

Supplementary Information

Heat-inactivated *Bifidobacterium adolescentis* ameliorates colon senescence through Paneth-like-cell-mediated stem cell activation

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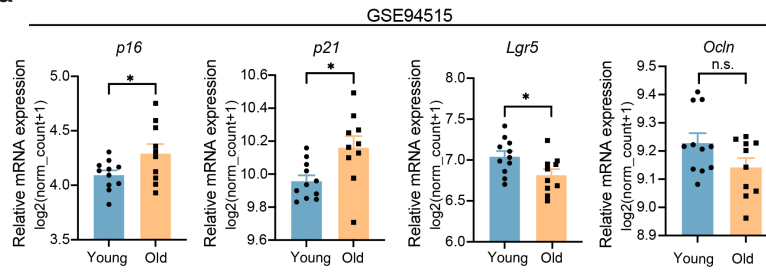
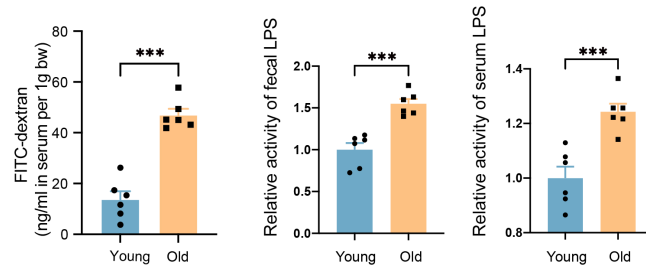
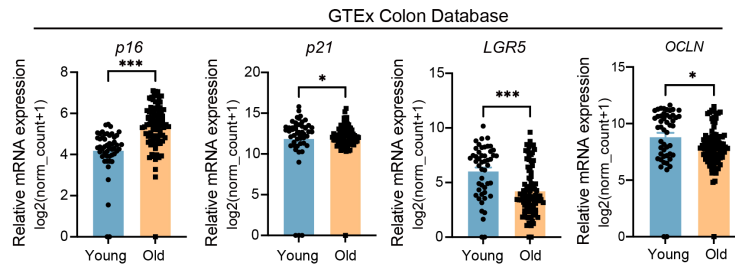
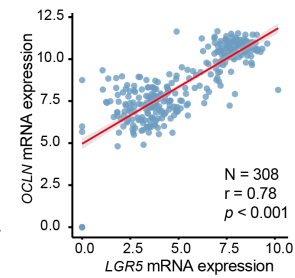
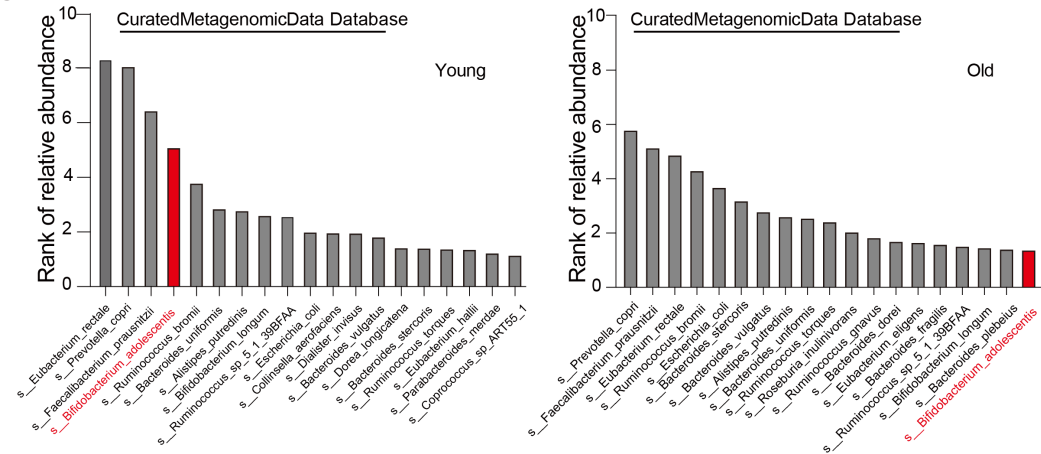
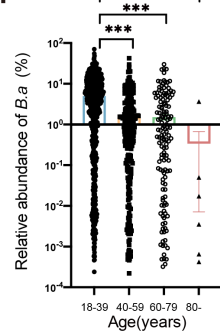
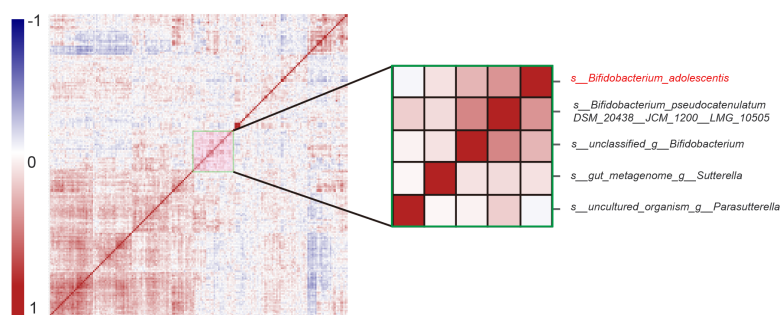
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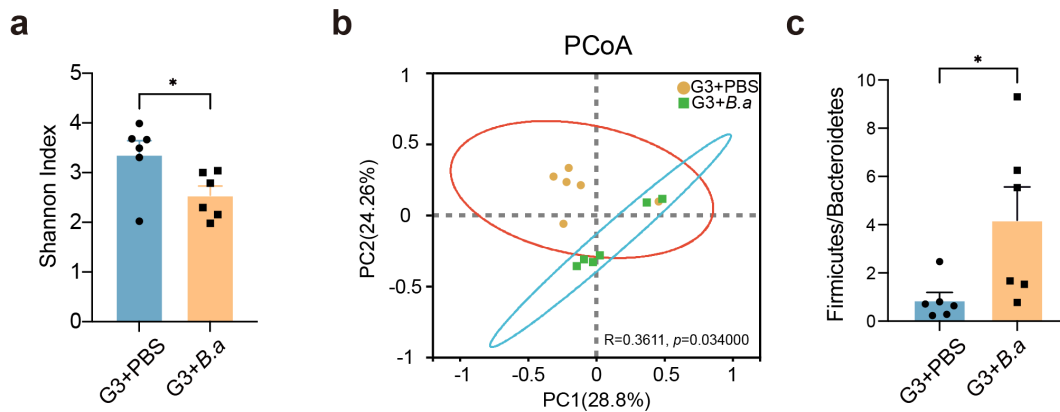
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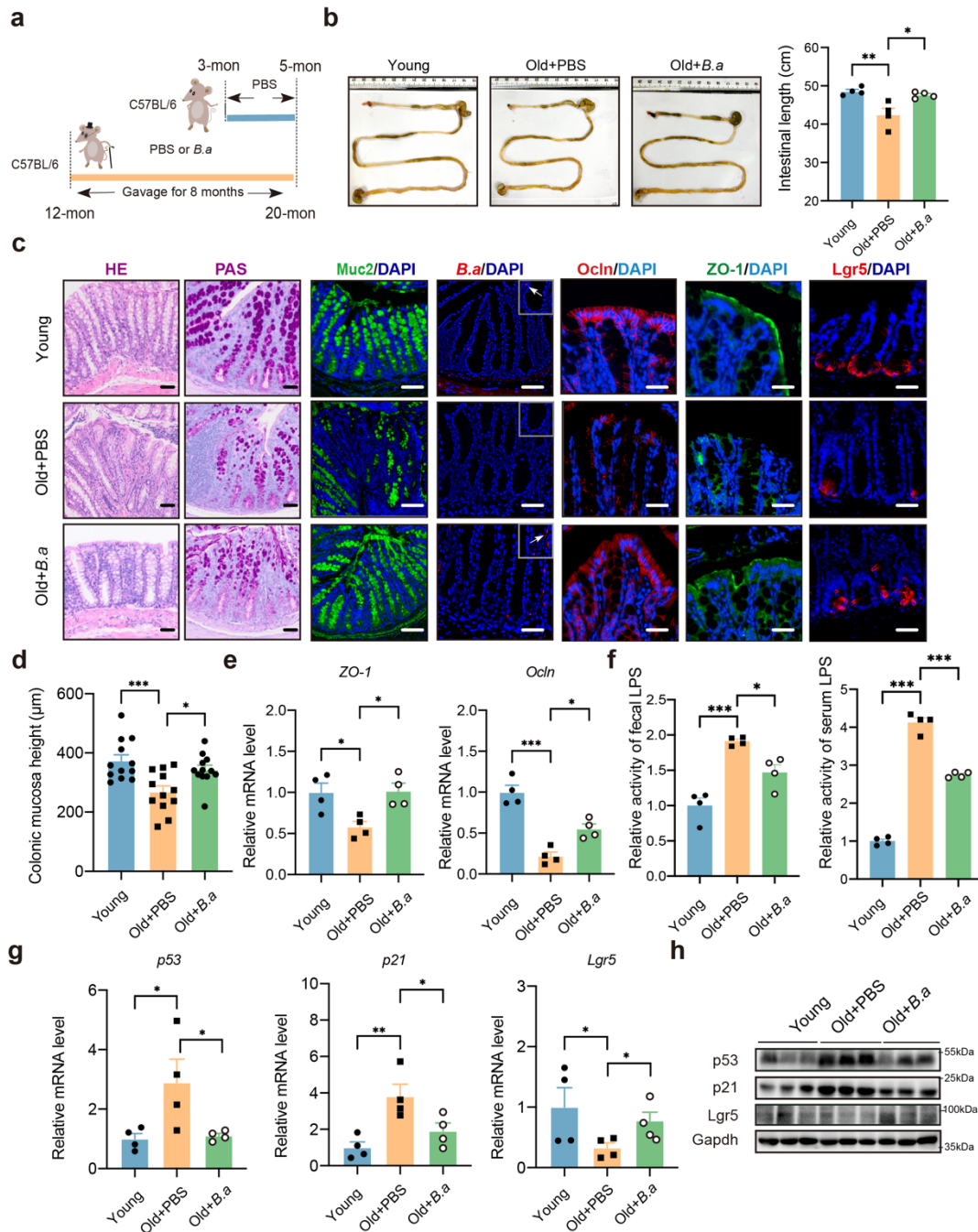
Supplementary Fig. 1 The association between the senescent colon and age-related *B. adolescentis*.

(a). Relative expression of *p21*, *p16*, *Lgr5* and *Ocln* gene in colon tissues of young (3 months, n=11) and old (19 months, n =10) mice (GSE94515 dataset). Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by unpaired, two-tailed *t*-test (b). FITC-dextran concentration in the serum in young (3-month-old) and old (12-month-old) mice group. Relative LPS levels in the fecal and serum samples in young and old mice group, n = 6 animals *per* group. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by unpaired, two-tailed *t*-test. (c). Relative mRNA levels of *p21*, *p16*, *LGR5* and *OCN* genes in normal colon tissues of young (20-39 years, n = 49 individuals) and old (60-79 years, n = 90 individuals) groups from the GTEx database. Data were the mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by unpaired, two-tailed *t*-test (d). The correlation analysis of the expression of *OCN* and *LGR5* in human colonic tissues from the GTEx database, n = 308 individuals, Spearman $r = 0.78$. Comparisons were performed by Spearman's correlation analysis. (e). Rank of relative abundance for major bacteria species in young or old populations shared at the CuratedMetagenomicData Database. The ranking order of *B. adolescentis* was marked with red. (f). Relative abundance of *B. adolescentis* in age subgroups in CuratedMetagenomicData. Relative abundance was represented in plots as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test (g). Co-expression relationship network of distinct differences in the microbiome composition in clinical age cohort. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, n.s. not significant. Source data and exact *p*-value are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 2. *B. adolescentis* supplementation reshaped the microbial community.

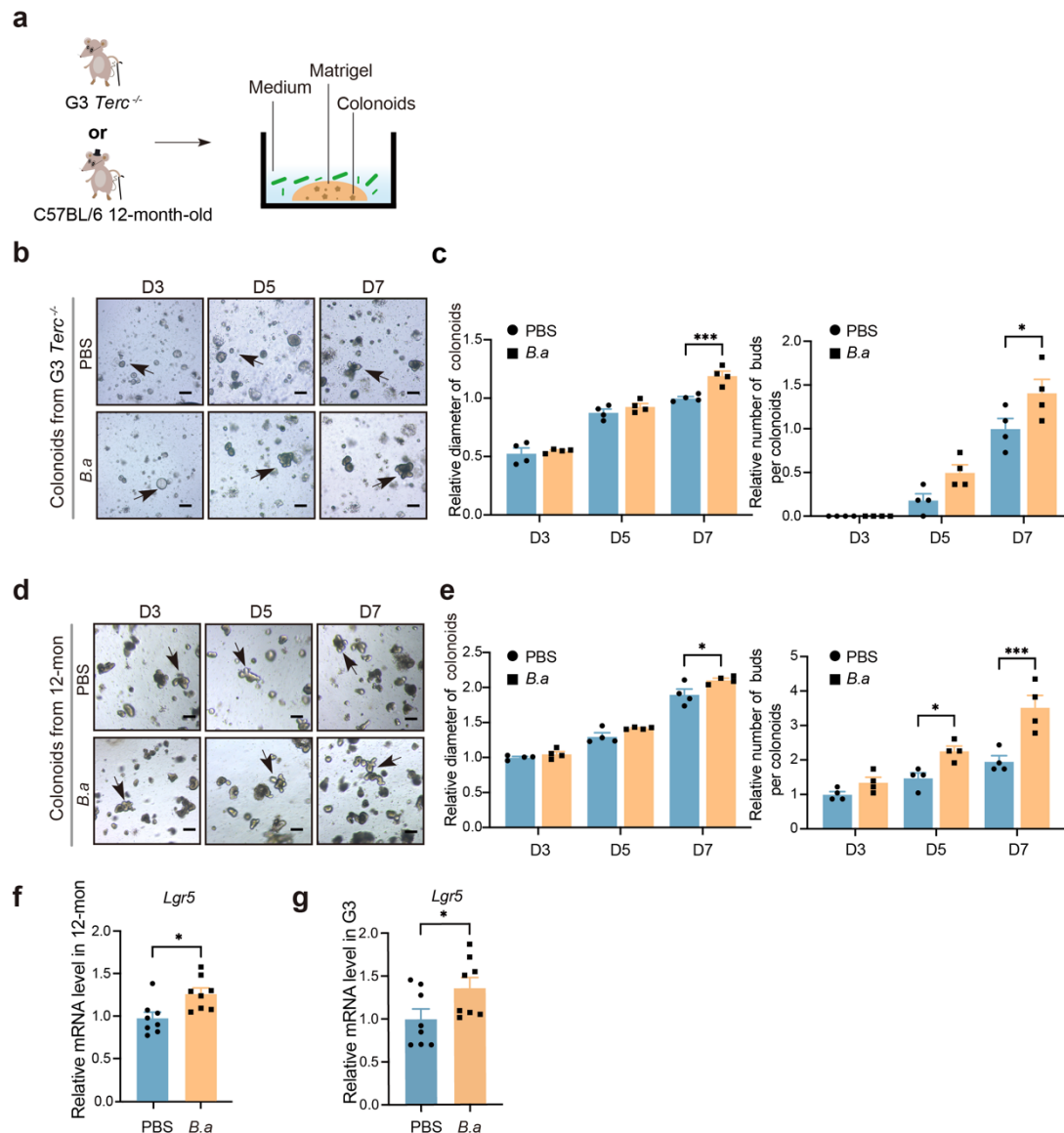
(a-b). The α -diversity and the β -diversity of fecal microbiomes. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. n = 6 animals *per* group. Comparisons were performed by unpaired, two-tailed *t*-test. (c). Proportions of the Firmicutes and the Bacteroidetes (F/B). n = 6 animals *per* group. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by unpaired, two-tailed *t*-test. **p* < 0.05. Source data and exact *p*-value are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 3. Heated-inactivated *B. adolescentis* alleviated colon senescence phenotype in natural aging mice.

(a). The schematic diagram of the experimental procedure in the young (3-month-old) and old (20-month-old) C57BL/6 mice. (b). Representative image of gross morphology and length analysis of the mouse colon. Data were mean \pm SEM. n = 4 animals per group. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's multiple comparisons test. (c). Representative image of H&E staining and PAS staining, immunofluorescence image of Muc2, ZO-1 and Ocln and

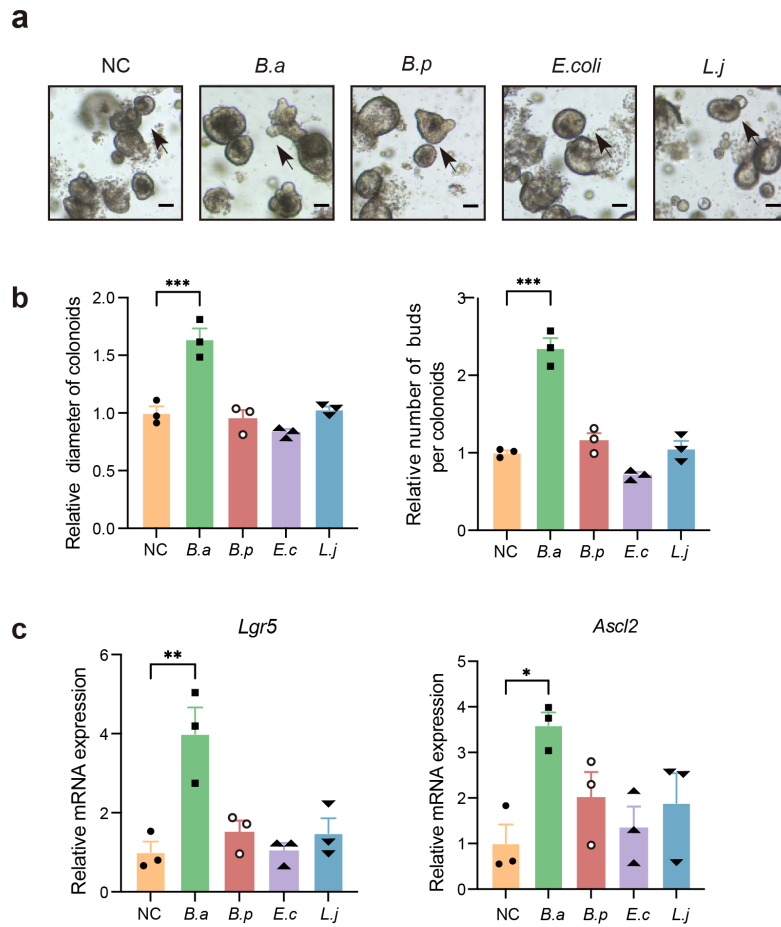
Lgr5, FISH probe of *B. adolescentis* in the colon from Young, Old+PBS and Old+*B.a* mice. Scale bar, 50 μ m. n = 6 animals *per* group. (d). The mucosal height was measured. n = 12 random fields *per* group. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's multiple comparisons test (e). Relative mRNA levels of *ZO-1* and *Ocln* genes in Young, Old+PBS and Old+*B.a* mice. n = 4 animals *per* group. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's multiple comparisons test. (f). Relative LPS levels in the fecal and serum samples in Young, Old+PBS and Old+*B.a* mice. n = 4 animals *per* group. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's multiple comparisons test. (g). Relative mRNA levels of *p53*, *p21* and *Lgr5* gene in Young, Old+PBS and Old+*B.a* mice. n = 4 animals *per* group. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons in *p53*, *p21* were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Two-stage linear step-up procedure of Benjamini, Krieger and Yekutieli and in *Lgr5* were performed by Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Two-stage linear step-up procedure of Benjamini, Krieger and Yekutieli. (h). The protein level of p53, p21 and Lgr5 were detected by immunoblot from Young, Old+PBS and Old+*B.a* mice. n = 3 animals *per* group. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. Source data and exact p -value are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 4. Heated-inactivated *B. adolescentis* supplementation improved the proliferation of derived colonoids from G3 *Terc*^{-/-} mice and natural aging mice.

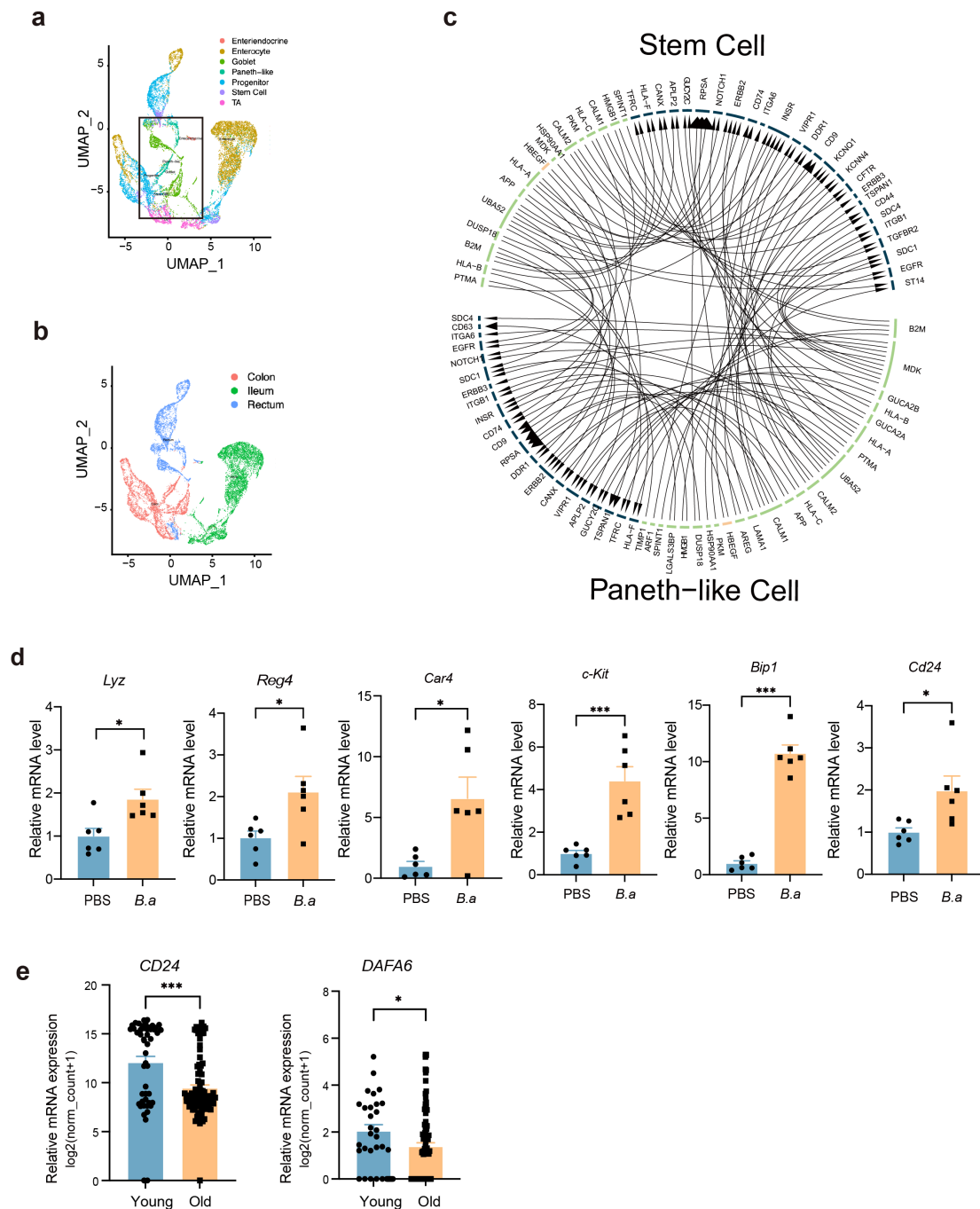
(a). The schematic diagram of the experimental procedure in G3 *Terc*^{-/-} mice and natural aging mice *in vitro* model. (b). Representative images in organoid-forming capacity on day 3, 5 and 7 from PBS and *B.a* group derived from G3 *Terc*^{-/-} mice crypts. Arrows indicate crypt domains. n = 4 biological replicates *per* group. Scale bar, 100 μ m. (c). Relative size of colonoids quantified on day 3, 5 and 7 and represented relative to PBS treated control. n = 4 biological replicates *per* group. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by Two-way ANOVA analysis followed by Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. (d). Representative images of organoid-forming capacity on day 3, 5 and 7 from PBS and *B.a* treated group derived from 12-month mice crypts. Arrows indicate crypt domains. n = 4 biological replicates *per* group. Scale bar, 100 μ m. (e). Relative size

of colonoids quantified on day 3, 5 and 7. $n = 4$ biological replicates *per* group. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by Two-way ANOVA analysis followed by Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test. **(f-g)**. Relative mRNA levels of Lgr5 gene in colonoids derived from 12-month or G3 *Terc*^{-/-} mice. $n = 8$ biological replicates *per* group. Data were presented as the mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by unpaired, two-tailed *t*-test * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$. Source data and exact *p*-value are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 5. *B. adolescentis* specifically improved the proliferation of derived colonoids.

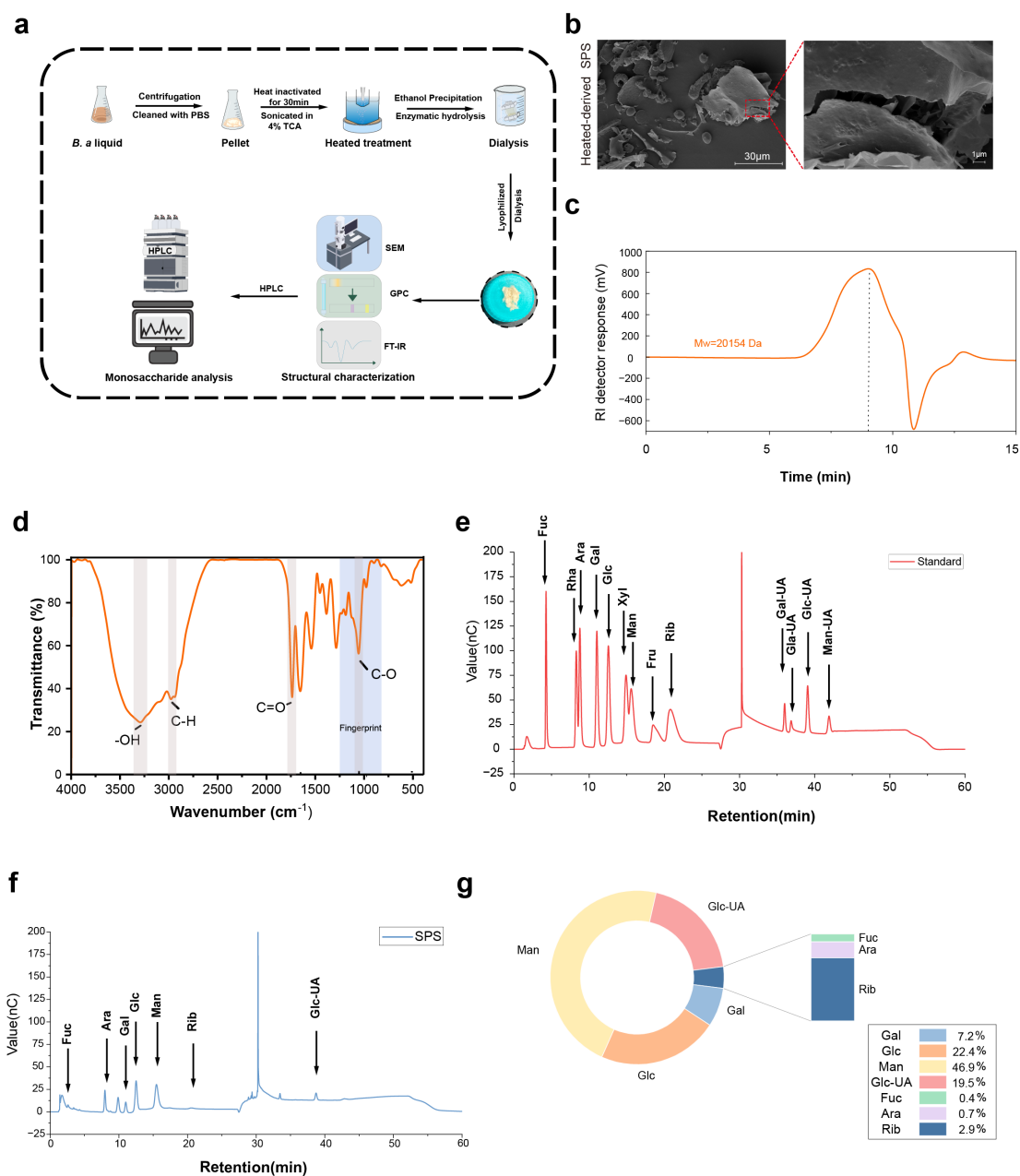
(a-b). Representative images in organoid-forming capacity and size of colonoids quantified from NC, *B.a*, *B.p*, *E.coli* and *L.j* group on day 7. Scale bar, 100 μ m. Arrows indicate crypt domains. $n = 3$ independent experiments. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM and represented relative to NC control. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by followed by Tukey's test. (c). The expression of *Lgr5* and *Ascl2* genes were detected by qPCR from NC, *B.a*, *B.p*, *E.coli* and *L.j* group. $n = 3$ independent experiments. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by followed by Tukey's test. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. *L.j*, *Lactobacillus johnsonii*. *B.p*, *Bifidobacterium pseudolongum*. *E. coli*, *Escherichia coli*. *B.a*, *Bifidobacterium adolescentis*. Source data and exact p -value are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 6. *B. adolescentis* increased Paneth-like cells development

(a). Different cell clusters in human gut single-cell transcriptome data (GSE125970). (b). Different tissue types in human gut single-cell transcriptome data (GSE125970). (c). Detail genes involved in cell communication between PLCs and ISCs in the single-cell transcriptome. (d). Relative mRNA levels of *Lyz*, *Reg4*, *Car4*, *c-Kit*, *Bip1* and *Cd24* genes in colonoid model. n = 6 biological replicates per group. Data were presented as the mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by unpaired, two-tailed *t*-test. (e). Relative expression of *CD24* and *DAFA6* in normal colon tissue of GTEx database. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by unpaired, two-

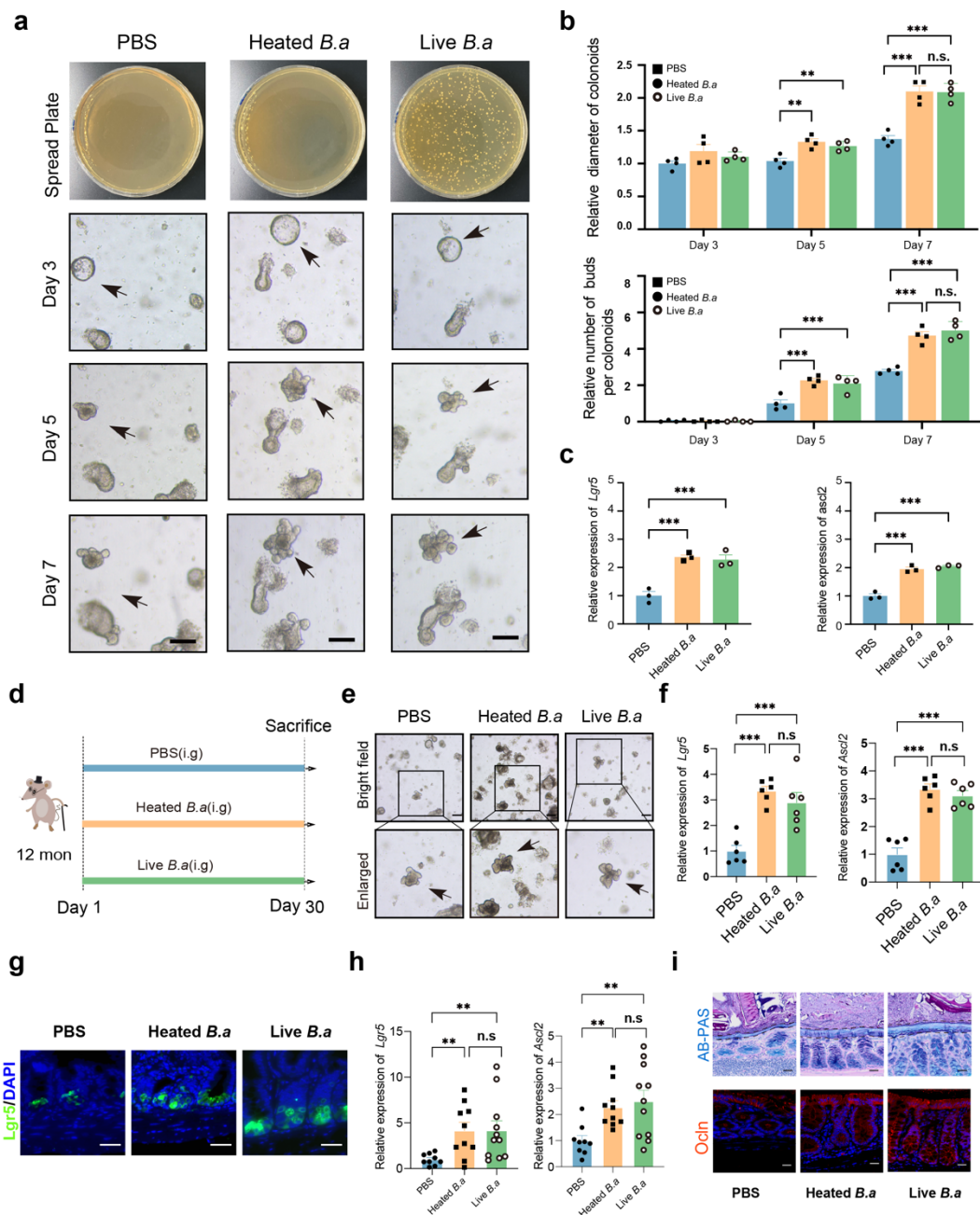
tailed t -test in *CD24* and Mann-Whitney test in *DAFA6*. $*p < 0.05$, $***p < 0.001$. Source data and exact p -value are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 7. Structural characterization and monosaccharide composition analysis of SPS

(a). SPS extraction diagrams from heated-inactivated *B. adolescentis* (95 °C). (b). Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images (at 500× and 5000× magnification) of heated-derived SPS. (c). Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) profiles of heated-derived SPS, the average molecular weight (Mw) was calculated. (d). Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR) of heated-derived SPS, labeling the characteristic functional groups of the polysaccharide based on chemical bonds (3307 cm⁻¹, 2940 cm⁻¹, 1741 cm⁻¹ and 1056 cm⁻¹ represents O-H stretching, C-H stretching C=O) stretching and C-OH stretching vibrations, respectively), the gray shaded region corresponds to the fingerprint

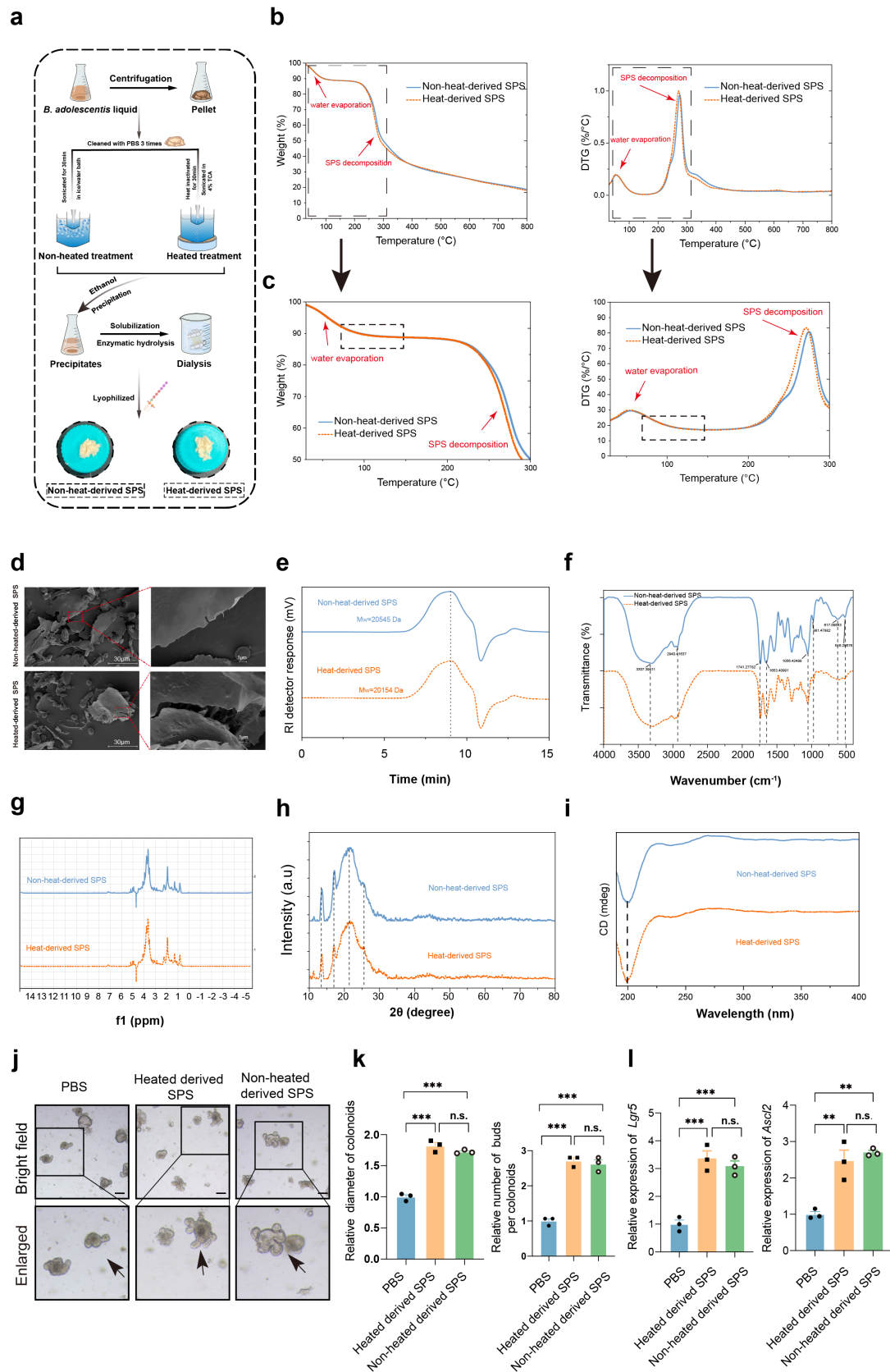
spectrum of the polysaccharide. **(e)**. Chromatogram profiles of the monosaccharide. Fuc, Fucose; Rha, Rhamnose; Ara, Arabinose; Gal, Galactose; Glc, Glucose; Xyl, Xylose; Man, Mannose; Fru, Fructose; Rib, Ribose; Gal-UA, Galacturonic Acid; Glc-UA, Glucuronic Acid; Man-UA, Mannuronic Acid; Gul-UA, Guluronic Acid. **(f)**. Chromatogram profiles of the heated-derived SPS, labeling the monosaccharide based on profiles of the standard monosaccharide. **(g)**. The monosaccharide composition of the heated-derived SPS, the number expressed as the mass percentage of SPS. SPS, Soluble polysaccharides. Source data and exact *p*-value are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 8. Live *B. adolescentis* demonstrated a comparable effect as heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* in vitro colonoids

(a). Representative images are shown in the Dilution plating (above) and organoid-forming capacity of crypts (below) from PBS, heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* and live *B. adolescentis* treated group. Arrows indicate crypt domains. Scale bar, 100 μ m. n = 4 independent experiments. (b). The relative size of colonoids was quantified on days 3, 5 and 7 and represented relative to the PBS-treated group. n = 4 independent experiments. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by Two-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's test. (c). Relative expression of *Lgr5*

and Ascl2 gene in PBS, heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* and live *B. adolescentis* treated group. n =3 independent experiments. Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's test. **(d)**. The schematic diagram of the 12-month mice experimental procedure in PBS group (n=9), heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* group (n=10) and live *B. adolescentis* group (n=11). **(e)**. Representative images in the organoid-forming capacity of crypts (Right) from PBS group, heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* group and live *B. adolescentis* group. Arrows indicate crypt domains. Scale bar, 100 μ m. n = 6 mice *per* group. **(f)**. Relative expression of Lgr5 and Ascl2 gene in colonoids derived from PBS, heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* and live *B. adolescentis* treated group. n = 6 mice *per* group. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's test. **(g)**. Representative image of *Lgr5* genes was detected in colon tissue from PBS group (n=9), heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* group (n=10) and live *B. adolescentis* group (n=11). **(h)**. Relative expression of Lgr5 and Ascl2 gene in colon tissue from PBS (n=9), heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* (n=10) and live *B. adolescentis* treated group (n=11). Data were represented as mean \pm SEM. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's test. **(i)**. Representative image of AB-PAS staining and immunofluorescence image of Ocln in the colon from PBS group (n=9), heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* group (n=10) and live *B. adolescentis* group (n=11). Scale bar, 50 μ m. ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001, n.s. not significant. Source data and exact p -value are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 9 The soluble polysaccharides (SPS) derived from both live *B. adolescentis* and heat-inactivated *B. adolescentis* demonstrated similar structural characterization and comparable promotion effects *in vitro* colonoids models.

(a). Schematic diagrams of extracted SPS from heated-inactivated (95 °C) and non-heated *B. adolescentis*. (b-c). Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) and Derivative Thermogravimetry (DTG) curves of non-heated-derived SPS and heated-derived SPS (Above). Locally magnified curves at around 100 °C (Below). (d). Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images (at 500 × and 5000 × magnification) of non-heated-derived SPS and heated-derived SPS. (e). Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) profiles of non-heated-derived SPS and heated-derived SPS. (f). Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR) of non-heated-derived SPS and heated-derived SPS. (g). Nuclear ¹H magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectrum of non-heated-derived SPS and heated-derived SPS. (h). X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of non-heated-derived SPS and heated-derived SPS. (i). Circular dichroism (CD) spectrum of non-heated-derived SPS and heated-derived SPS. (j). Representative images in the organoid-forming capacity of crypts from PBS, heated derived SPS, non-heated derived SPS treated group. n = 3 independent experiments. Arrows indicate crypt domains. Scale bar, 100 μm. (k). Relative size of colonoids quantified on 7 and represented relative to PBS treated group. n = 3 independent experiments. Data were represented as mean ± SEM. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's multiple comparisons test. (l). Relative expression of *Lgr5* and *Ascl2* gene in PBS, heated derived SPS, non-heated derived SPS treated group. n = 3 independent experiments. Data were represented as mean ± SEM. Comparisons were performed by One-way ANOVA analysis followed by Tukey's multiple comparisons test, ***p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001. n.s. not significant. SPS, Soluble polysaccharides. Source data and exact *p*-value are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Table 1: Primers used for validation of the gene expression

Primers	Sequencing(5'-3')
<i>universal Eubacteria 16s-F</i>	CGGCAACGAGCGCAACCC
<i>universal Eubacteria 16s-R</i>	CCATTGTAGCACGTGTGTAGCC
<i>B. adolescentis-F</i>	CTCCGCCGCTGATCCGGAAGTCG
<i>B. adolescentis-R</i>	AACCAACTCGGCGATGTGGACGACA
mouse- <i>p16-F</i>	TGTTGAGGCTAGAGAGGATCTTG
mouse- <i>p16-R</i>	CGAATCTGCACCGTAGTTGAGC
mouse- <i>p21-F</i>	TCGCTGTCTTGCACCTCTGGTGT
mouse- <i>p21-R</i>	CCAATCTGCGCTTGGAGTGATAG
mouse- <i>p53-F</i>	CTGGTTAGTCCTGAGACAGAGG
mouse- <i>p53-R</i>	AGATGCAGCCAAACACAGGCAC
mouse- <i>Lgr5-F</i>	CCTACTCGAAGACTTACCCAGT
mouse- <i>Lgr5-R</i>	GCATTGGGGTGAATGATAGCA
mouse- <i>c-Myc-F</i>	GTCTTTCCCTACCCGCTCAA
mouse- <i>c-Myc-R</i>	TCTTCTTGCTCTTCTTCAGAGTCG
mouse- <i>CyclinD1-F</i>	GCAGAAGGAGATTGTGCCATCC
mouse- <i>CyclinD1-R</i>	AGGAAGCGGTCCAGGTAGTTCA
mouse- <i>Axin2-F</i>	ATGGAGTCCCTCCTTACCGCAT
mouse- <i>Axin2-R</i>	GTTCCACAGGCGTCATCTCCTT
mouse- <i>Notch1-F</i>	CACCAGGGTGGTCAGGAAAA
mouse- <i>Notch1-R</i>	GGGCAGCGACAGATGTATGA
mouse- <i>Dll1-F</i>	GCAGGACCTTCTTTTCGCGTAT
mouse- <i>Dll1-R</i>	AAGGGGAATCGGATGGGGTT
mouse- <i>Dll4-F</i>	TTCCAGGCAACCTTCTCCGA
mouse- <i>Dll4-R</i>	ACTGCCGCTATTCTTGTTCCC
mouse- <i>Jagged1-F</i>	CCTCGGGTCAGTTTGAGCTG
mouse- <i>Jagged1-R</i>	CCTTGAGGCACACTTTGAAGTA
mouse- <i>Wnt3a-F</i>	CTCGCTGGCTACCCAATTTG
mouse- <i>Wnt3a-R</i>	CTTCACACCTTCTGCTACGCT
mouse- <i>Wnt3-F</i>	CAAGCACAACAATGAAGCAGGC
mouse- <i>Wnt3-R</i>	TCGGGACTCACGGTGTTCCTC
mouse- <i>Wnt1-F</i>	ATGAACCTTCACAACAACGAG
mouse- <i>Wnt1-R</i>	GGTTGCTGCCTCGGTTG
mouse- <i>Wnt5a-R</i>	GGAACGAATCCACGCTAAGGGT
mouse- <i>Wnt5a-F</i>	AGCACGTCTTGAGGCTACAGGA
mouse- <i>Wnt11-F</i>	GCCTGTGAAGGACTCAGAACTTG
mouse- <i>Wnt11-R</i>	AGCTGTCACTGCCGTTGGAAGT
mouse- <i>Lyz1-F</i>	TACAACCGTGGAGACCGAAGCA
mouse- <i>Lyz1-R</i>	TGGCTGCAGTGATGTCATCCTG
mouse- <i>Reg4-F</i>	CTGGCTATCAGAGAAACCTGCC
mouse- <i>Reg4-R</i>	CTGGCTTCACTCTTTGTCCTGG
mouse- <i>Car4-F</i>	CCCTCTACTGAAGACTCAGGC
mouse- <i>Car4-R</i>	TCTCCTCCGATAATGCACGC
mouse- <i>cKit-F</i>	TCATCGAGTGTGATGGGAAA
mouse- <i>cKit-R</i>	GGTGACTTGTTTCAGGCACA
mouse- <i>Cd24a-F</i>	CCAAGCCTGTCCCGTTCC

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mouse- <i>Spib</i> -F	<i>TGCTCTGAACCACCATGCTT</i>
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human- <i>LGR5</i> _1F	<i>CCGCTTCCTGGAGGAGTTAC</i>
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human- <i>LYZ</i> _3F	<i>ACTACAATGCTGGAGACAGAAGC</i>
human- <i>LYZ</i> _3R	<i>GCACAAGCTACAGCATCAGCGA</i>
human- <i>REG4</i> _3F	<i>TGAGGAACTGGTCTGATGCCGA</i>
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human- β - <i>ACTIN</i> -F	<i>GTGAAGGTGACAGCAGTCGGTT</i>
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Supplementary Table S2: The gender and age of participants in human samples

Sample ID	Gender	Age
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QN3	M	39
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