

1 **Supplementary information**

2 **Inulin with different degrees of polymerization protects against diet-induced**
3 **endotoxemia and inflammation in association with gut microbiota regulation in**
4 **mice**

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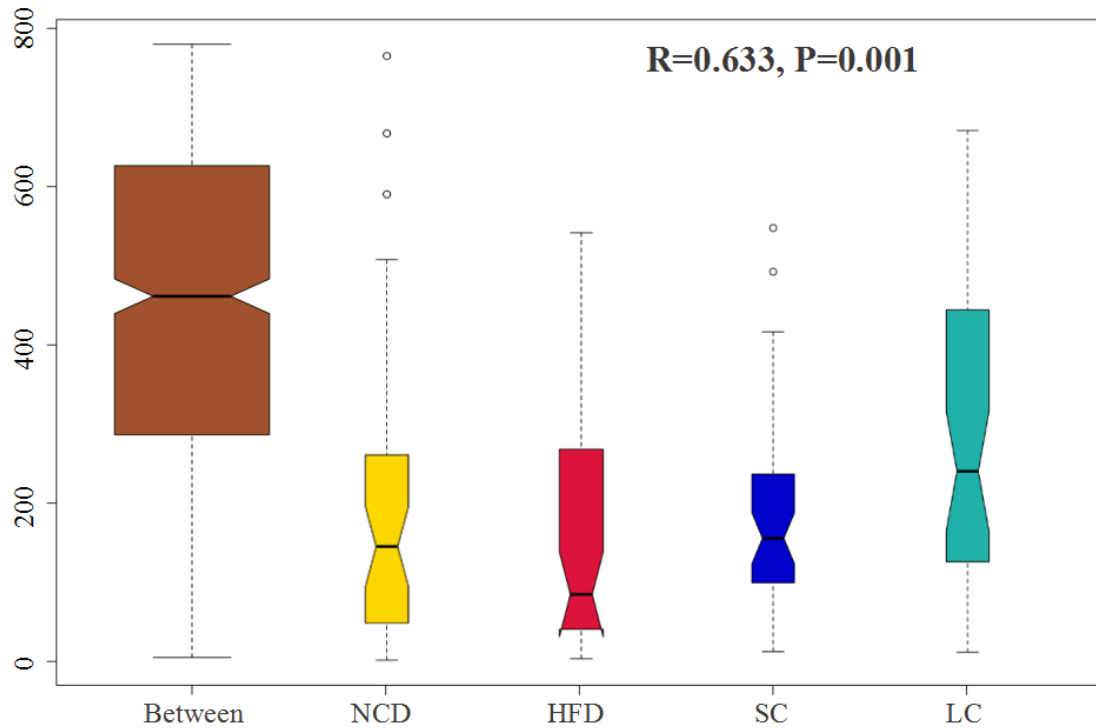
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12 **Supplementary Table S1.** Primers used in this study

Primers	Forward primer	Reverse primer
TLR4	5'-GGGCCTAAACCCAGTCTGTTG -3'	5'-CTTCTGCCCGTAAGGTCCA-3'
IL6	5'-CCACTTCACAAGTCGGAGGCTTA -3'	5'-CCAGTTTGGTAGCATCCATCATTTC-3'
IL1 β	5'-TCCAGGATGAGGACATGAGCAC -3'	5'-GAACGTCACACACCAGCAGGTTA -3'
CD11c	5'-ACGTCAGTACAAGGAGATGTTGGA -	5'-ATCCTATTGCAGAATGCTTCTTTACC3'
IKK ϵ	5'-GGAGTGTGTGCAGACGTATCAGG -3'	5'-AATGAGATGCAGGTGGTTCTGG -3'
Gapdh	5'-TGTGTCCGTCGTGGATCTGA -3'	5'-TTGCTGTTGAAGTCGCAGGAG -3'

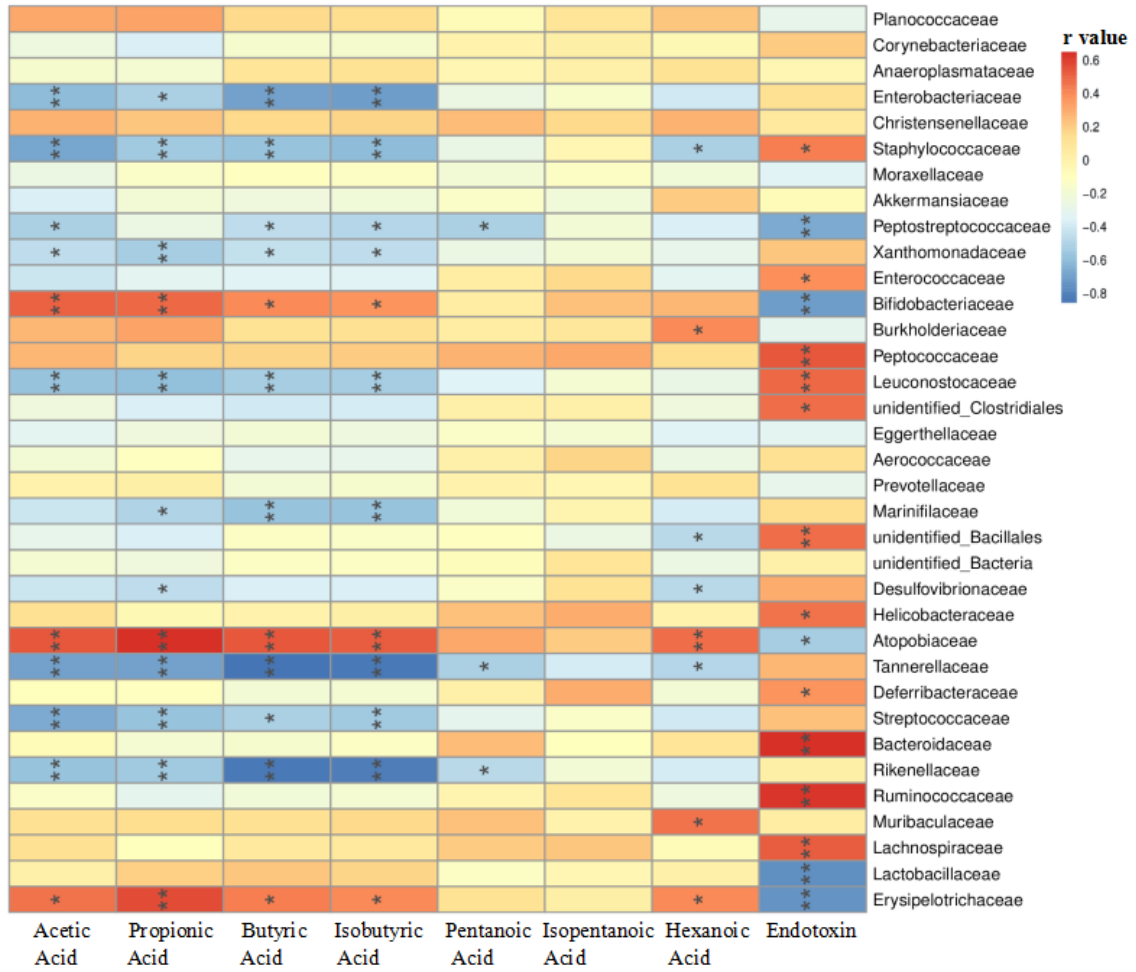
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16 **Supplementary Figure S1.** One-way ANOSIM analysis of the difference in separation among four
 17 groups. NCD, normal chow diet; HFD, high-fat diet; SC, high-fat diet plus short-chain inulin; LC,
 18 high-fat diet plus long-chain inulin. $R > 0$ indicated the difference between the extra-groups was
 19 greater than the intra-groups. $p < 0.05$ was considered to be statistically significant.

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22 **Supplementary Figure S2.** Spearman correlations between levels of metabolites/component and

23 abundance of gut microbial families (n = 10). Cells marked with asterisk depict significance, * $p < 0.05$,

24 ** $p < 0.01$.