

## Possible Effect of Persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*) Fruits in Streptozotocin-Induced Diabetic Rats

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### Abstract

The effects of different concentrations (2, 4 and 6%) of persimmon fruits (*Diospyros kaki*) powders on diabetic rats was evaluated. Thirty Albino rats weating  $140 \pm 10$  g were used in this study and divided into 5 groups, each group contain 6 rats. Rats were treated by streptozotocin (40mg/kg B.W) to induced diabetic. Results showed that the highest body weight gain, feed intake and feed efficiency ratio recorded for 6 % persimmon fruits, while the lowest recorded for 2 % persimmon fruits with no significant difference. Rat groups fed on 6% persimmon fruit recorded the highest liver, kidney and spleen weight. Rats fed on 6 % persimmon fruit recorded the lowest glucose level with a significant difference being, 97.53 mg/dl. The lower ALT, AST and ALP liver enzyme of treated group which recorded for group fed on 6 % persimmon fruits, but the highest value recorded for group fed on 2 % persimmon fruits with a significant difference. Lowest value of triglyceride and cholesterol recorded for group fed on 6 % persimmon fruit. The highest HDL-c of treated group recorded for group fed on 6 % persimmon fruits. While, the highest LDL-c and VLDL-c of treated group recorded for rats fed on 2 % persimmon fruits. The highest urea and uric acid levels of treated group which recorded for group fed on 4 % persimmon fruits. While, the lowest creatinine level of treated group which recorded for group fed on 6 % persimmon fruits. As conclusion, 6.0 % % persimmon fruits as powder recorded the best levels for improvement glucose levels, lipid profile, liver functions and kidney functions. Therefore, 6.0 % % persimmon fruits as powder could be used in our drinks and many dishes.

**Key words:** Anti-diabetic, Persimmon fruits, Rats, and Biochemical analysis.

## التأثير المحتمل لثمار الكاكي في الفئران المصابة بالسكر المستحث

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## الملخص العربي

تم دراسة تأثير تركيبات مختلفة (٢، ٤، ٦٪) من مسحوق ثمار الكاكي في الفئران المصابة بمرض السكر. استخدم ٣٠ فأر من نوع الألبينو، وزنها ١٤٠±١٠ جم في هذه الدراسة. وتم تقسيمها إلى ٥ مجموعات، كل مجموعة تحتوي على ٦ الفئران. وتم إصابة الفئران (٤٠ مجم/ كجم من وزن الجسم) بمرض السكر بواسطة الأستربتوسيتوكين. وأظهرت النتائج أن أعلى قيم للزيادة في وزن الجسم وكمية الغذاء المتناول وكفاءة استخدام الغذاء سجلت مع تركيز ٦٪ من ثمار الكاكي، في حين أن أقل قيمة سجلت مع تركيز ٢٪ مع عدم وجود فرق معنوي. مجموعات الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٦٪ سجلت أعلى وزن لأعضاء مع الكبد والكلى والطحال. بينما سجلت الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٦٪ أقل مستوى لسكر الجلوكوز مع وجود فرق معنوي، حيث كانت القيمة ٩٧.٥٣ ملجم /ديسيلتر. أعلى انخفاض لانزيمات الكبد ALT, ALP, AST, سجل مع مجموعة الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٦٪، بينما أقل قيم كانت مع مجموعة الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٢٪ مع وجود فرق معنوي. أقل قيمة من الدهون الثلاثية والكوليسترول مع مجموعة الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٦٪. أعلى قيم للكوليستيرول عالي الكثافة سجلت مع مجموعة الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٦٪. في حين أعلى قيم من الكوليستيرول منخفض الكثافة و الكوليستيرول منخفض الكثافة جدا سجلت مع مجموعة الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٢٪. أعلى قيم لليوريا و حمض اليوريك سجلت مع مجموعة الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٤٪. في حين أعلى مستوى للكرياتينين سجلت مع مجموعة الفئران التي تغذت على ثمار الكاكي بتركيز ٢٪. وخلاصة القول أن تركيز ٦٪ من ثمار الكاكي سجلت أفضل مستويات للمحافظة على مستوى الجلوكوز وصحة الكبد، وتحسين صورة دهون الدم ووظائف الكلى. ويمكن التوصية باستخدام مسحوق الكاكي في بعض المشروبات أو اضافته إلى بعض الوجبات الغذائية.

**الكلمات الكاشفة:** التأثير المضاد للسكر- ثمار الكاكي - الفئران - التحاليل الكيميائية الحيوية.

## Introduction

Diabetes is a group of metabolic diseases characterized by hyperglycemia resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both. The chronic hyperglycemia of diabetes is associated with long-term damage, dysfunction, and failure of different organs, especially the eyes, kidneys, nerves, heart, and blood vessels. Several pathogenic processes are involved in the development of diabetes. These range from autoimmune destruction of the pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells with consequent insulin deficiency to abnormalities that result in resistance to insulin action (**American Diabetes Association, 2014**).

Since, ancient times, plants have played an important role in the treatment of many diseases. Different parts of [medicinal plants](#) such as leaf, root, flower and seed are used as extracts and chemical compounds to produce drugs (**Ozgen et al., 2009**).

The prevalence of diabetes is increasing rapidly worldwide has predicted that by 2030 the number of adults with diabetes would have all most doubled worldwide, from 177 million in 2000 to 370 million. Experts project that the incidence of diabetes is set to soar by 64% by 2025. There are two main types of diabetes mellitus: Type1 diabetes also called insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM), is caused by lack of insulin secretion by beta cell of the pan crease. Type2 diabetes, also called non – insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM), is caused by decreased sensitivity of target tissues to insulin (**Rowley and Bezold, 2012**).

Diabetes is any disorder characterized by excessive urine excretion. The most common form of diabetes is Diabetes mellitus, a chronic, progressive, systematic condition of impaired carbohydrate metabolism (**Sachan et al., 2009**).

Diabetes is the world's largest endocrine disease associated with increased morbidity and mortality rate. Diabetes mellitus is also associated with long term complications including retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy and angiopathy and several others (**Sharma et al., 2010**).

Medicinal plants are gradually gaining global acceptability given their potential as bioactive agents to be used as pharmaceuticals. New hypoglycemic agents derived from plants have shown both hypoglycemic action and the ability to improve some of the secondary complications of diabetes such as kidney damage, fatty liver, and oxidative stress. In addition, some tropical herbs offer both benefits as it has been recently informed in experimental models (**Fonseca et al., 2012**).

The health promoting potential of persimmon includes its effectiveness against free-radical production, hypercholesterolemia, diabetes mellitus, cancer, dermal disorders, hypertension, etc. This review is an attempt to elucidate the phytochemistry of persimmon and importance of its bioactive molecules in curing various health disparities (**Butta *et al.*, 2015**).

Bioactive compounds particularly phenolics (ferulic, p-coumaric, and gallic acids) and carotenoids ( $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin, lycopene,  $\beta$ -carotene, and lutein) are of major interests in persimmon fruit. These valued bioactive components have strong antioxidant potential which relates to the variety, stage of maturity, and fruit parts. These functional compounds can play a significant role in preventing and curing various ailments like diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, and cancer (**Yaqub *et al.*, 2016**).

Among the fruits, persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*) is a popular and widespread fruit that is enriched with many bioactive compounds, including polyphenols, terpenoids, steroids, flavonoids, carotenoids, minerals, and dietary fiber. Some components like phenolics, antioxidants, sterols, and flavonoids have a beneficial effect on human health owing to their ability to prevent or control various ailments (**Karaman *et al.*, 2014**).

Persimmon (*Diospyros kaki* L.) is an important horticultural crop which has many cultivated varieties. Based on the statistics of FAO, the annual production of persimmon in China is about 2.68 million tons, accounting for about 70.0% of the total world production (**FAO, 2010**).

Persimmon fruit contains different nutrients and phytochemicals such as carbohydrates, organic acids, vitamins, tannins, polyphenols, dietary fibers and carotenoids etc., which play important roles in the flavor, color, nutritive and pharmaceutical value of the fruit (**Celik *et al.*, 2007**).

Persimmons revealed considerable health and medicinal benefits, which are considered to be related to the various hydrophilic and lipophilic antioxidants including phenolic compounds, vitamin C and carotenoids, contained in the fruit (**George and Redpath, 2008**).

Traditionally, persimmon fruit have been used for their medicinal properties, such as their blood pressure-lowering and diuretic effects. A persimmon supplemented diet had a lipid-lowering effect and positively influenced organ functions in streptozotocin induced diabetic rats. Persimmon fruit improved also lipid metabolism in rats fed diets

containing cholesterol and showed antigenotoxic effect . Furthermore, persimmon has been shown to have antitumor properties on several tumor cell lines in vitro and has been associated with an inhibitory effect on human lymphoid leukemia cells (**Quan et al., 2012**).

**Azadbakhta et al., (2010)** demonstrate that aqueous fruits extracts of *D. kaki*, *L.* possesses anti-diabetic properties suggesting the presence of biologically active components which may be worth further investigation and elucidation. The effective anti-diabetic dose was also found to be 1000 mg/kg body weight. These results suggest that the product of *D. kaki*, *L.* may provide a new therapeutic avenue against diabetes and diabetes-related complications a global burden.

### **Material and methods**

#### **Materials:**

A persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*) fruit was obtained from local market, Shibin El-Kom City, Menoufia Governorate, Egypt. Streptozotocin, it was pure chemical fine product (DBH) were purchased from SIGMA Chemical Co., (USA), and was used for induction of diabetes among rats. Casein, cellulose, choline chloride powder, and DL methionine powder, were obtained from Morgan Co. Cairo, Egypt. Chemical kits used for determination the (TC, TG, HDL-c, ALT, AST, ALP, urea, uric acid and creatinine) were obtained from Al-Gomhoria Company, Cairo, Egypt.

#### **Experimental animals:**

A total of 30 adult normal male albino rats Sprague Dawley strain weighing  $140 \pm 10$  g were obtained from Vaccine and Immunity Organization, Ministry of Health, Helwan Farm, Cairo, Egypt.

#### **Methods:**

##### **Preparations of persimmon fruit:**

To prepare the dried persimmon fruit was obtained from local market. Fruits were washed thoroughly under running tap water, shade dried in air over at  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and ground to a fine powder using an air mill.

##### **Experimental design:**

Thirty adult male white albino rats, Sprague Dawley Strain, 10 weeks age, weighing ( $140 \pm 10$ g) were used in this experiment. All rats were fed on basal diet (casein diet) prepared according to **AIN, (1993)** for 7 consecutive days. After this adaptation period, rats are divided into 5 groups, each group which consists of six rats as follows:  
group (I): rats fed on basal diet as negative control.

Group (2): A group injected by streptozotocin a dose of 40 mg /kg of rat's body weight and used as a positive control group.

Group (3): A group infected diabetic fed on persimmon fruit as powder by 2% of the weight of basal diet.

Group (4): A group infected diabetic fed on persimmon fruit as powder by 4% of basal diet.

Group (5): A group infected diabetic fed on persimmon fruit as powder by 6 % of basal diet. During the experimental period, the body weight and feed intake were estimated weekly and the general behavior of rats was observed. The experiment period was take 28 days, at the end of the experimental period each rat weight separately then, rats are slaughtered and collect blood samples. Blood samples were centrifuged at 4000 rpm for ten minute to separate blood serum, and then kept in deep freezer till using.

#### **Blood sampling:**

After fasting for 12 hours, blood samples in initial times were obtained from retro orbital vein, while it obtained from hepatic portal vein at the end of each experiment. Blood samples were collected into a dry clean centrifuge glass tubes and left to clot in water bath (37°C) for 30 minutes, then centrifuged for 10 minutes at 4000 rpm to separate the serum, which were carefully aspirated and transferred into clean cuvette tube and stored frozen in deep freezer till analysis according to method described by **Schermer (1967)**.

#### **Body weight gain (BWG), feed intake (FI), and feed efficiency ratio (FER):**

During the experimental period (28 days) the net feed intake was daily recorded, while body weight was weekly recorded. The net feed intake and gained body weight were used for the calculation of feed efficiency ratios (FER) according to **Chapman et al., (1959)** as follow:

$$\text{FER \%} = \frac{\text{Body weight gain (g)}}{\text{Food intake (g)}} \times 100$$

#### **Biochemical analysis:**

##### **Lipids profile:**

Serum total cholesterol was determined according to the colorimetric method described by **Thomas (1992)**. Serum triglyceride was determined by enzymatic method using kits according to the **Young, (1975) and Fossati, (1982)**.

HDL-c was determined according to the method described by **Friedewaid (1972) and Grodon and Amer (1977)**.

VLDL-c LDL-c were calculated according to **Lee and Nieman (1996)** in mg/dl using the following formula:

$$\text{VLDL-c (mg/dl)} = \text{Triglycerides} / 5.$$

LDL-c was calculated in mg/dl as follows:

$$\text{LDL-c (mg/dl)} = \text{Total cholesterol} - \text{HDL-c} - \text{VLDL-c}.$$

#### **Liver functions:**

Determination of serum alanine amino transferase (ALT), serum asparatate amino transferase (AST), serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) were carried out according to the method of **Hafkenscheid (1979)** , **Clinica Chimica Acta (1980)**, and **Moss (1982)**, respectively.

#### **Kidney functions:**

Serum urea and serum creatinine were determined by enzymatic method according to (**Henry (1974) and Patton & Crouch 1977**).

#### **Determination of blood glucose:**

Enzymatic determination of plasma glucose was carried out calorimetrically according to the method of **Tinder (1969)**.

#### **Statistical analysis:**

The data were analyzed using a completely randomized factorial design (**SAS, 1988**) when a significant main effect was detected; the means were separated with the Student-Newman-Keuls Test. Differences between treatments of ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) were considered significant using Costat Program. Biological results were analyzed by One Way ANOVA.

### **Results and discussion**

Data given in Table (1) show the changes of body weight, feed intake and feed efficiency ratio of diabetic rats fed diet supplemented with persimmon fruits. The obtained results showed that the body weight gain (BWG) g/28 day of positive control recorded the highest value when compared with negative control with significant difference. The mean values were 69.7 and 50.8 g/28 day, respectively.

From diabetic rat groups, it is clear to notice that the highest (BWG) % recorded for 6 % persimmon fruit, while the lowest BWG% recorded for 2 % persimmon fruit with non-significant difference. The mean values were 55.3, 54.6 and 53.1 g/28 day, respectively.

In case of feed intake, it could be notice that the feed intake (FI) g/ day of positive control recorded the highest value when compared with negative control with significant difference. The mean values were

14.48 and 13.0 g/ day, respectively. While, 6 % persimmon fruit recorded the highest FI while the lowest value recorded for 2 % persimmon fruit with significant difference. The mean values were 14.40 and 13.98 g/ day, respectively.

On the other hand, feed efficiency ratio (FER) of negative positive control recorded the highest value when compared with positive control with significant difference. The mean values were 0.194 and 0.172 %, respectively. In case of treated rat groups, it clear to mention that 10 % persimmon fruits recorded the highest FER while, the lowest value recorded for 2 and 4% persimmon fruits. The mean values were 0.137, 0.136 and 0.136 %, respectively. These results are in agreement with **Chen and Ianuzzo (1982)**, they found that a significant weight loss was observed in the diabetic group and significant improvement in weight was observed in the groups treated with *D. lotus*, L. This may be due to the ability of *D. lotus* L. to reduce hyperglycemia.

Data presented in Table (2) show the changes of organs weight in the diabetic rats fed diet supplemented with persimmon fruit.

It is clear to notice that the liver weight of positive control group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 7.12 and 6.10 g, respectively. While, group fed on 10% persimmon fruits recorded the highest liver weight while the lowest value recorded for 7.5%. The mean values were 6.62 and 6.22g, respectively.

On the other hand, kidney weight of positive and negative control groups recorded the same values being, 1.25 g. While, group fed on 2 and 6% persimmon fruit recorded the highest kidney weight while the lowest value recorded for 4%. The mean values were 1.125 and 0.975 g, respectively.

In case of spleen weight, the positive and negative control groups recorded the same values being, 0.825 g. While, group fed on 10% persimmon fruits recorded the highest spleen weight while the lowest value recorded for 7.5%. The mean values were 0.850 and 0.775g, respectively. These results are in agreement with **Ahn et al., (2002)**.

Data presented in Table (3) show the effect of persimmon on glucose of diabetic rats. The obtained results indicated that the highest glucose level recorded for positive control group, while the lowest level recorded for negative control group with significant differences. The mean values were 198 and 96 mg/dl, respectively.



On the other hand, rats fed on 10 % persimmon recorded the lowest glucose level with significant differences being, 97.53 mg/dl. While, the higher glucose level in diabetic rats recorded for 2 % persimmon with significant differences. The value was 117 mg/dl. It could be concluded that increasing persimmon levels showed highest reduction in glucose level. These results are in agreement with **Azadbakhta *et al.*, (2010)**, they reported that oral administration of *D. lotus*, *L.* fruits extract for 16 days effectively controlled hyperglycemia, due to the presence of biologically active components. The product of *D. lotus*, *L.* may provide a new therapeutic avenue against diabetes and diabetes-related complications a global burden.

Data given in Table (4) show the effect of persimmon on (ALT, AST and (ALP) of diabetic rats. The obtained results indicated that the ALT liver enzyme of positive control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 197.0 and 95.0 U/L, respectively. While, the highest ALT liver enzyme of treated group recorded for group fed on 2 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 10% persimmon fruits with significant difference. The mean values were 135.0 and 90.0 U/L, respectively.

On the other hand, AST liver enzyme of positive control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 55.82 and 9.22 U/L, respectively. While, the highest GOT liver enzyme of treated group recorded for group fed on 2 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 6% persimmon fruits with significant difference. The mean values were 39.4 and 17.21 U/L, respectively.

In case of ALP liver enzyme of positive control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 20.7 and 6.5 U/L, respectively. While, the highest ALP liver enzyme of treated group recorded for group fed on 4 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 6% persimmon fruits with significant difference. The mean values were 10.93 and 6.0 U/L, respectively. These results are in agreement with **Sochar *et al.*, (1985)**, they reported that the persimmon fruits extract maintains the blood glucose to normoglycemia during diabetes, which acts as an essential trigger for both liver and kidney to revert to their normal metabolic homeostasis. The liver and kidney exhibits numerous morpho-logical and functional alterations during diabetes.

The effect of persimmon fruits on the serum lipid profiles of diabetic rats are shown in Table (5). The obtained results indicated that the triglyceride of positive control group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 223.2 and 81.3 mg/dl, respectively. While, the lowest triglyceride recorded for group fed on 6 % persimmon fruit while the highest value recorded for 2% persimmon fruit with significant difference. The mean values were 145.9 and 169.1 mg/dl, respectively.

In the other hand, the cholesterol levels of positive control group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 97.0 and 63.5 mg/dl, respectively. While, the lowest cholesterol levels recorded for group fed on 6 % persimmon fruit while the highest value recorded for 2% persimmon fruit with significant difference. The mean values were 64.6 and 72.6 mg/dl, respectively. These results are in agreement with **Gorinstein *et al.*, (2000)**, they mention that persimmon is one of nutritious entities that hold hypocholesterolemic effects. The reasons include presence of bioactive compounds that possess the plasma lipid lowering and antioxidant properties. Also, **Kim and Yoozawa (2009)**, they reported that the whole persimmon or its parts hold lipid lowering effects in hypercholesterolemic rats.

Data presented in Table (6) show the effect of persimmon fruit on the serum lipid profiles of diabetic rats. The results indicated that the HDL-c of negative control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with positive control group with significant difference. The mean values were 33.3 and 23.3 mg/dl, respectively. While, the highest HDL-c of treated group recorded for group fed on 10 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 2% persimmon fruits with significant difference. The mean values were 29.7 and 27.3 mg/dl, respectively.

On the other hand, the LDL-c of positive control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 29.05 and 13.94 mg/dl, respectively. While, the highest LDL-c of treated group recorded for group fed on 2 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 6% persimmon fruits with significant difference. The mean values were 11.98 and 5.72 mg/dl, respectively.

In case of VLDL-c, the positive control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with

significant difference. The mean values were 44.64 and 16.26 mg/dl, respectively. While, the highest VLDL-c of treated group recorded for group fed on 2 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 6% persimmon fruits with significant difference. The mean values were 33.82 and 29.18 mg/dl, respectively. **Matsumoto et al., (2006)** supplemented diet with young persimmon fruit (10 %) that resulted in similar results i.e. lowering of total & LDL cholesterol and triglyceride. They reported that the improvement lipid profile might be due to increase the expression of cholesterol 7 alpha-hydroxylase (CYP7A1) gene's expression. CYP7A1 regulates bile acid synthesis thus holds imperative role in balancing cholesterol homeostasis.

Data presented in Table (7) show the effect of persimmon fruits on urea, uric acid and creatinine of diabetic rats. The obtained results indicated that the urea level of positive control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 73.65 and 42.2 mg/dl, respectively. While, the highest urea level of treated group recorded for group fed on 4 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 6% persimmon fruits with significant difference. The mean values were 58.27 and 46.25 mg/dl, respectively.

On the other hand, the uric acid level of positive control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 3.97 and 2.11 mg/dl, respectively. While, the highest uric acid level of treated group recorded for group fed on 4 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 6% persimmon fruits with non-significant difference. The mean values were 2.6 and 1.95 mg/dl, respectively.

In case of creatinine, the level of positive control rats group recorded the highest value when compared with negative control group with significant difference. The mean values were 1.13 and 0.87 mg/dl, respectively. While, the highest creatinine level of treated group recorded for group fed on 2 % persimmon fruits but, the lowest value recorded for group fed on 6% persimmon fruits with significant difference. The mean values were 0.99 and 0.89 mg/dl, respectively. These results are in agreement with **Almdal and Vilstrup (1988)**, reported that diabetic hyperglycemia fed on persimmon fruits also induces an elevation in the plasma level of creatinine, and its level is considered to be a significant marker of renal dysfunction.

Table (1): Changes of body weight, feed intake and feed efficiency ratio of diabetic rats fed diet supplemented with persimmon fruit

Parameters Groups	BWG (g/28 day)	FI (g/day)	FER
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD
G1 control (-)	50.8±2.00 <sup>c</sup>	13.00±0.84 <sup>b</sup>	0.194±0.25 <sup>a</sup>
G2 Control (+)	69.7±2.61 <sup>a</sup>	14.48±0.24 <sup>a</sup>	0.172±0.04 <sup>b</sup>
G3+2% fruit	53.1±2.28 <sup>bc</sup>	13.98±0.53 <sup>ab</sup>	0.136±0.13 <sup>c</sup>
G4 +4% fruit	54.6±2.28 <sup>b</sup>	14.32±0.26 <sup>a</sup>	0.136±0.08 <sup>c</sup>
G5 +6% fruit	55.3±3.69 <sup>b</sup>	14.4±0.22 <sup>a</sup>	0.137±0.05 <sup>c</sup>
LSD P≤0.05	1.092	1.18	0.009

BWG=Body weight gain, FI=Feed intake, FER =Feed efficiency ratio.

Mean under the same column bearing different superscript letters are different significantly at P≤0.05

Table (2): Changes of organs weight in the diabetic rats fed diet supplemented with persimmon fruit

Parameters Groups	Liver (g)	Kidney (g)	Spleen (g)
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD
G1 control (-)	6.10±0.67 <sup>b</sup>	1.25±0.190 <sup>a</sup>	0.825±0.09 <sup>a</sup>
G2 (+)	7.12±0.91 <sup>a</sup>	1.25±0.170 <sup>a</sup>	0.83±0.05 <sup>a</sup>
G3+2% fruit	6.42±0.92 <sup>a</sup>	1.125±0.26 <sup>a</sup>	0.80±0.41 <sup>a</sup>
G4 +4% fruit	6.22±0.45 <sup>a</sup>	0.98±0.15 <sup>a</sup>	0.78±0.05 <sup>a</sup>
G5 +6% fruit	6.62±0.96 <sup>a</sup>	1.13±0.45 <sup>a</sup>	0.85±0.01 <sup>a</sup>
LSD P≤0.05	1.02	0.86	1.02

Mean under the same column bearing different superscript letters are different significantly at P≤0.05

**Table (3): Effect of persimmon fruit on glucose of diabetic rats**

Parameters Groups	Glucose (mg/dl)
G <sub>1</sub> C (-)	96.0 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.70
G <sub>2</sub> C (+)	198.5 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.10
G <sub>3</sub> +2%	117.30 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.50
G <sub>4</sub> +4%	109.21 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.80
G <sub>5</sub> +6%	97.53 <sup>d</sup> ± 0.90
LSD P≤0.05	1.53

Mean under the same column bearing different superscript letters are different significantly at P≤0.05

**Table (4): Effect of persimmon on liver functions of diabetic rats**

Parameters Groups	(ALT) U/L	(AST) U/L	(ALP) U/L
G <sub>1</sub> C (-)	95 ± 1.70 <sup>d</sup>	9.22 ± 1.10 <sup>e</sup>	6.50 ± 0.80 <sup>d</sup>
G <sub>2</sub> C (+)	197 ± 0.90 <sup>a</sup>	55.82 ± 1.35 <sup>a</sup>	20.70 ± 0.40 <sup>a</sup>
G <sub>3</sub> +2% fruit	135 ± 2.10 <sup>b</sup>	39.4 ± 2.05 <sup>b</sup>	10.93 ± 0.90 <sup>b</sup>
G <sub>4</sub> + 4% fruit	105 ± 1.10 <sup>c</sup>	31.0 ± 0.60 <sup>c</sup>	9.20 ± 1.20 <sup>c</sup>
G <sub>5</sub> +6% fruit	90 ± 0.80 <sup>d</sup>	17.21 ± 0.90 <sup>e</sup>	6.0 ± 0.60 <sup>d</sup>
LSD P≤0.05	5.0	2.29	1.39

Mean under the same column bearing different superscript letters are different significantly at P≤0.05

Table (5): Effect of persimmon fruit on the serum cholesterol and triglyceride of diabetic rats

Parameters Groups	TG (mg/dl)	TC (mg/dl)
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD
G1 control (-)	81.3±2.61 <sup>c</sup>	63.5±2.28 <sup>c</sup>
G2 control (+)	223.2±2.83 <sup>a</sup>	97.0±3.69 <sup>a</sup>
G3+ 2%	169.1±2.83 <sup>b</sup>	72.6±3.41 <sup>b</sup>
G4 +4%	153.5±3.16 <sup>c</sup>	67.5±2.61 <sup>c</sup>
G5 +6%	145.9±3.22 <sup>d</sup>	64.6±3.35 <sup>c</sup>
LSD P≤0.05	3.67	1.27

TG= Triglyceride. TC= Total Cholesterol,

Mean under the same column bearing different superscript letters are different significantly at P≤0.05

Table (6): Effect of persimmon fruit on the serum lipid profiles of diabetic rats

Parameters Groups	HDL-C (mg/dl)	LDL-C (mg/dl)	(VLDL <sub>C</sub> ) (mg/dl)
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD
G1 control (-)	33.3±2.61 <sup>a</sup>	13.94±3.16 <sup>f</sup>	16.26 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.69
G2 control (+)	23.3±3.16 <sup>c</sup>	29.06±2.28 <sup>a</sup>	44.64 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.20
G3+2% fruit	27.3±2.99 <sup>b</sup>	11.48±2.98 <sup>b</sup>	33.82 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.72
G4 +4% fruit	28.5±3.42 <sup>b</sup>	8.30±2.28 <sup>b</sup>	30.70 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.90
G5 +6% fruit	29.7±2.61 <sup>b</sup>	5.72±2.28 <sup>c</sup>	29.18 <sup>a</sup> ±2.20
LSD P≤0.05	2.63	3.02	3.01

HDL-C= High density lipoprotein Cholesterol. LDL =Low density lipoprotein Cholesterol

Mean under the same column bearing different superscript letters are different significantly at P≤0.05

Table (7): Effect of persimmon on serum urea and serum uric acid of diabetic rats

Parameters Groups	Urea (mg/dl)	Uric acid (mg/dl)	Serum Creatinine
G <sub>1</sub> C (-)	42.20 <sup>e</sup> ± 2.10	2.11 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.20	0.87 <sup>d</sup> ± 0.577
G <sub>2</sub> C (+)	73.65 <sup>a</sup> ± 3.20	3.97 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.90	1.13 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.115
G <sub>3</sub> +2%	50.96 <sup>c</sup> ± 1.60	2.27 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.60	0.99 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.025
G <sub>4</sub> +4%	58.27 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.90	2.60 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.30	0.94 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.177
G <sub>5</sub> +6%	46.25 <sup>d</sup> ± 0.50	1.95 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.10	0.89 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.030
LSD P≤0.05	3.24	1.26	2.14

Mean under the same column bearing different superscript letters are different significantly at P≤0.05

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