL}$$

Livers and kidney were removed, freed from adhering tissues, and washed with ice-cold normal saline solution (0.9%). The weight of all the organs was taken only after drying the tissue. One g tissue was homogenized in 10 mL of 0.2 M tris-HCl with the help of homogenizer. The homogenate was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 20 min at 4 °C. The supernatant obtained was used for the estimation of superoxide dismutase (SOD) [79,80], malondialdehyde (MDA) [81] and catalase (CAT) [82].

3.2.4. Histological Examination

The liver, kidney, and pancreas tissues were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin. They were then cut, washed, and dehydrated using increasing amounts of alcohol, cleared in xylene, paraffin-embedded, sectioned at 4–6 μm thickness, and stained by hematoxylin and eosin for microscopic examination.

3.2.5. Statistical Analysis

The statistical data were analyzed using the IBM Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) version 25. The laboratory parameters were expressed as mean and standard deviation (SD) for continuous data. A post hoc Bonferroni correction test was conducted to show similarities among the examined parameters in all groups, implementing 2-way ANOVA. *p*-value was considered significant when < 0.05 .