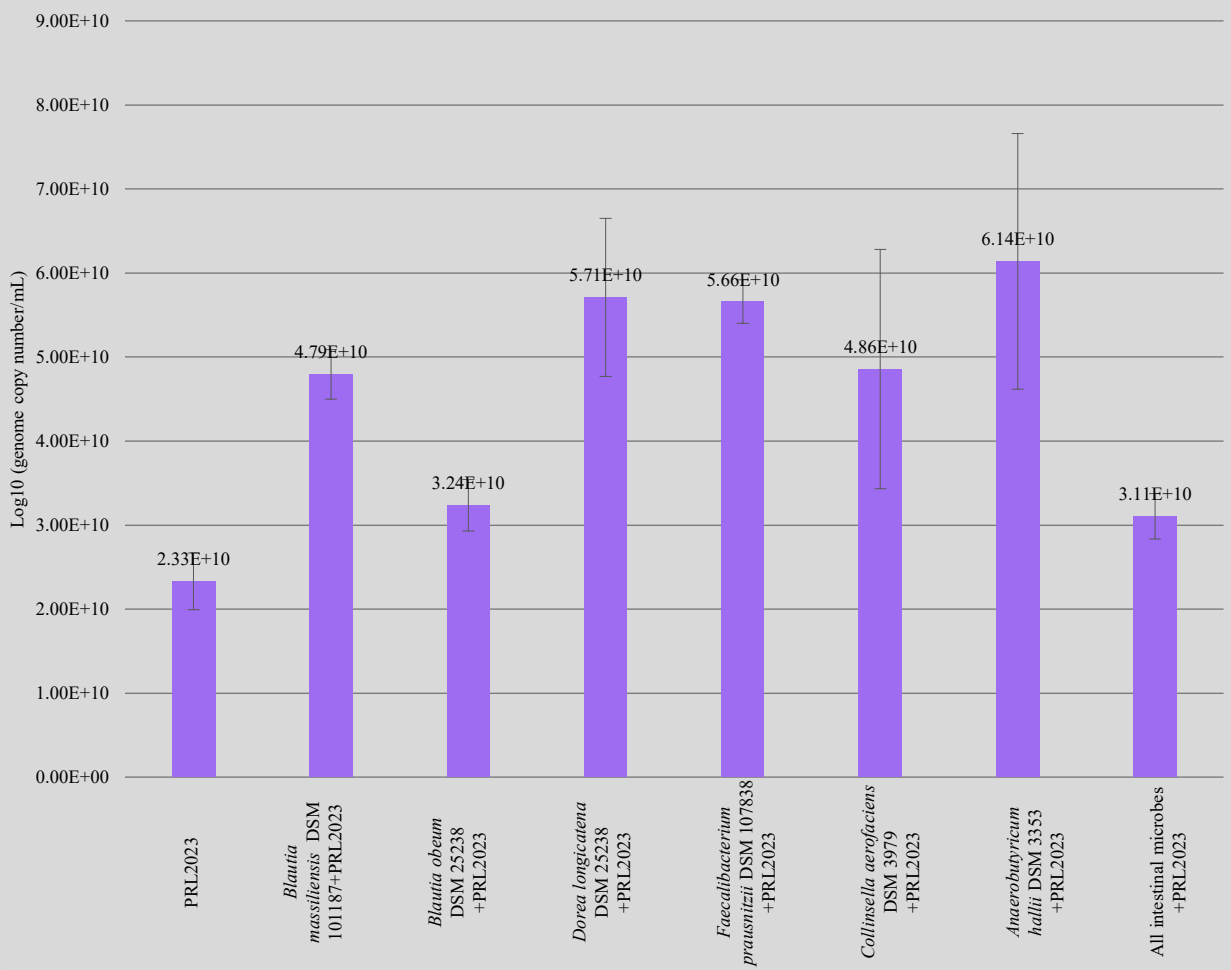


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**Figure S1.** Quantitative PCR evaluation of the numerical load of *B. adolescentis* PRL2023 in bi- and multi-association assays. The graph reports the average abundances of the prototype in the different co-cultivation assays.