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Effect of Probiotic Supplementation on Cognitive Function and Metabolic Status in Alzheimer's Disease:

A Randomized, Double-Blind and Controlled Trial

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Alzheimer



- one of the most common forms of senile dementia
- begins with memory loss of recent events (short-term memory impairment) and finally robs the patients of their sense of self
- **Early onset** of the disease, **older age**, **low education** level, and **several poor health conditions** affect the prevalence rate of the disease and the degree of cognitive impairment

Alzheimer



- Increased biomarkers of oxidative stress, inflammation and chronic neuroinflammation are reported to be associated with AD
- metabolic alterations such as **insulin resistance** **hyperglycemia** and **dyslipidemia** are associated with the pathogenesis and development of AD

Microbiota



- A dynamic ecosystem which is influenced by several factors including **genetics, diet, metabolism, age, geography, antibiotic** treatment, and **stress**.
- a clear association between changes in the microbiota and cognitive behaviors as the **microbiome-gut-brain axis**

Microbiota



- Some complications such as **cognitive disorders, oxidative stress, neuroinflammation, insulin resistance, and altered lipid metabolism**, which are observable in AD, to be influenced by the gut flora as well as probiotics.
- this clinical trial was designed to assess if reinforcement of the intestinal microbiota **via probiotic supplementation** helps **to improve cognitive and metabolic disorders** in the AD patient.



OBJECTIVES: To determine the Effect of Probiotic Supplementation on Cognitive Function and Metabolic Status in Alzheimer's Disease

DESIGN: A Randomized, Double-Blind and Controlled Trial

SETTING: Kashan

PARTICIPANTS: 60 AD (60–95 years old) residing at the Welfare Organizations. for 12 weeks.

MEASUREMENTS:

Assessment of Anthropometric Measures.

The primary outcome measurements were Mini-Mental State Examination (**MMSE**) that used to assess cognition in the AD subjects.

The secondary outcome measurements were **biomarkers of oxidative stress, inflammation and metabolic profiles.**

RESULTS:

- After 12 weeks intervention, compared with the control group, the **probiotic** treated patients showed a **significant improvement** in the MMSE score ($P < 0.001$).
- changes in plasma malondialdehyde ($P < 0.001$), serum high-sensitivity C-reactive protein ($P < 0.001$), homeostasis model of assessment-estimated insulin resistance ($P = 0.002$), Beta cell function ($P = 0.001$), serum triglycerides ($P = 0.003$), and quantitative insulin sensitivity check index ($P = 0.006$) in the probiotic group were significantly varied compared to the control group.
- **probiotic treatment had no considerable effect** on other biomarkers of oxidative stress and inflammation, fasting plasma glucose, and other lipid profiles.

Methods

- Randomized, double-blind, and controlled clinical trial.
- **60 AD** (60–95 years old) residing at the Kashan Welfare Organizations.
- The AD patients were diagnosed following the **NIAA 2011 criteria**.
- Patients with **metabolic disorders, chronic infections** and/or **other clinically** relevant disorders with exception of AD and consuming **antibiotics** and **probiotic supplements within 6 weeks** prior to the study, taking **other forms of probiotics** were **excluded**.

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Intervention

- randomly divided into two groups to receive either **milk** (control group, n = **30**: 24 females and 6 males) or milk containing a mixture of probiotics (probiotic group, n = **30**: 24 females and 6 males) for **12 weeks**.
- The probiotic supplemented group took 200 ml/day probiotic milk containing **Lactobacillus acidophilus, Lactobacillus casei, Bifidobacterium bifidum, and Lactobacillus fermentum** (2×10^9 CFU/g for each) for 12 weeks.

- Assessment of **Anthropometric** Measures (Weight and height , BMI was calculated)
- The primary outcome measurements were Mini-Mental State Examination (**MMSE**) that was used to assess **cognition** in the AD.
- The secondary outcome measurements were **biomarkers of oxidative stress, inflammation and metabolic profiles.**
- Total glutathione (GSH), Malondialdehyde (MDA), Serum (hs-CRP) ,Plasma nitric oxide (NO) , FPG, serum TG, total chol, LDL, and HDL.
- The homeostatic model of assessment for insulin resistance (HOMA-IR), homeostatic model assessment for B-cell function (HOMA-B) and the quantitative insulin sensitivity

Results

- **No side effects** were reported following administration with probiotic in AD patients throughout the study.
- Mean age, height, weight, and BMI at baseline and end of trial **were not statistically different between the two groups** .
- Based on the 3-day dietary records obtained at study baseline, end of trial and throughout the trial, we found **no significant difference in mean dietary macronutrient and micronutrient intakes** between the two groups .
- improvement in **MMSE score** in the probiotic group ($+27.90\% \pm 8.07$) compared to their control counterparts ($-5.03\% \pm 3.00$). **The difference between the two groups of testing was statistically significant ($P < 0.001$).**

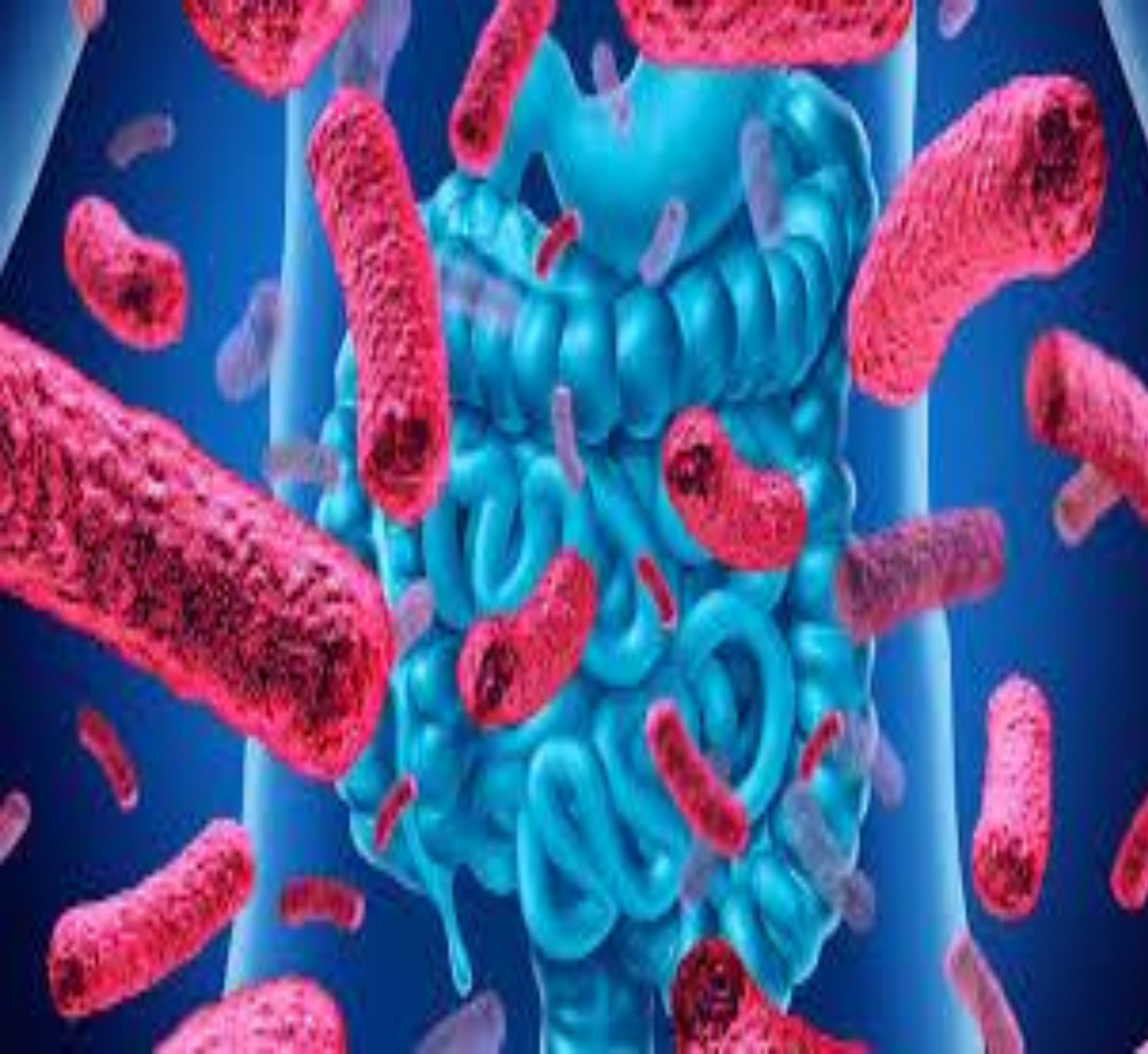
TABLE 2 | Mean values of the behavioral test and the biomarkers measurements in the probiotic and control groups.

	Control group		Probiotic group		Difference between the two groups <i>P</i> -value ^a
	Baseline	End-of-trial	Baseline	End-of-trial	
MMSE (score out of 30)	8.47 ± 1.10	8.00 ± 1.08	8.67 ± 1.44	10.57 ± 1.64	<0.001
TAC (mmol/L)	895.66 ± 25.96	915.35 ± 26.60	876.13 ± 26.48	922.42 ± 28.53	0.25
GSH (μmol/L)	390.78 ± 17.46	386.76 ± 20.33	377.26 ± 14.82	401.25 ± 16.68	0.19
MDA (μmol/L)	4.26 ± 0.30	4.32 ± 0.31	4.31 ± 0.26	3.21 ± 0.23	<0.001
hs-CRP (μg/ml)	4.54 ± 1.30	6.59 ± 1.14	6.61 ± 1.24	5.44 ± 0.85	<0.001
NO (Imol/L)	44.76 ± 0.53	45.56 ± 0.82	43.68 ± 0.64	44.37 ± 1.14	0.93
FPG (mg/dl)	83.40 ± 2.36	86.77 ± 4.07	92.00 ± 7.92	94.13 ± 7.72	0.98
HOMA-IR	1.43 ± 0.24	2.08 ± 0.27	1.30 ± 0.13	1.60 ± 0.19	0.002
HOMA-B	25.04 ± 3.21	37.86 ± 4.64	27.36 ± 3.50	22.06 ± 2.43	0.001
QUICKI	0.38 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.01	0.38 ± 0.01	0.37 ± 0.01	0.006
Triglycerides (mg/dl)	84.32 ± 4.65	81.74 ± 4.76	119.60 ± 10.25	94.33 ± 10.04	0.003
VLDL (mg/dL)	16.86 ± 0.93	16.35 ± 0.95	23.92 ± 2.05	18.87 ± 2.01	0.003
LDL (mg/dl)	90.44 ± 4.58	94.34 ± 4.39	85.16 ± 4.14	90.64 ± 5.29	0.76
HDL (mg/dl)	51.27 ± 1.75	44.49 ± 1.97	45.81 ± 1.45	38.82 ± 1.35	0.93
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	158.57 ± 5.75	155.17 ± 5.59	154.88 ± 4.91	148.32 ± 5.43	0.63
Total/ HDL-cholesterol	3.15 ± 0.12	3.62 ± 0.16	3.43 ± 0.12	3.95 ± 0.2	0.81

Data are mean ± SEM.^a represents *P*-values obtained from the time × group interaction analysis. FPG, fasting plasma glucose; GSH, total glutathione; HOMA-IR, homeostasis model of assessment-estimated insulin resistance; HOMA-B, homeostasis model of assessment-estimated B cell function; hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; MMSE, mini-mental state examination; MDA, malondialdehyde; NO, nitric oxide; QUICKI, quantitative insulin sensitivity check index; TAC, total antioxidant capacity.

- decreased the level of the factors **affecting metabolism of carbohydrates**.
- The changes in **hs-CRP** were ($P < 0.001$).
- **HOMH-IR index** decreased in the probiotic group ($P = 0.002$).
- reduced the **HOMA-B index** leading to a significant variation between the two groups ($P = 0.001$).
- **ineffective on the FBP**
- The probiotic supplementation differently influenced the lipid profiles. The **TG level** was substantially decreased ($P = 0.003$)
- Although the concentration of **VLDL was reduced** in the probiotic ($P = 0.003$)
- **other lipid profiles (LDL, HDL and cholesterol)** were insensitive to the probiotic treatment.
- decrease ($P < 0.001$) in the **MDA** of the probiotic group
- no difference in the **level of the TAC and NO**





Thank you