

## Supplementary Materials

# Chitosan-Stabilized Selenium Nanoparticles Alleviate High-Fat Diet-Induced Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) by Modulating the Gut Barrier Function and Microbiota

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**Table S1. PCR primer sequences.**

Gene	Primer sequence (5'-3')
IL-6	F: TAGCCTTCCTACCCCAATTCC R: TTGGTCCTTAGCCACTCCTTC
TNF- $\alpha$	F: CGTCAGCCGATTTGCTATCTCAT R: GGCCCACAGTCCAGGTCACT
ZO-1	F: TTTTGACAGGGGGAGTGG R: TGCTGCAGAGGTCAAAGTTCAAG
Occludin	F: ATGCCGGCCGATGCTCTC R: TTTGGCTGCTCTGGGTCTGTAT
Aggr2	F: GCGATCAGCTCATCTGGACTCA R: AAGGCTTGACTGTGTGGCATTC
Muc2	F: AGGGCTCGGAACCTCCAGAAA R: CCAGGGAATCGGTAGACATCG
$\beta$ -actin	F: GGCTGTATTCCCTCCATCG R: CCAGTTGGTAACAATGCCATGT

**Table S2. PCR reaction system.**

Reagent	Volume (μL)
TB Green Premix Ex Taq (Tli RNaseH Plus)	10
PCR forward primer (10μM )	0.4
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ROX reference dye	0.4
DNA template	1
Sterile water	7.8
Total	20

**Table S3. PCR primer sequences for DNA detection.**

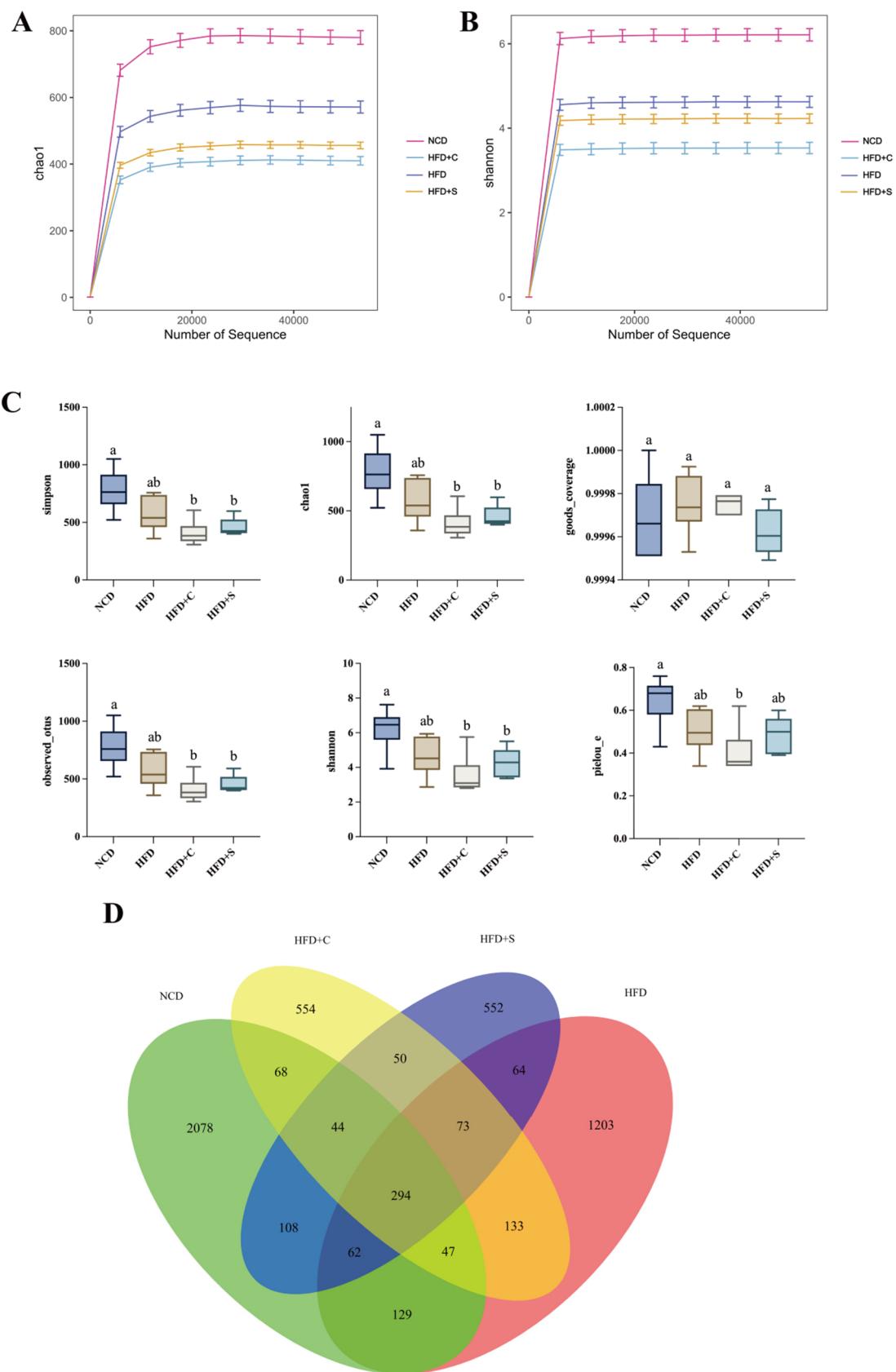
Amplified fragments	Primer sequence
V3 – V4	341F (5'-CCTACGGGNGGCWGCAG-3') 805R(5'-GACTACHVGGGTATCTAATCC-3')

**Table S4. Top 25 dominant bacteria in HFD+S group.**

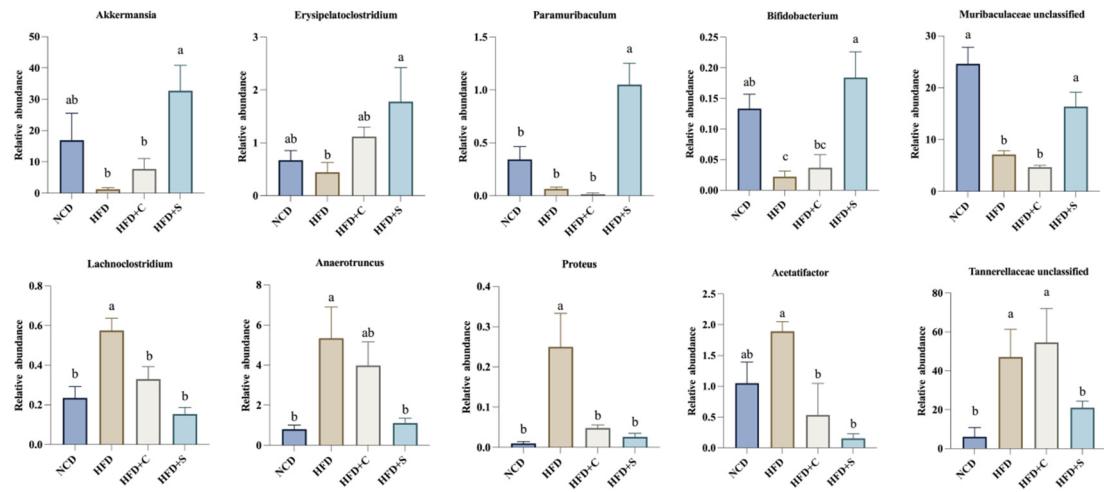
Genus	mean_HFD	mean_HFD+S	HFD+S/HFD
Akkermansia	1.23	32.75	26.59
Paramuribaculum	0.06	1.05	17.5
Bifidobacterium	0.02	0.18	9.20
Erysipelatoclostridium	0.44	1.78	4.02
Muribaculaceae_unclassified	7.10	16.37	2.31
Desulfovibrio	0.08	0.09	1.23
Colidextribacter	1.81	2.21	1.22
Lactobacillus	0.25	0.27	1.07
Firmicutes_unclassified	0.83	0.82	0.99
Anaerotignum	0.98	0.72	0.74
Muribaculum	0.07	0.05	0.69
Oscillibacter	0.98	0.55	0.56
Eisenbergiella	2.80	1.40	0.50
Tannerellaceae_unclassified	47.08	21.03	0.45
Ruminococcaceae_unclassified	1.49	0.60	0.40
Negativibacillus	1.66	0.63	0.38
Lachnospiraceae_NK4A136_group	3.64	1.24	0.34
Lachnospiraceae_unclassified	4.02	1.27	0.32
GCA-900066575	0.86	0.26	0.30
Clostridiales_unclassified	5.43	1.49	0.28
Lachnoclostridium	0.58	0.15	0.27
Roseburia	1.08	0.25	0.23
Anaerotruncus	5.34	1.11	0.21
Proteus	0.25	0.03	0.11
Acetatifactor	1.91	0.16	0.08

**Table S5. Top 25 dominant bacteria in HFD+C group.**

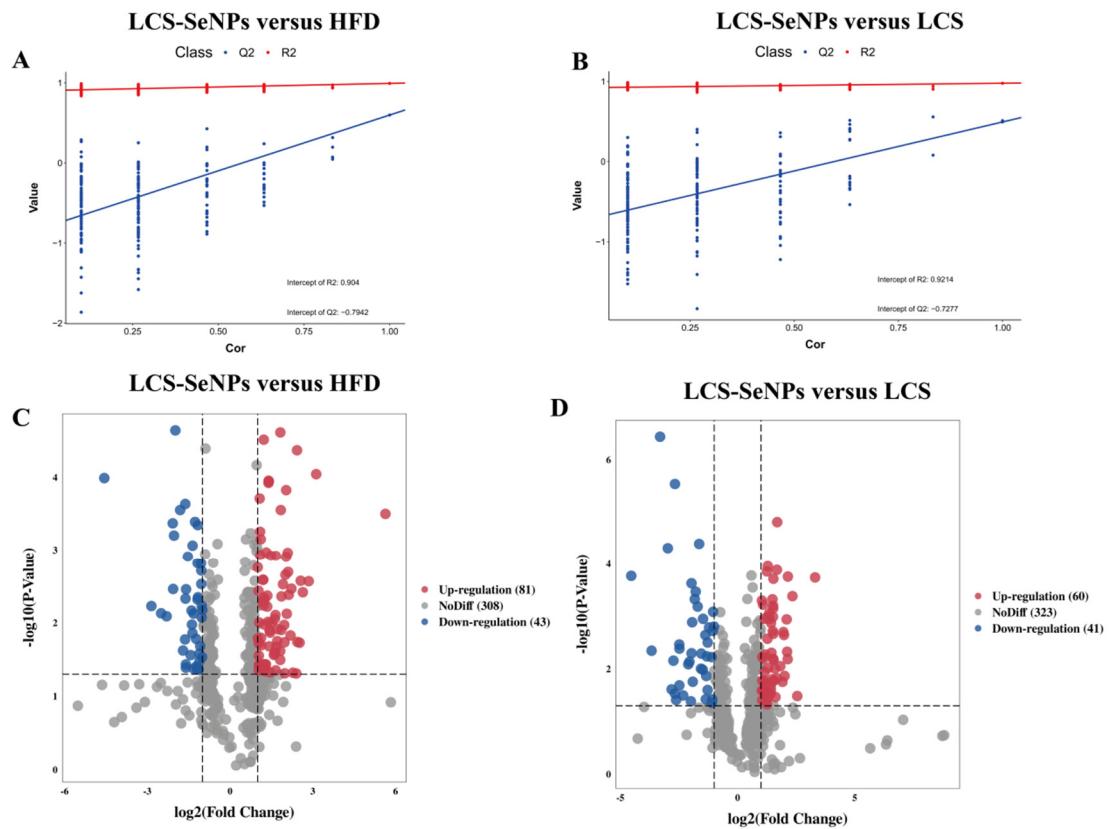
Genus	mean_HFD	mean_HFD+C	HFD+C/HFD
Desulfovibrio	0.08	3.6925	48.39
Akkermansia	1.23	7.7386	6.28
UCG-005	0.17	0.48	2.77
Eubacterium]_nodatum_group	0.18	0.4532	2.52
Erysipelatoclostridium	0.44	1.1158	2.52
Colidextribacter	1.81	2.1891	1.21
Ligilactobacillus	0.31	0.362	1.16
Tannerellaceae_unclassified	47.08	54.5724	1.16
Eisenbergiella	2.80	3.1628	1.13
Negativibacillus	1.66	1.6709	1.01
Romboutsia	0.39	0.326	0.83
Anaerotignum	0.98	0.8057	0.82
Parabacteroides	0.38	0.3106	0.82
Anaerotruncus	5.34	3.982	0.75
Muribaculaceae_unclassified	7.10	4.6566	0.66
Lachnoclostridium	0.58	0.3287	0.57
Ruminococcaceae_unclassified	1.49	0.8179	0.55
Roseburia	1.08	0.5747	0.53
Firmicutes_unclassified	0.83	0.4168	0.50
Oscillibacter	0.98	0.4821	0.49
Clostridiales_unclassified	5.43	2.6667	0.49
GCA-900066575	0.86	0.3592	0.42
Acetatifactor	1.39	0.5333	0.38
Lachnospiraceae_unclassified	4.02	1.4066	0.35
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up	3.64	0.8955	0.25



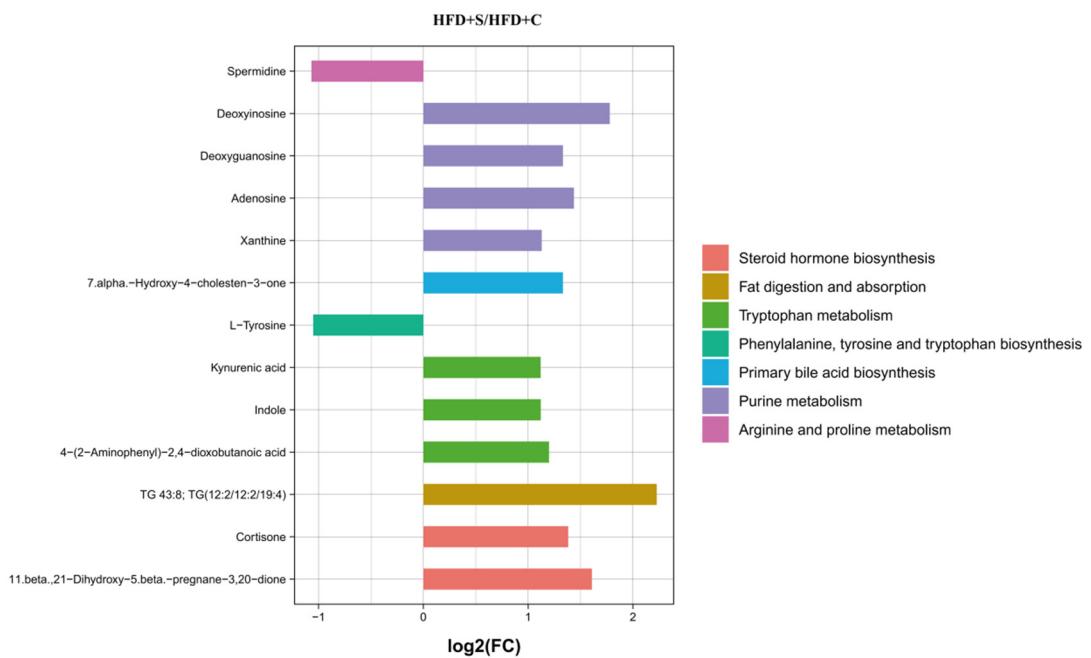
**Figure S1.** Improvement in intestinal flora structure by LCS-SeNPs treatment in HFD mice. (A) Chao1 rarefaction curves; (B) Shannon rarefaction curves; (C) 6 analyses of the Alpha diversity index; (D) ASV-Venn diagram. The distinct letters above the bar chart indicated significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ).



**FigureS2.** Changes of 10 representative differential microflora in HFD mice treated with LCS-SeNPs.



**Figure S3.** Identification and correction of differential metabolites following LCS-SeNPs treatment in HFD mice. Permutation test plots of PLSDA for the LCS-SeNPs versus HFD group with  $R2Y = 0.993$  and  $Q2 = 0.598$  (A), and the LCS-SeNPs versus LCS group with  $R2Y = 0.9768$  and  $Q2 = 0.494$  (B); Volcano map of metabolites identified by fecal metabolite, the LCS-SeNPs versus HFD (C) and the LCS-SeNPs versus LCS group (D).



**Figure S4.** The differential metabolites between the LCS-SeNPs and LCS groups. Metabolites exhibiting notable distinctions between the LCS-SeNPs and LCS groups were depicted, with positive values on the X axis denoting upregulation and negative values indicating downregulation.