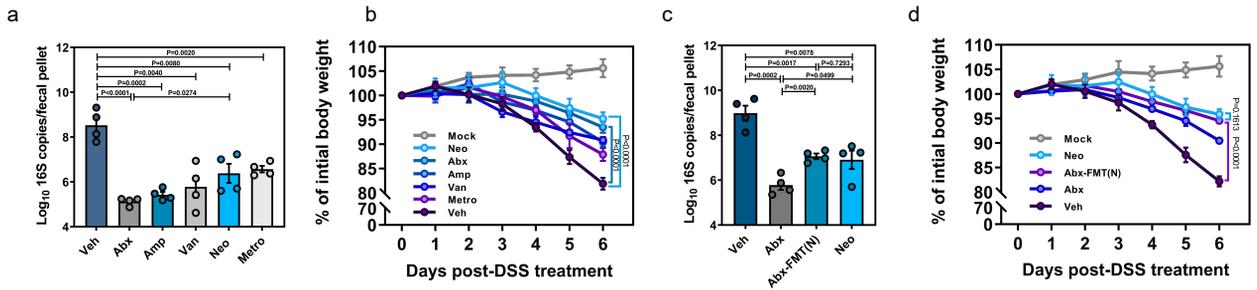


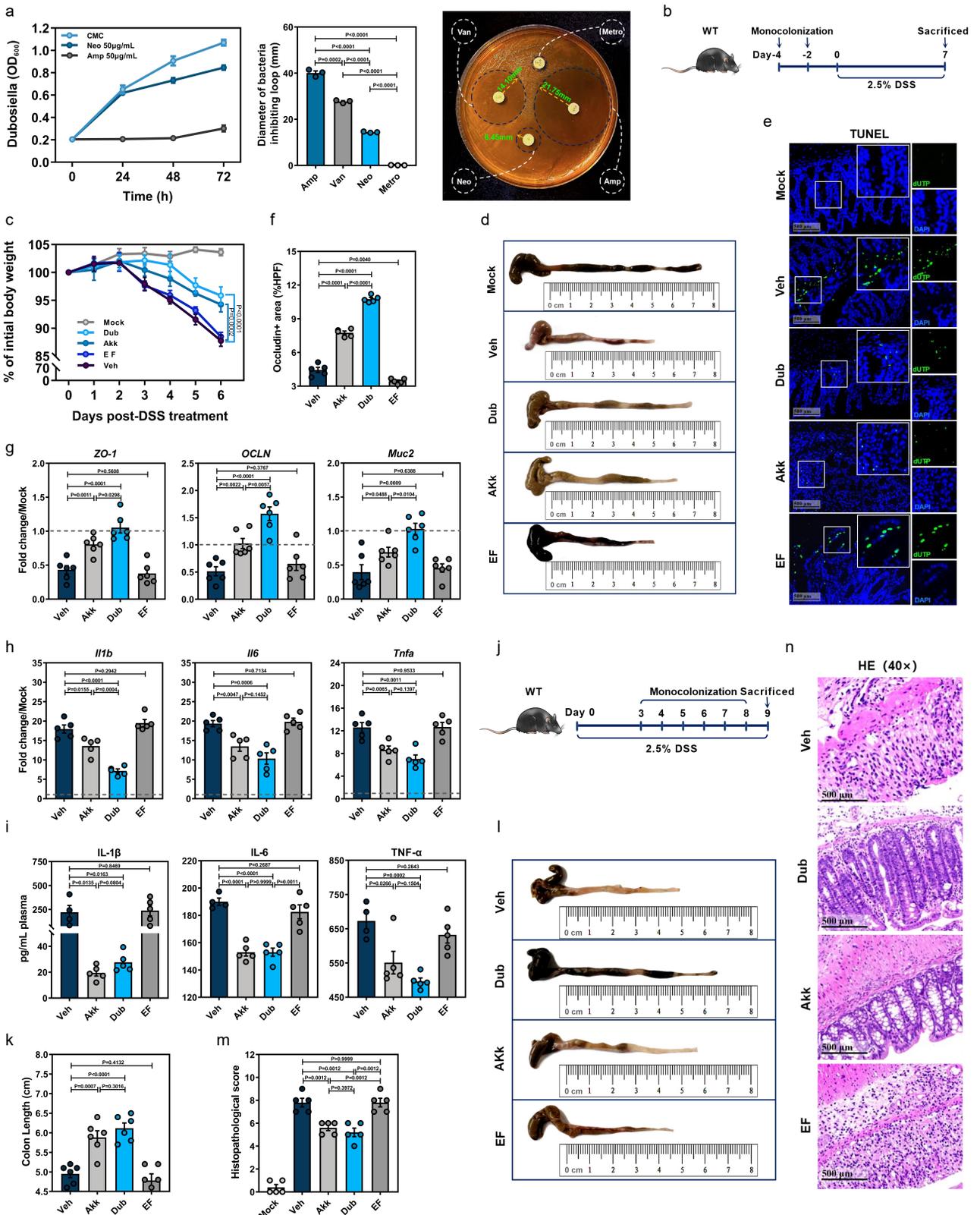
**Supplementary information for**

***Dubosiella newyorkensis* modulates immune tolerance in colitis  
through L-lysine-activated AhR-IDO1-Kyn metabolic circuitry**

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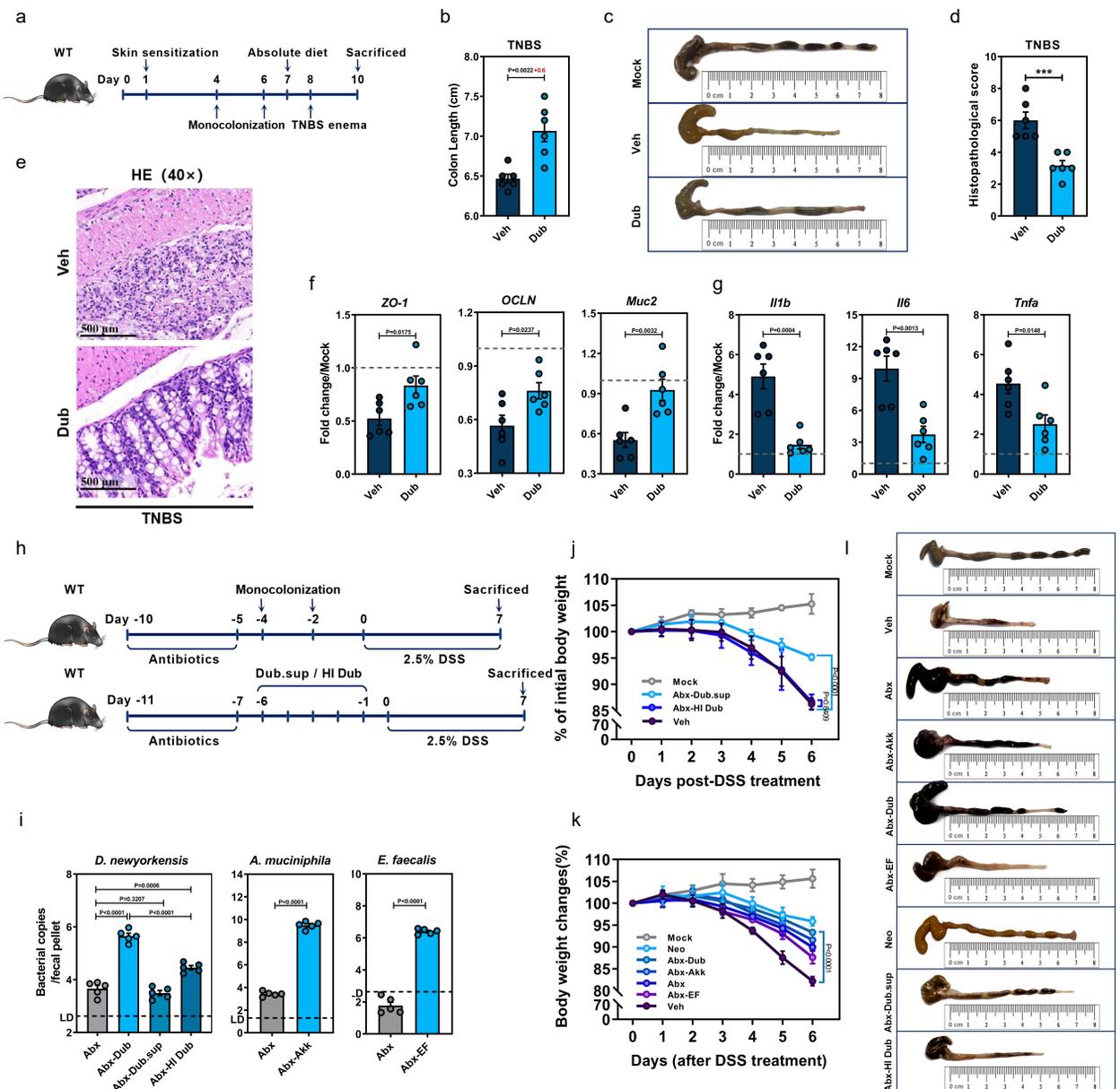


**Supplementary Fig. 1 Neomycin confers protection from DSS-induced colitis.** 16S rDNA copies per fecal pellet prior to DSS administration (n=4) (a) and daily body weight during DSS treatment (b) were determined in mice treated with vehicle, different single antibiotics (mock, Veh, Neo, n=6; Amp, Van, Metro, n=4) or in combination (Abx, n=4). (c) 16S rDNA copies per fecal pellet prior to DSS administration (n=4) and (d) daily body weight during DSS treatment in Abx-treated mice with or without fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) from Neo-treated mice (mock, Veh, n=5; Neo, Abx, FMT, n=4). Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as the mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests (a and c) and one-way ANOVA (b and d) were used for statistical analysis.



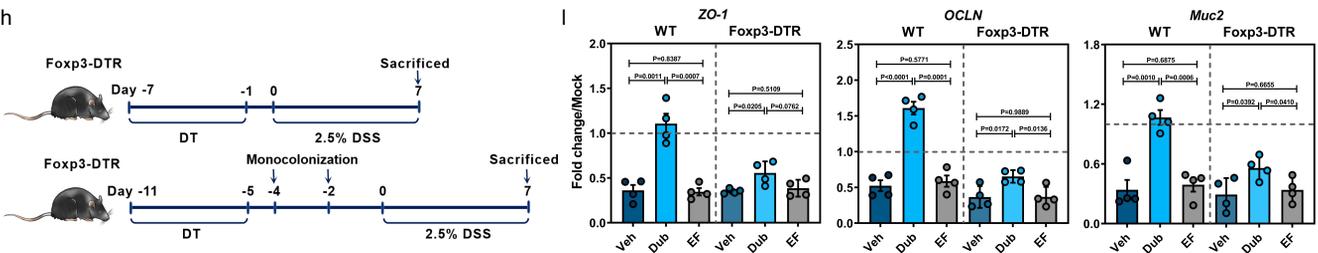
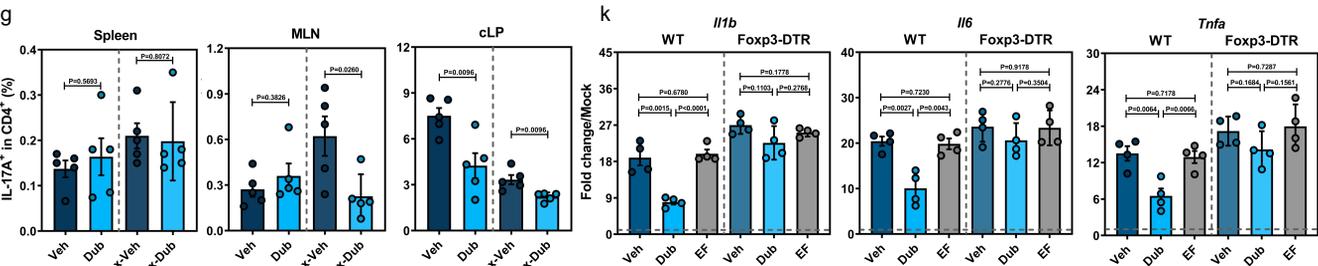
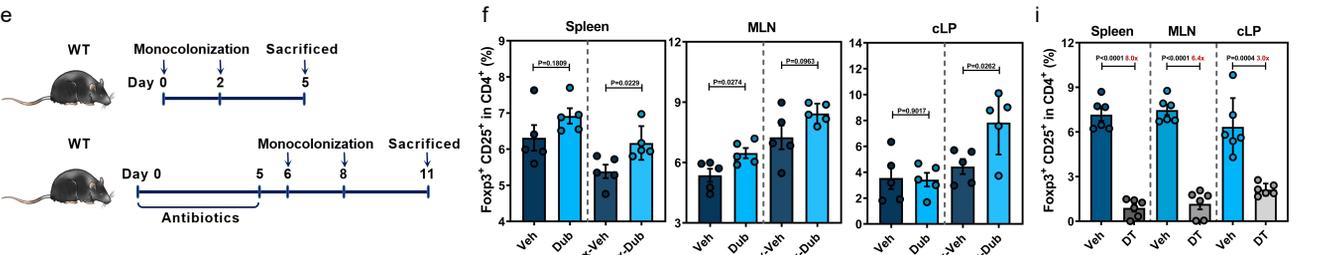
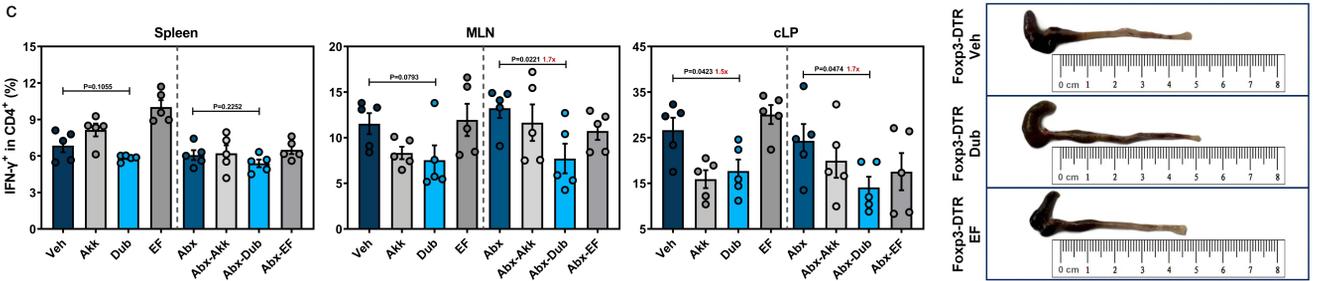
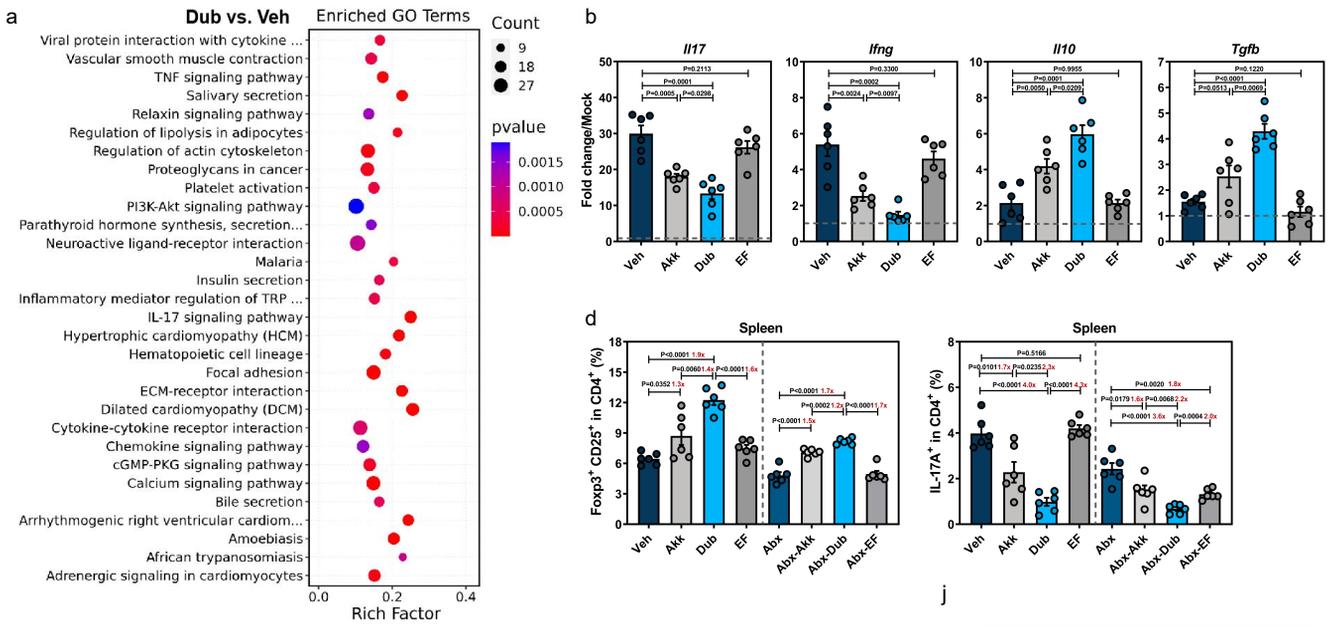
**Supplementary Fig. 2 Oral administration of *D. newyorkensis* reduces susceptibility to DSS-induced colitis. (a) *D. newyorkensis* (Dub) was grown for 72 h in chopped meat carbohydrate (CMC) media in the presence of 50 µg/mL neomycin (Neo) or ampicillin (Amp) or without antibiotics (CMC). OD<sub>600</sub> was measured**

every 24 h. Diameter of bacteria inhibiting loop was determined after culture of Dub in the presence of Amp, Van, Neo or Metro (n=3). (b-i) Conventional wild-type C57BL/6J mice were colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of *D. newyorkensis* (Dub), *A. muciniphila* (Akk), *E. faecalis* (EF) or vehicle (Veh) twice with 2-day break in between, then treated with DSS as previously described. (c) Body weight was monitored daily from D0 to D6 post-DSS treatment (n=4). At D7 post-DSS administration, colon samples were collected to determine colon length (d), colonic cell apoptosis by TUNEL staining (e) and Occludin-positive area by IFA (n=5) (f). The expression of *ZO-1*, *OCN* and *Muc2* in colonic intestinal epithelial cells (cIECs) (n=6) (g), and the level of *Il1b*, *Il6* and *Tnfa* in colonic lamina propria cells (cLPs) (h) were determined by qRT-PCR (n=5). Serum levels of IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6 and TNF- $\alpha$  were examined by ELISA (Veh, n=4; Akk, Dub, EF, n=5) (i). (j-n) Conventional WT mice (n=6) were treated with 2.5% DSS in drinking water for 3 days and gavaged with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of Dub, Akk or EF daily from the 3rd day to the 8<sup>th</sup> day in addition to 2.5% DSS. At D9 post-DSS treatment, colon length (n=6) (k and l) and histopathological score by HE staining (n=5) (m and n) were examined. Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests and one-way ANOVA (c) were used for statistical analysis.

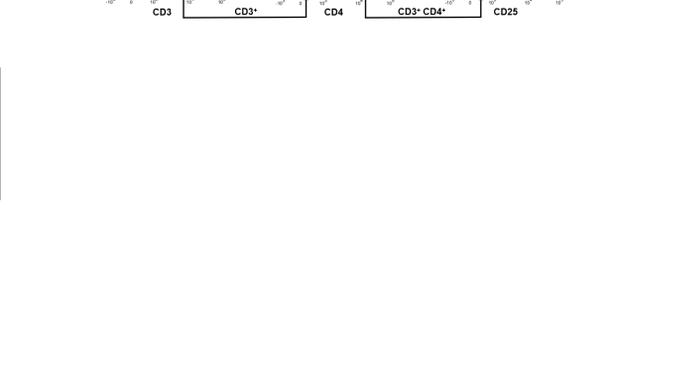
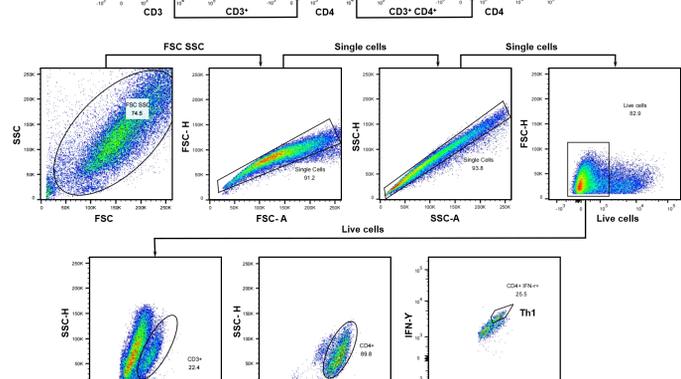
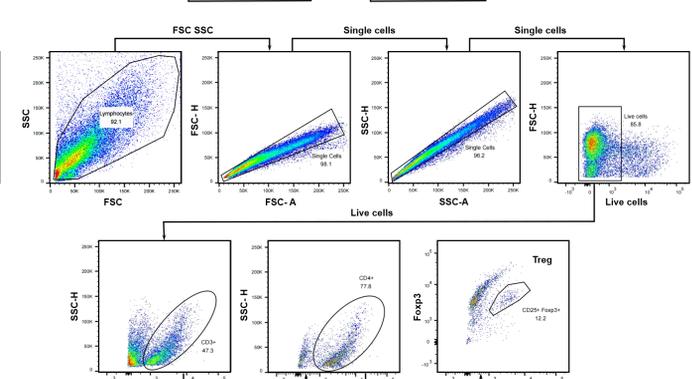
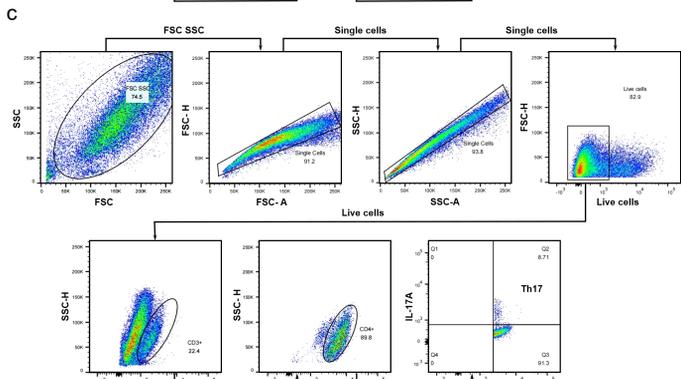
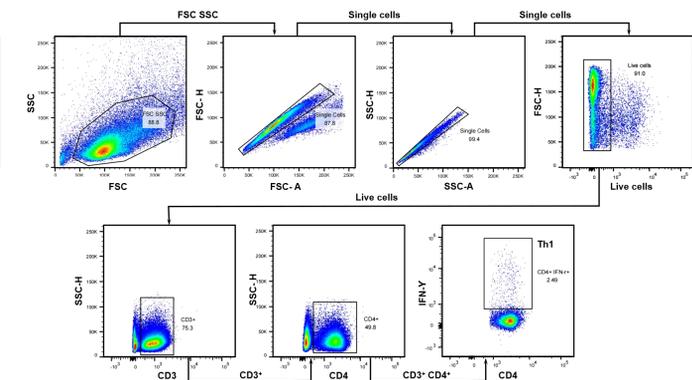
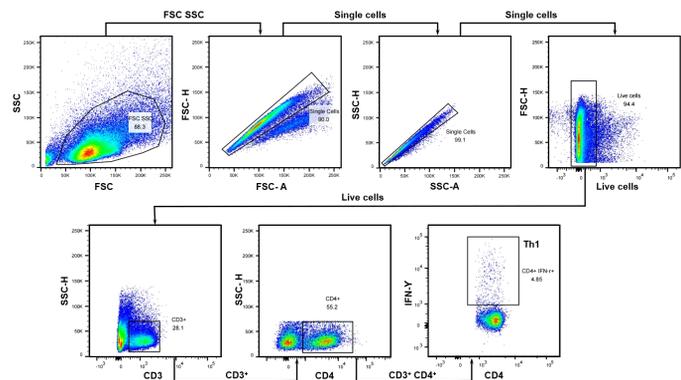
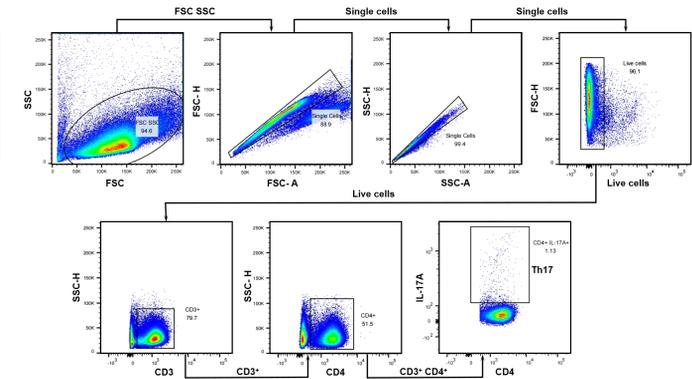
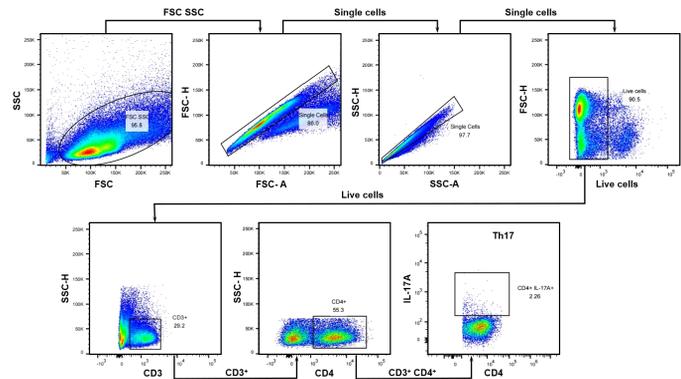
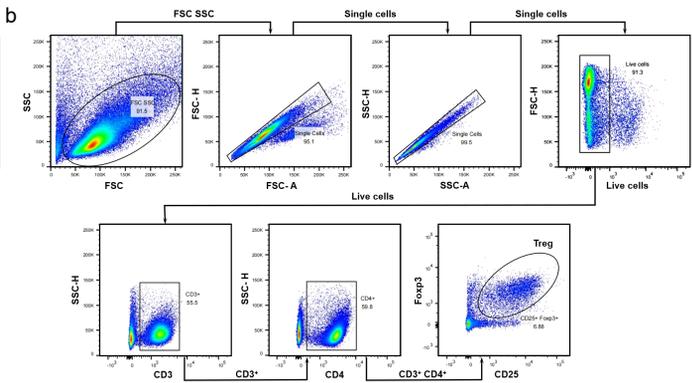
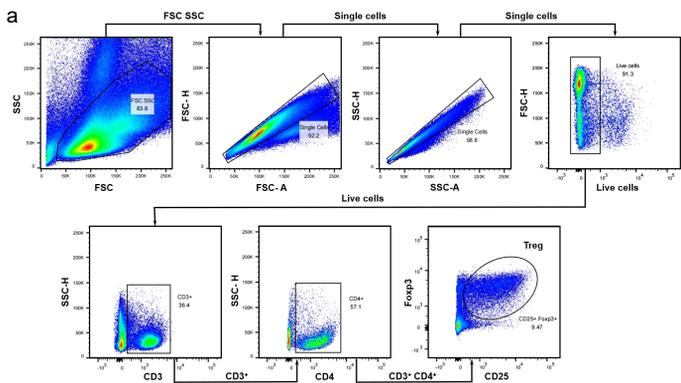


**Supplementary Fig. 3 Oral administration of *D. newyorkensis* reduces susceptibility to chemically induced colitis.** (a) Schematic showing administration schedule for TNBS in *D. newyorkensis* (Dub)-colonized ( $10^9$  CFU) or noncolonized mice. Measurement of colon length (b and c) and histopathological evaluation (d) by HE staining (e) was performed. The expression of ZO-1, OCLN and Muc2 in colonic intestinal epithelial cells (cIECs) (f), and the level of *Il1b*, *Il6* and *Tnfa* in the colonic lamina propria cells (cLPs) (g) was determined by qRT-PCR (n=6). (h) Schematic showing oral gavage in Abx-treated mice with different bacterial strains ( $10^9$  CFU of Dub, *A. muciniphila* [Akk], or *E. faecalis* [EF]), or treatment with heat-inactivated (HI) Dub or Dub culture supernatant (Dub.sup) before DSS exposure. (i) qPCR determination of

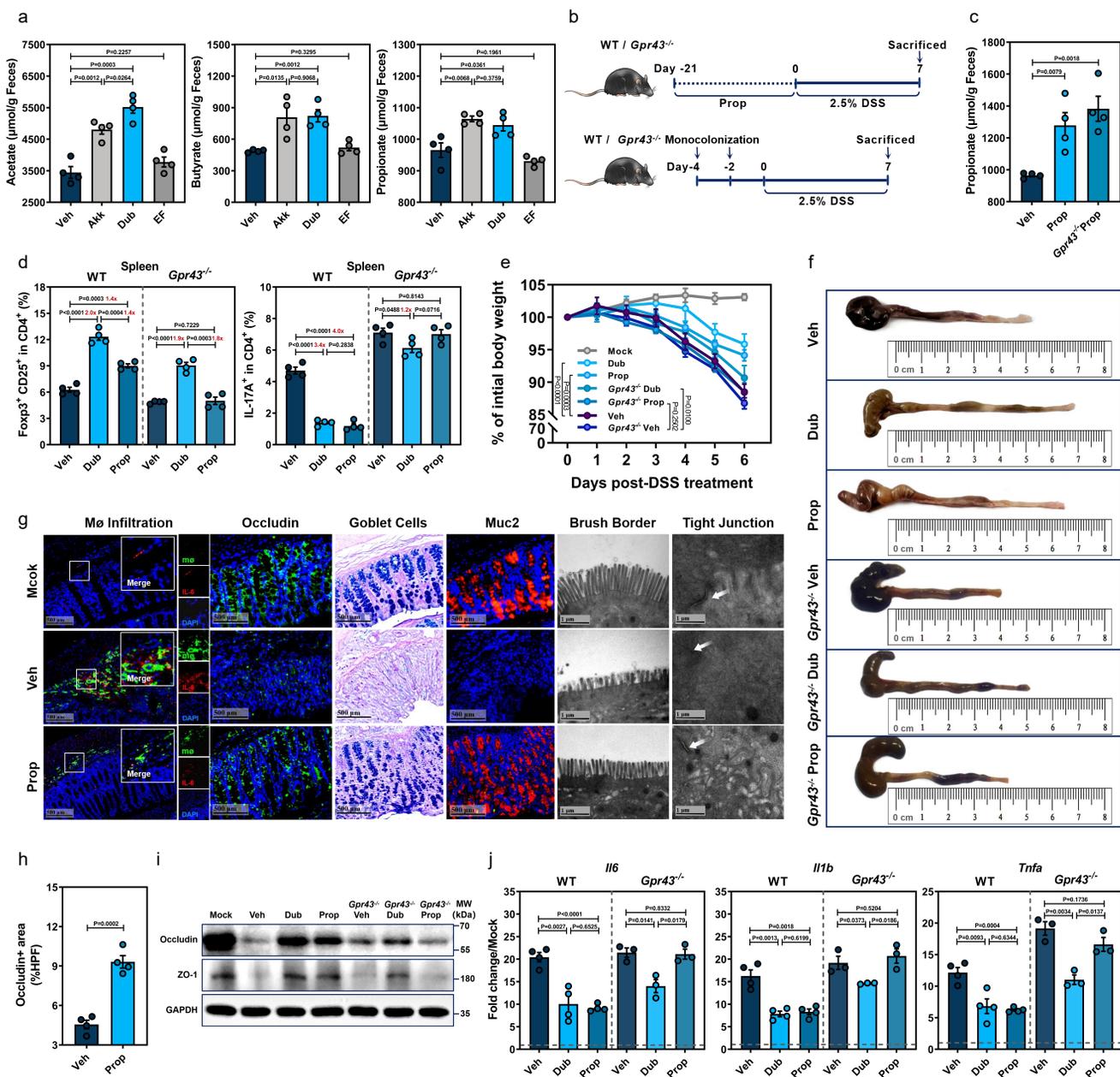
Dub, Akk or EF genomic copies in fecal samples from Abx-treated mice with or without bacterial colonization prior to DSS administration (n=5). Body weight of Abx-mice treated with HI Dub, Dub.sup or Veh (mock, n=4; Veh, Abx-Dub.sup, n=6, Abx-HI Dub, n=5) (j) and body weight of Abx-treated mice colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of different bacterial strains (mock, Veh, n=5; Neo, Abx-Dub, Abx-Akk, Abx-EF, n=4) (k) were documented every day from D0 to D6 post-DSS treatment. (l) Colon length of Abx-treated mice colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of different bacterial strains, or treated with HI Dub or Dub.sup was measured at D7 post-DSS treatment (n=5). Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests and one-way ANOVA (j and k) were used for statistical analysis.



**Supplementary Fig. 4 *D. newyorkensis* mitigates DSS-induced colitis by modulating CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs.** (a) KEGG analysis of differentially expressed genes in colon samples between vehicle (Veh)-treated (n=3) and *D. newyorkensis* (Dub)-colonized wild-type C57BL/6J mice (n=4) at D7 post-DSS treatment. (b) qRT-PCR of indicated cytokines in colonic lamina propria mononuclear cells from conventional WT mice colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of Dub, *A. muciniphila* (Akk), *E. faecalis* (EF), or Veh (n=6). (c) IFN $\gamma$ <sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in spleen, mesenteric lymph nodes (MLN) and colonic lamina propria (cLP) of conventional or Abx-treated WT mice colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of Dub, Akk or EF (n=5). (d) Splenic CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs and IL-17<sup>+</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in conventional or Abx-treated WT mice colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of Dub, Akk or EF (n=6). (e-g) Conventional or Abx-treated WT mice were colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of Dub or Veh twice with a 48-h interval without DSS exposure (n=5). CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs (f) and IL-17<sup>+</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (g) in spleen, MLN or cLP of conventional or Abx-treated WT mice colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of Dub or Veh at D3 following the second bacterial colonization. (h-l) Conventional WT or diphtheria toxin (DT)-injected Foxp3-DTR mice were colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of Dub or EF. Depletion of CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs in the spleen, MLN or cLP of Foxp3-DTR mice treated with or without DT was verified by flow cytometry (i) prior to DSS exposure (n=6). At D7 post-DSS administration, colon length (n=5) (j) was measured and the expression levels of *Il1b*, *Il6* and *Tnfa* in cLPs (k) and *ZO-1*, *OCLN* and *Muc2* in colonic intestinal epithelial cells (IECs) (l) were determined by qRT-PCR (n=4). Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests were used for statistical analysis.

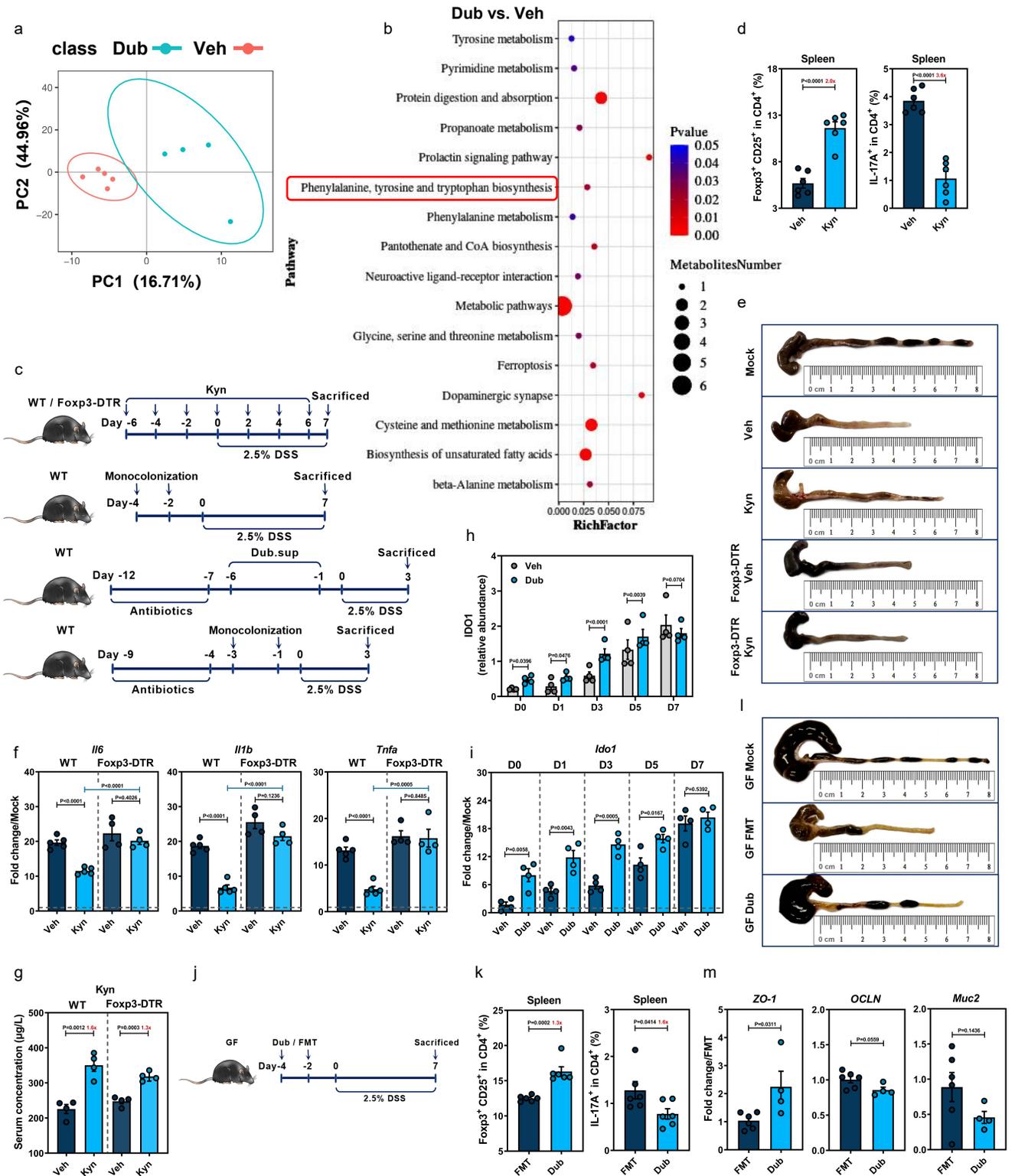


**Supplementary Fig. 5 Flow cytometry gating scheme of CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs, IL-17<sup>+</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and IFN $\gamma$ <sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in different tissues.** Representative flow cytometry plots showing gating strategy for the indicated T cell subsets from spleen (a), mesenteric lymph nodes (MLN) (b) and colonic lamina propria (cLP) (c).



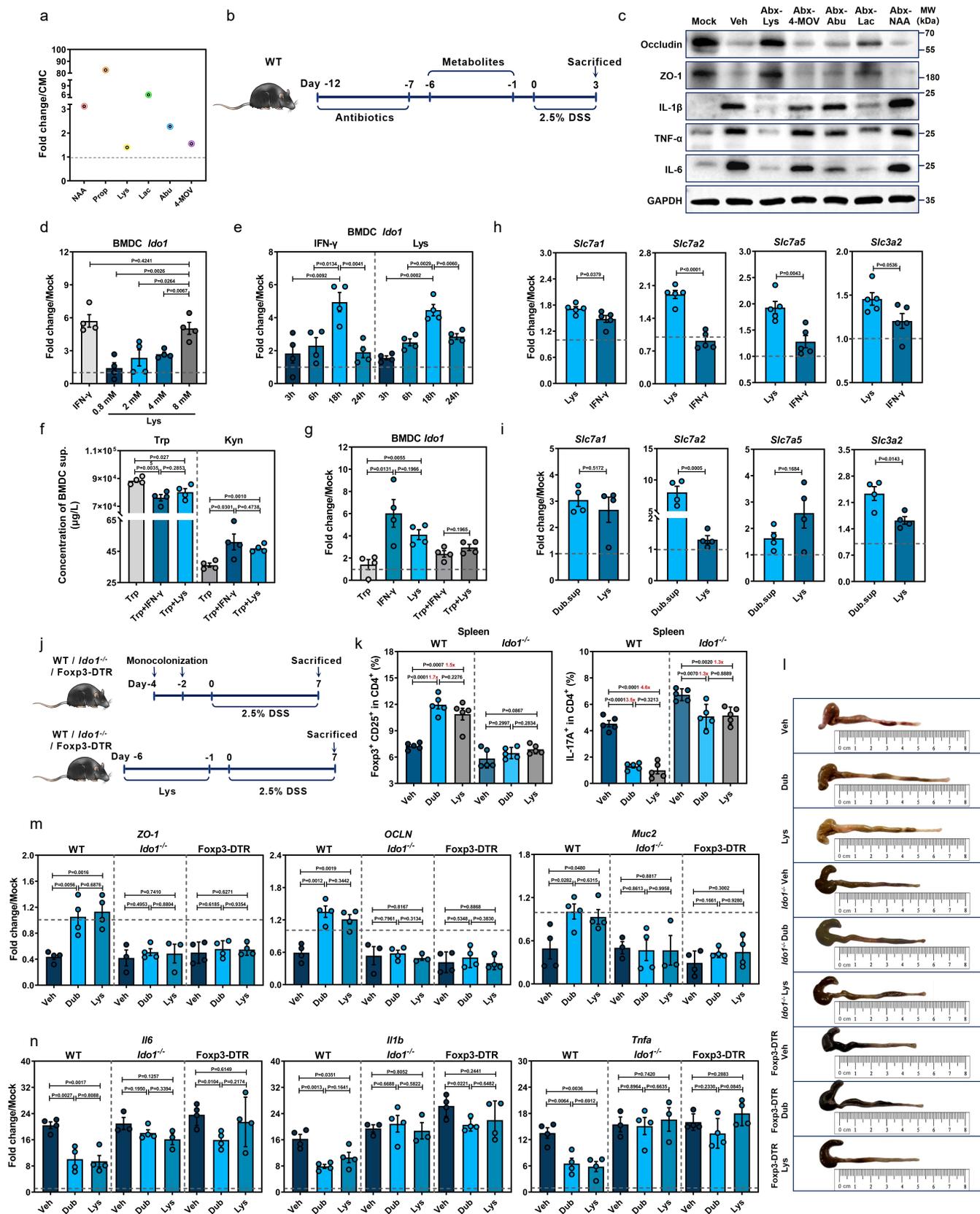
**Supplementary Fig. 6 Oral administration of propionate suppresses DSS-induced colon injury by modulating CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup> Tregs in a GPR43-dependent manner.** Concentration of short-chain fatty acids (SCFA) were determined in fecal samples (a) collected from conventional wild-type C57BL/6J mice (WT) colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of *D. newyorkensis* (Dub), *A. muciniphila* (Akk), *E. faecalis* (EF), or vehicle (Veh) before DSS administration (n=4). (b-j) Conventional WT or *Gpr43*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were colonized with Dub (10<sup>9</sup> CFU) twice or administered propionate (Prop, 150 mM) in drinking water for 3 weeks and concentration of Prop in fecal samples was determined (c) before DSS administration (n=4). (d) Splenic CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs and IL-17+ CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in Dub-colonized, Prop- or Veh-treated conventional WT or *Gpr43*<sup>-/-</sup> mice at D7 post-DSS administration (n=4). Body weight (e) was monitored daily from D0 to D6

post-DSS administration (n=4). Colon length (f), macrophage infiltration and parameters regarding mucosal barrier conditions described in Fig. 2c-d were determined in Prop- or Veh-treated conventional WT mice (n=4) (g-i). (j) Expression of *Il1b*, *Il6* and *Tnfa* in the colonic lamina propria of Dub-colonized or Prop- or Veh-treated conventional WT or *Gpr43*<sup>-/-</sup> mice was determined by qRT-PCR (WT, n=4; *Gpr43*<sup>-/-</sup>, n=3). Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests and one-way ANOVA (e) were used for statistical analysis.



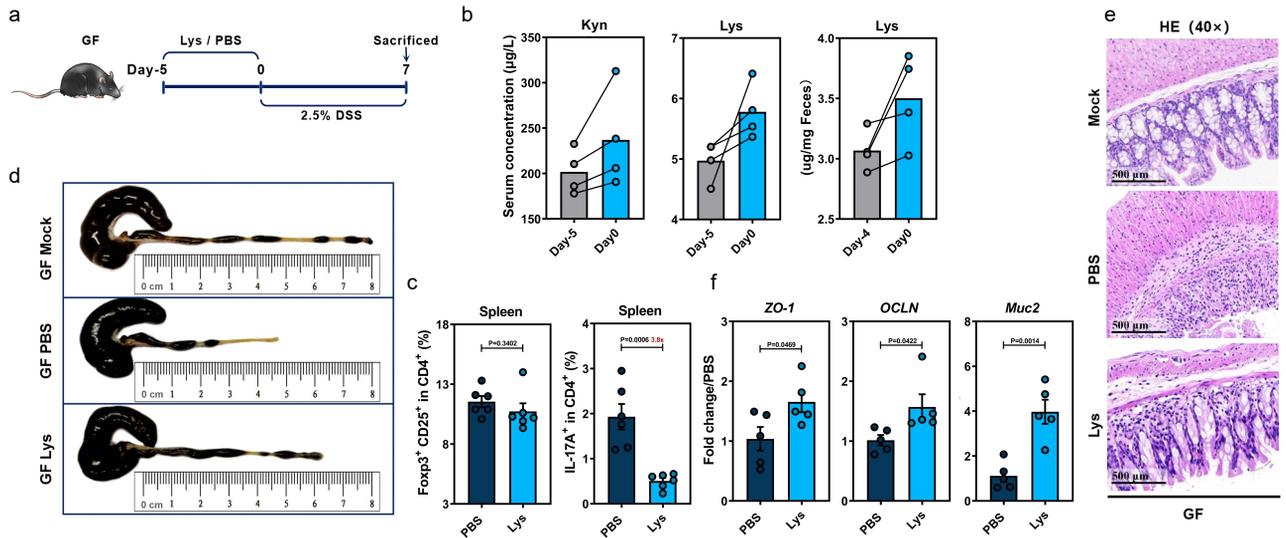
**Supplementary Fig. 7** Colonization by *D. newyorkensis* enhances Trp metabolism in dendritic cells to ameliorate DSS-induced inflammation in a Treg-dependent manner. PCA (a) and KEGG analysis (b) of differentially expressed metabolites in colon samples from conventional wild-type C57BL/6J mice (WT) colonized with  $10^9$  CFU of *D. newyorkensis* (Dub, n=5) or vehicle (Veh, n=4) at D7 post-DSS administration. (c) Study schematics showing kynurenine (Kyn) protection study (top), detection of colonic IDO1

expression in Dub-colonized and noncolonized conventional WT mice during the course of DSS administration, and detection of IDO1 expression in colon-specific cell types of Dub.sup-treated or Dub-colonized Abx-treated mice in the presence of DSS. (e-g) Conventional WT or DT-treated Foxp3-DTR mice (n=6) were treated with Kyn and subjected to DSS (d) Splenic CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs and IL-17<sup>+</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in Veh- or Kyn-treated conventional WT mice at D7 post-DSS administration. Comparison of colon length (n=4) (e) and proinflammatory cytokine expression in colonic lamina propria (f) between Kyn-treated and untreated WT or Foxp3-DTR mice (WT, n=5; Foxp3-DTR, n=4). (g) Serum Kyn concentrations of both mouse strains were detected before exposure to DSS (n=4). (h) Quantification of proteins in Fig. 4h. The protein levels of IDO1 were normalized to those of GAPDH (n=4). (i) Kinetics of colonic *Ido1* expression in Dub-colonized and noncolonized conventional WT mice during the course of DSS administration by qRT-PCR (n=4). (j-m) Germ-free (GF) mice received fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) from conventional WT mice or were colonized with Dub (10<sup>6</sup> CFU) before DSS administration. Splenic CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs and IL-17<sup>+</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (n=6) (k), colon length (l) and expression of *ZO-1*, *OCN* and *Muc2* in colonic intestinal epithelial cells of Dub-colonized or FMT-treated GF mice at D7 post-DSS administration (FMT, n=6; Dub, n=4) (m). Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests were used for statistical analysis.

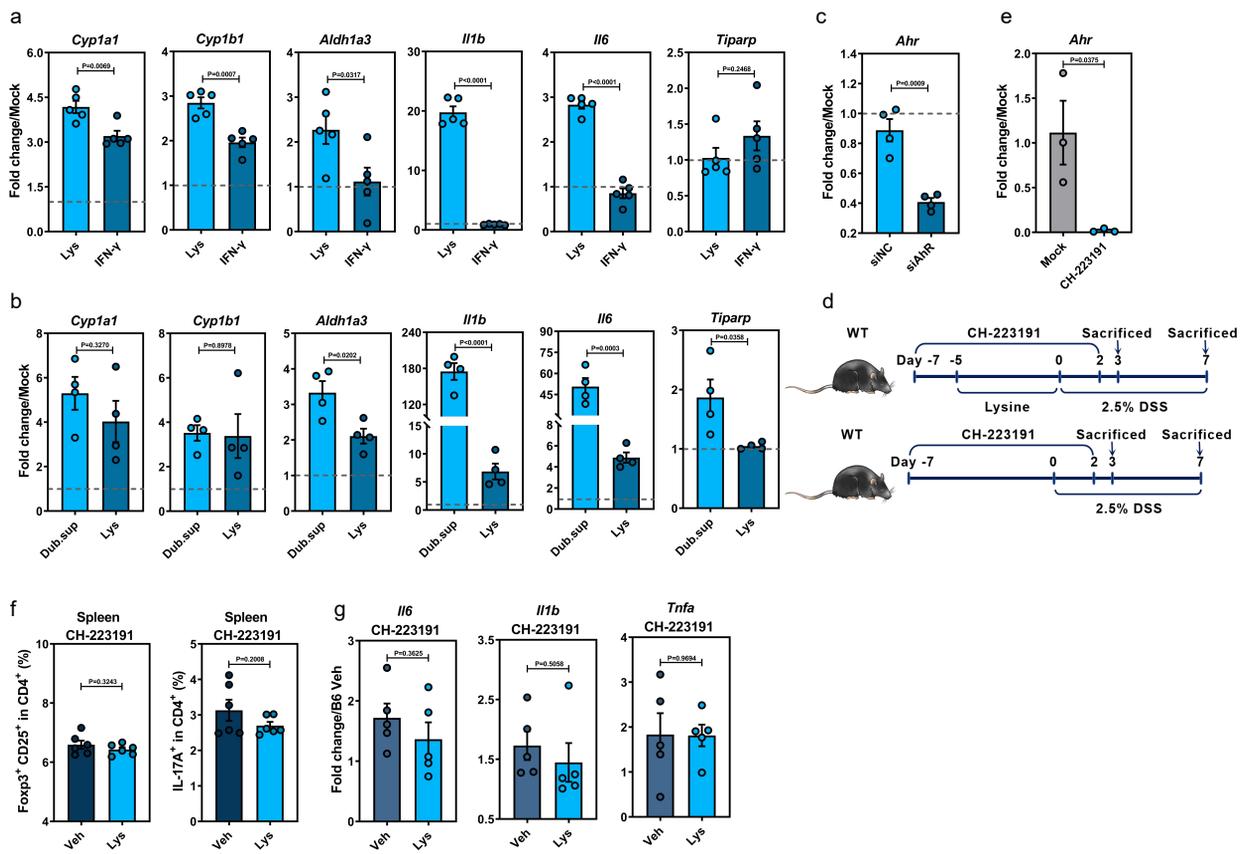


**Supplementary Fig. 8 D. *newyorkensis*-derived Lys augments IDO1-mediated Trp metabolism in dendritic cells to modulate Treg-dependent immune tolerance. (a) Relative abundance of positive or**

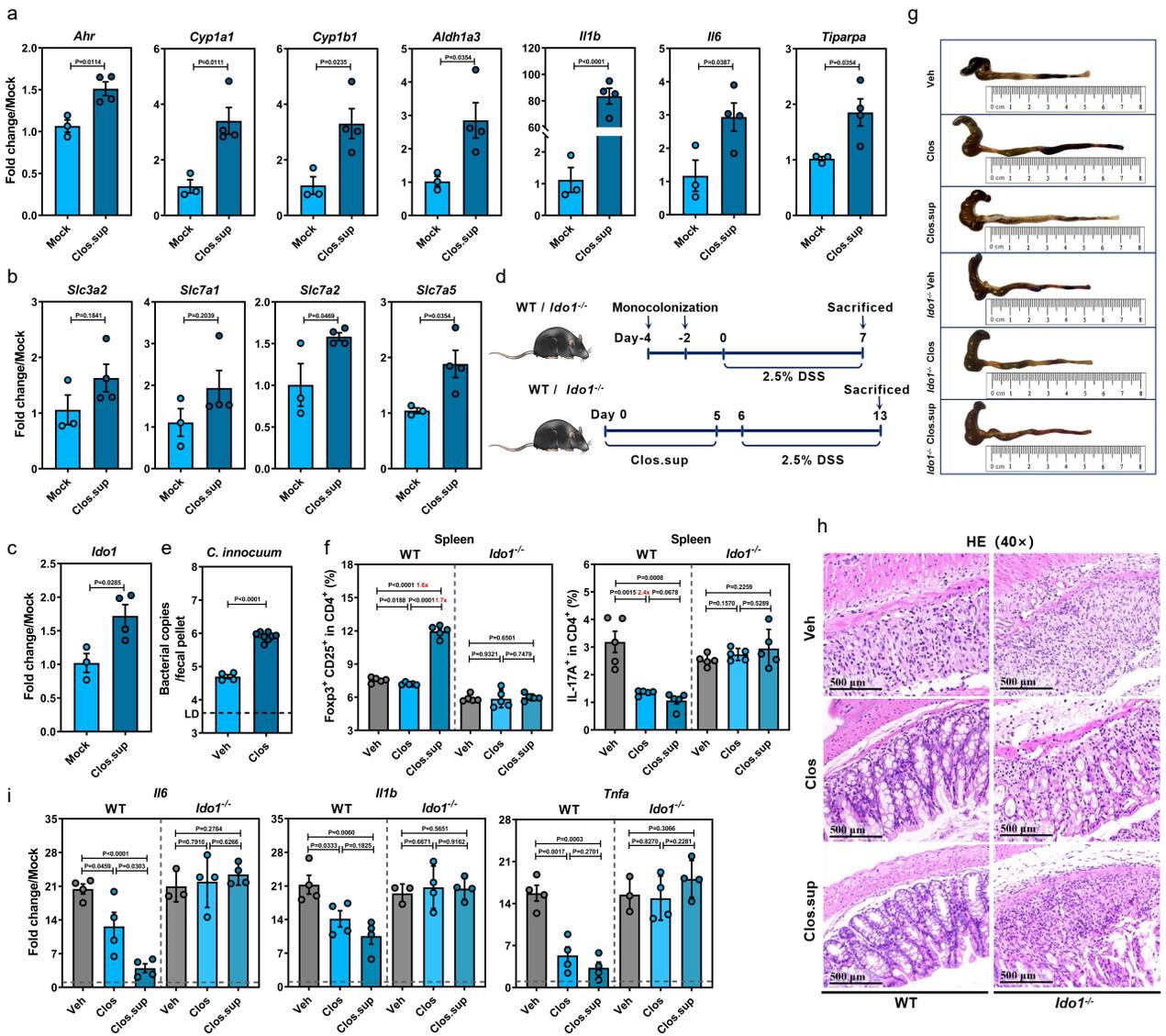
negative metabolites in Dub cultured supernatant (Dub.sup). (b) Schematics showing Abx-treated wild-type C57BL/6J mice (WT) treated with metabolites and subjected to DSS administration. At D7 post-DSS treatment, the protein expression of ZO-1, Occludin and proinflammatory cytokines IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6 and TNF- $\alpha$  (c) in colon samples were determined by western blot. (d) *Ido1* expression in mouse bone marrow-derived dendritic cells (BMDCs) treated with different doses of Lys (n=4). (e) *Ido1* expression in mouse BMDCs at indicated time points post Lys or IFN- $\gamma$  treatment (n=4). Concentration of Trp and kynurenine (Kyn) in the culture SUP (f) and *Ido1* expression (g) of mouse BMDCs treated with Lys or IFN- $\gamma$  in the presence of Trp (n=4). Expression of Lys transporters SLC7A1 and SLC7A2, and Trp transporters SLC7A5 and SLC3A2 in Lys- or IFN- $\gamma$ -treated BMDCs extracted from conventional WT mice (n=5) (h), and in the Lys- or Dub.sup-treated BMDCs extracted from GF mice (n=4) (i). For the experiments shown in (d-i) above, the following were used: Lys (8 mM), IFN- $\gamma$  (20 ng/mL) and Trp (100 mg/L). (j) Study schematics showing conventional WT, DT-treated Foxp3-DTR or *Ido1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice colonized with 10<sup>9</sup> CFU of Dub or treated with 20 mg/kg Lys and subjected to DSS administration. At D7 post-DSS administration, splenic CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs and IL-17<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (n=5) (k), colon length (n=4) (l), expression of *ZO-1*, *OCLN* and *Muc2* in colonic intestinal epithelial cells (m), and expression of *Il1b*, *Il6* and *Tnfa* in the colonic lamina propria (n) were determined (WT, Foxp3-DTR, n=4; *Ido1*<sup>-/-</sup> Veh, *Ido1*<sup>-/-</sup> Lys, n=3; *Ido1*<sup>-/-</sup> Dub, n=4). Plotted data represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests were used for statistical analysis.



**Supplementary Fig. 9 Lys augments Trp metabolism to modulate Treg-dependent immune tolerance in GF mice.** (a) Study schematic showing germ-free (GF) mice treated with 20 mg/kg Lys and subjected to DSS administration. (b) Comparison of kynurenine (Kyn) and Lys concentrations in the sera of GF mice before and after Lys treatment (n=4); Lys concentration in the feces of GF mice before and after *D. newyorkensis* (Dub) colonization (see Fig. S7j). At D7 post-DSS administration, splenic CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs and IL-17<sup>+</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (n=6) (c), colon length (n=5) (d), histopathological evaluation by HE staining (e) and expression of *ZO-1*, *OCLN* and *Muc2* in colonic intestinal epithelial cells (n=5) (f) were determined. Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests were used for statistical analysis.



**Supplementary Fig. 10 Lys activates AhR in DCs to induce Treg-mediated immunosuppression in DSS-induced colitis.** Expression of AhR target genes in Lys- or IFN- $\gamma$ -treated BMDCs extracted from conventional wild-type C57BL/6J mice (WT, n=5) (a), and in the Lys- or Dub.supp-treated BMDCs extracted from GF mice at 6 h post-treatment (n=4) (b). For the experiments shown in (a-b) above, the following were used: Lys (8 mM) and IFN- $\gamma$  (20 ng/mL). (c) qRT-PCR of *Ahr* mRNA in WT mouse BMDCs transfected with negative control (siNC) or AhR-specific small interfering RNA (siAhR) at 24 h (n=4). (d) Study schematics showing Lys-treated (20 mg/kg) conventional WT mice with or without 10 mg/kg CH-223191 intervention before DSS exposure. (e) qRT-PCR of *Ahr* mRNA in colonic lamina propria mononuclear cells from CH-223191-treated or untreated conventional WT mice (n=3). Splenic CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs and IL-17<sup>+</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (n=6) (f) and expression of *Il1b*, *Il6* and *Tnfa* in the colonic lamina propria were determined (n=5) (g). Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests were used for statistical analysis.



**Supplementary Fig. 11 *C. innocuum* is the homologue of *D. newyorkensis* in mouse models, protecting against DSS-induced colitis in an IDO1-dependent manner.** (a-c) Bone marrow-derived dendritic cells from germ-free (GF) mice were treated with *C. innocuum* culture supernatant (Clos.sup) (mock, n=3; Clos.sup, n=4). Expression of *Ahr* and target genes (*Cyp1a1*, *Cyp1b1*, *Aldh1a3*, *Il1b*, *Il6*, *Tiparpa*) (a), and genes encoding Lys and Trp transporters (*Slc3a2*, *Slc7a1*, *Slc7a2*, and *Slc7a5*) (b) were quantified at 6 h post-treatment, and *Idol* expression was quantified at 18 h post-treatment by qRT-PCR (c). (d) Study schematics showing conventional wild-type C57BL/6J mice (WT) or *Idol*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (n=5-6) colonized with *C. innocuum* (10<sup>9</sup> CFU, Clos) twice or administrated with *C. innocuum* supernatant (Clos.sup) for 5 days and then exposed to DSS treatment. (e) qPCR quantification of Clos genomic copies in fecal samples from Clos-colonized or noncolonized WT mice before DSS treatment (n=4). (f-i) At D7 post-DSS

administration, splenic CD25<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup>Tregs and IL-17<sup>+</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (n=5) (f), colon length (n=4) (g), histopathological evaluation by HE staining (h) and expression of *Il1b*, *Il6* and *Tnfa* in the colonic lamina propria were determined (WT, n=4; *Ido1*<sup>-/-</sup> Veh, n=3; *Ido1*<sup>-/-</sup> Clos, *Ido1*<sup>-/-</sup> Clos.sup, n=4) (i). Results are representative of data generated in at least two independent experiments and are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Unpaired 2-tailed Student's *t*-tests were used for statistical analysis.