

1 **Supplementary data**

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3 **Ovomucin and its hydrolysates differentially influenced colitis severity in *Citrobacter*** 4 ***rodentium*-infected mice**

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14 **Figure captions**

15 **Fig S1.** Expression levels of tight junction protein occludin and ZO-1 in mouse colon tissues
16 at 7 dpi. Data are expressed as mean \pm SEM (n=8). Ctrl, untreated control group; OVM,
17 ovomucin group; OP, ovomucin-protex 26L hydrolysate group; OPP, ovomucin-
18 pepsin/pancreatin hydrolysate group.

19 **Fig S2.** Comparison of relative abundance of bacterial taxonomies before *C. rodentium*
20 infection. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, # $P < 0.1$, according to the Kruskal-Wallis test combined with
21 Dunn's test.

22 **Fig S3.** Comparison of relative abundance of bacterial taxonomies at 7dpi. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P <$
23 0.01 , # $P < 0.1$, according to the Kruskal-Wallis test combined with Dunn's test.

24 **Fig S4.** Growth of *C. rodentium* in M9 minimal media supplemented with 2.5% of OP and
25 OPP. (A) Optical density at 600nm of *C. rodentium* after 6 h culture in M9 media. (B) *C.*
26 *rodentium* quantification after cultivation in M9 media for different time periods. Data are
27 expressed as mean \pm SEM (n=3-4). Groups that do not share a letter are significantly different
28 (one-way ANOVA and Tukey's test) ($\alpha = 0.05$).

29 **Fig S5.** Effects of OP and OPP on CMT-93 cell viability. Cells grown on 96-well plates were
30 treated with OP or OPP at concentrations ranging from 0.1% to 2.5% for 24 h before being
31 incubated with the alamarBlue solution in dark for 4. Fluorescence densities were detected with
32 the excitation and emission wavelengths being 560 nm and 590 nm, respectively. Data are
33 indicated by mean \pm SEM.

34 **Fig S6.** *C. rodentium* adhesion to CMT-93 cells after 5 h incubation in DMEM supplemented
35 with 2.5% of OP and OPP. Data are expressed as mean \pm SEM. Groups that do not share a
36 letter are significantly different (Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's test) ($\alpha = 0.05$).

37 **Table S1.** Primers for real-time PCR analysis

Fig. S1

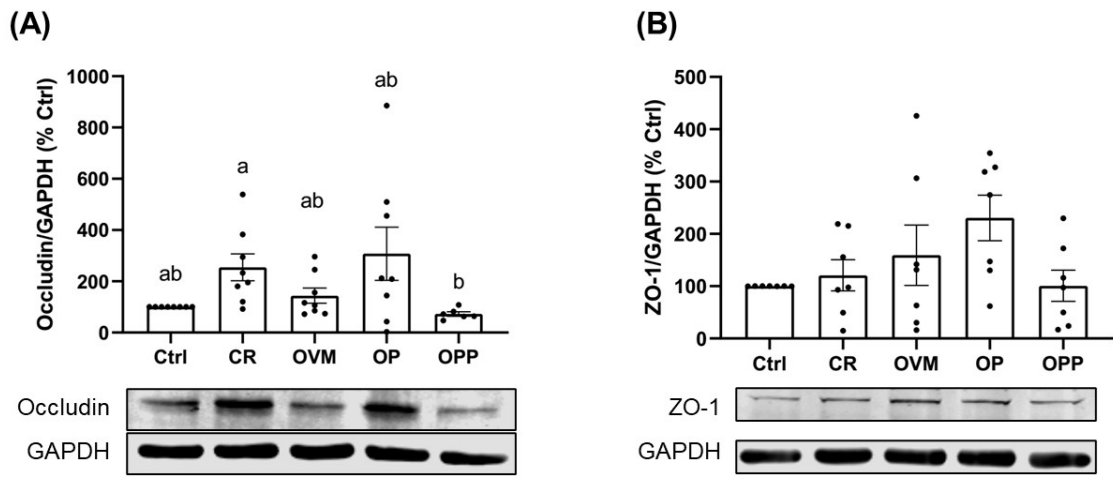
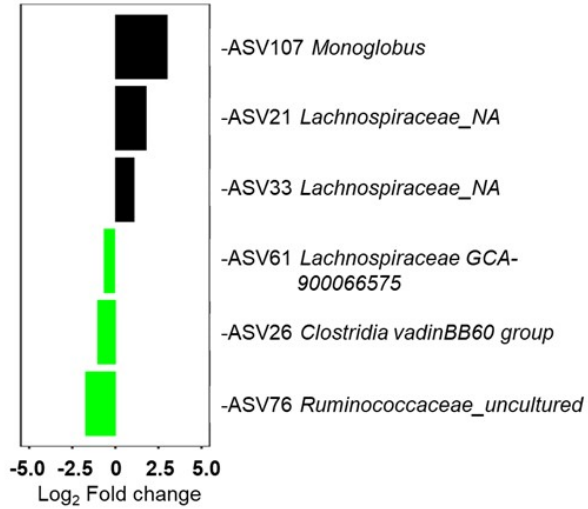
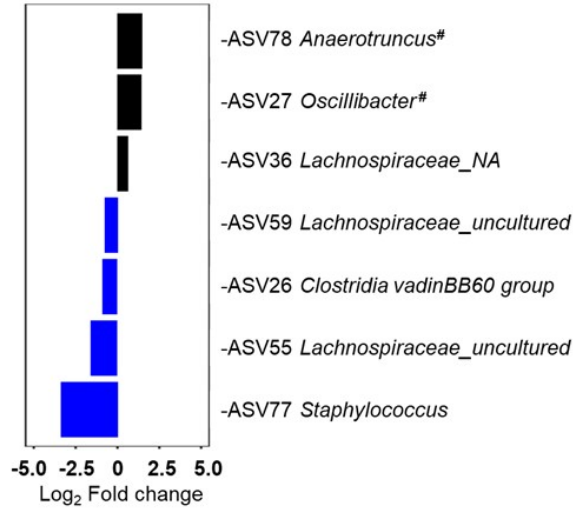


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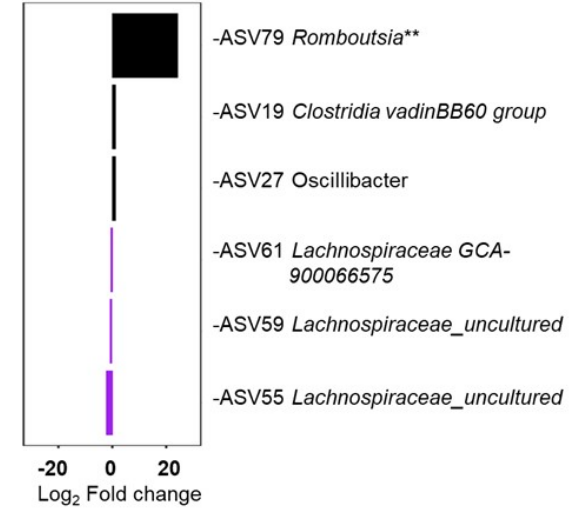
(A) Ctrl vs. OVM



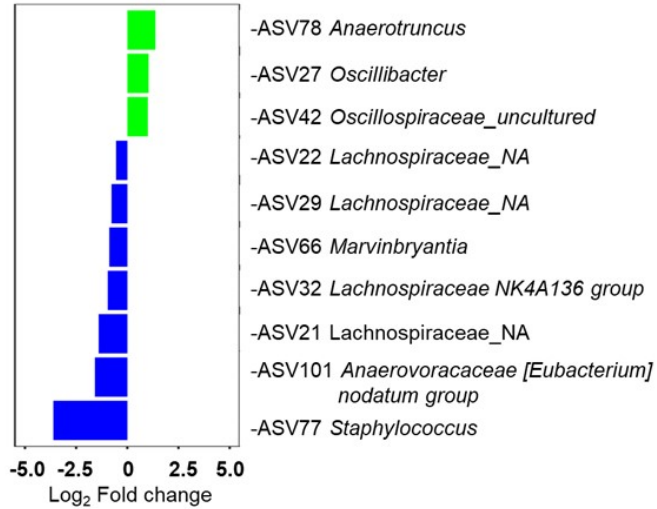
(B) Ctrl vs. OP



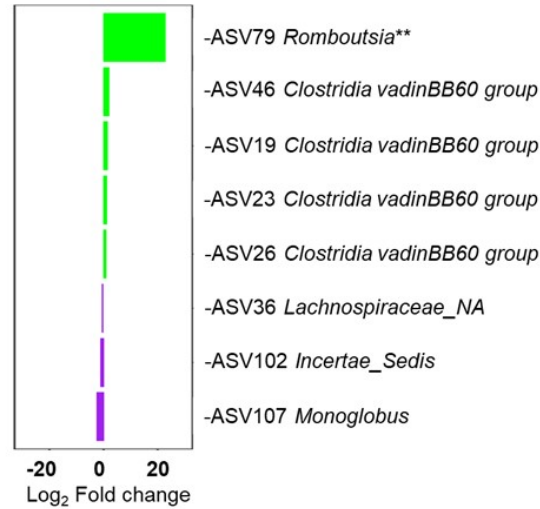
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(D) OVM vs. OP



(E) OVM vs. OPP



(F) OP vs. OPP

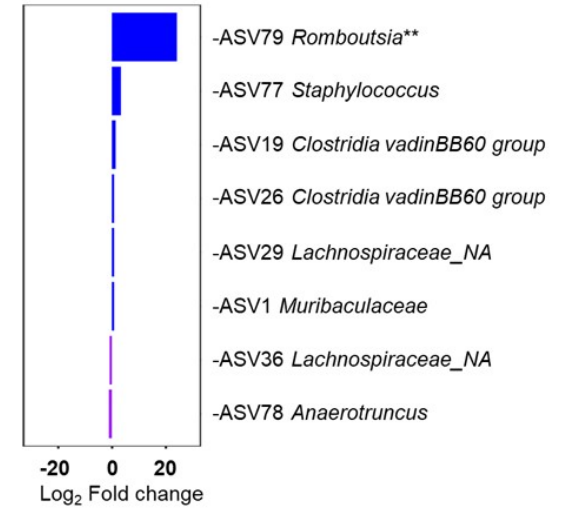


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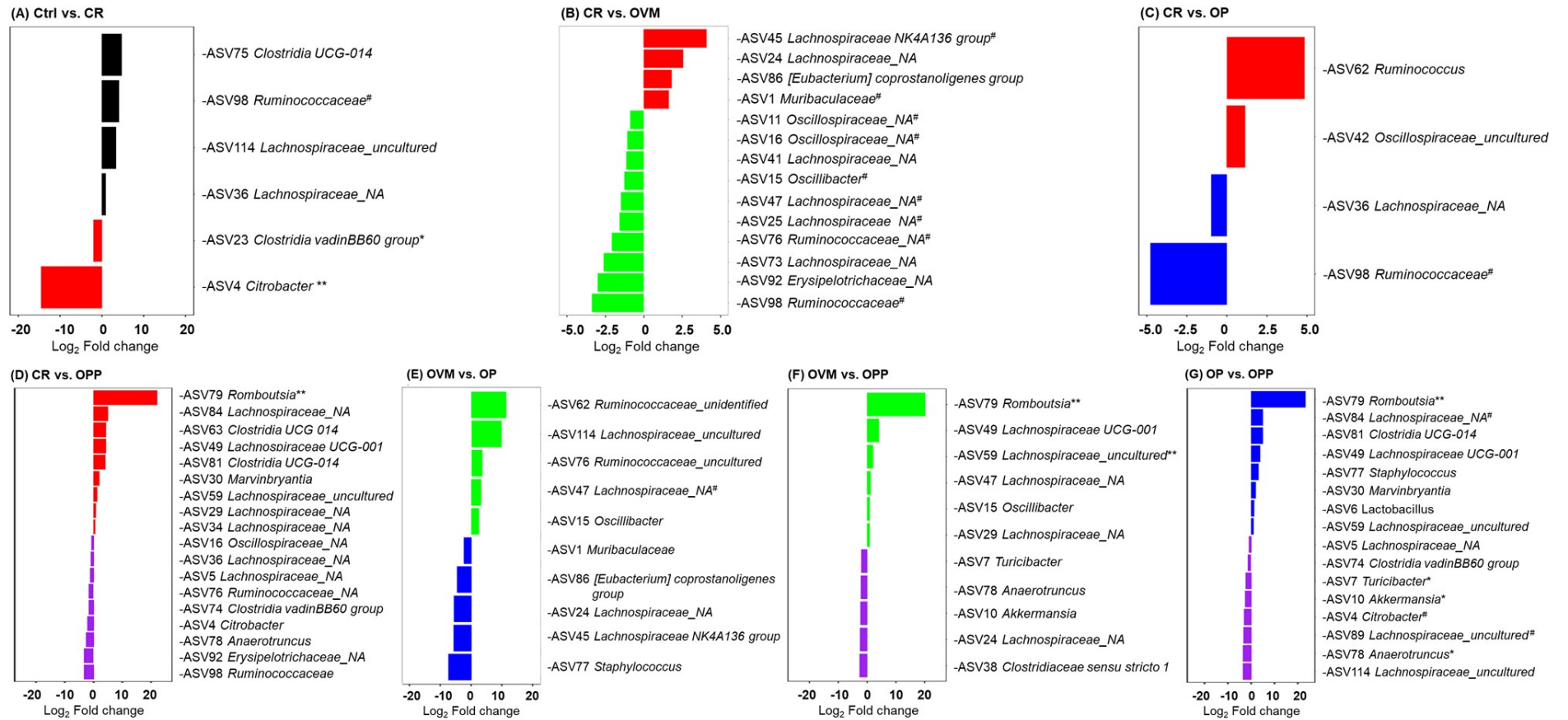


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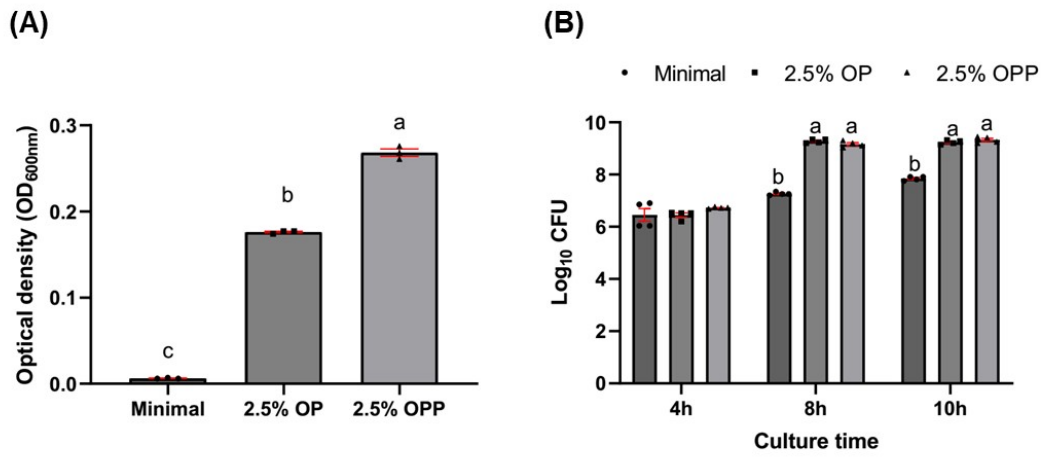


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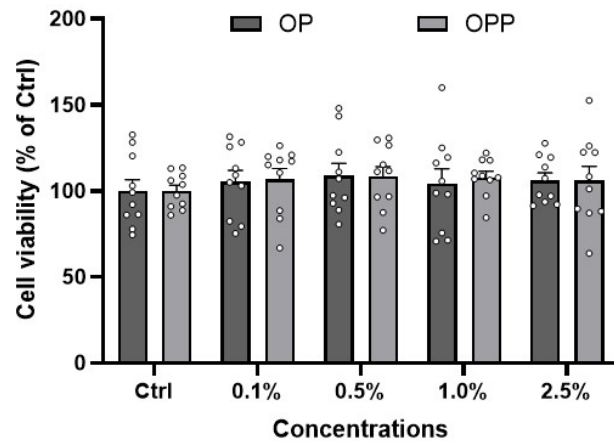


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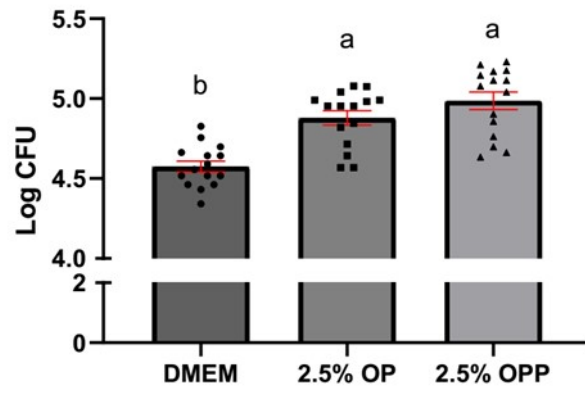


Table S1

| Targeted gene | Oligonucleotide sequence (5'-3') | Reference |
|----------------------|--|------------------|
| <i>EspB</i> | Forward: ATGCCGCAGATGAGACAGTTG Reverse: CGTCAGCAGCCTTTTCAGCTA | 1 |
| Total bacteria | Forward: AA ACTCAA AKGAATTGACGG Reverse: CTCACRRCACGAGCTGAC | 2 |

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