

Table 1.Characteristics of rats at the end of the study (12 weeks)

Group	n	Glycemia (mmol/l)	Body weight (g)	Heart wt/body wt (mg/g)
NC	8	6.44±0.24	480±35	2.62±0.16
NC+ALA	8	6.26±0.19	492±35	2.60±0.18
STZ	8	28.41±2.84*	273±45*	3.25±0.25*
STZ+ALA	8	26.25±3.49*	277±20*	3.06±0.23*#

Eight rats per group. Data are presented as mean values ± standard deviation.

*p<0.05 vs. NC group; # p<0.05 vs. STZ group.