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Supplemental Methods:

Faecal 16S rRNA Gene Sequencing:

Amplicon Sequencing: The V3-V4 variable region of the 16s rRNA gene was amplified from each extracted DNA sample according to the 16S metagenomic sequencing library protocol (Illumina, Sweden). Initially, the template DNA was amplified using primers specific to the V3-V4 region of the 16s rRNA gene which also incorporates the Illumina overhang adaptor (5'-3': tcgtcggcagcgtcagatgtgtataagagacagcctacggnggcwgcag; 5'-3': gtctcgtgggctcggagatgtgtataagagacaggactachvgggtatctaacc. Each PCR reaction contained 2.5µl DNA template, 5µl forward primer (1µM), 5µl reverse primer (1µM) (Sigma, Ireland) and 12.5µl Kapa HiFi HotStart ReadyMix (2X) (Kapa Biosystems, London, United Kingdom). The template DNA was amplified under the following PCR conditions: 95°C for 3 min (initialisation); followed by 25 cycles of 95°C for 30 sec (denaturation), 55°C for 30 sec (annealing), 72°C for 30 sec (elongation); followed by a final elongation period of 5 minutes. A negative control reaction whereby the DNA template was replaced with PCR grade water was employed to confirm lack of contamination, and PCR products were visualised using gel electrophoresis (1X TAE buffer, 1.5% agarose gel, 100V) post PCR reaction. Successful amplicons were then cleaned using the AMPure XP purification system (Labplan, Dublin, Ireland). A second PCR reaction was then performed using the previously amplified and purified DNA as the template. Two indexing primers (Illumina Nextera XT indexing primers, Illumina) were used per sample to allow all samples to be pooled, sequenced and subsequently identified. Each reaction contained 25µl Kapa HiFi HotStart ReadyMix (2X), 5µl template DNA, 5µl index 1 primer (N7xx), 5µl index 2 primer (S5xx) and 10µl PCR grade water. PCR conditions were the same as previously described with the samples undergoing just eight cycles instead of 25. PCR products then underwent the same electrophoresis and cleaning protocols as described above. Samples were then quantified using the Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) in conjunction with the broad range DNA quantification assay

kit (Biosciences, Dublin, Ireland). All samples were then pooled to an equimolar concentration and the pool underwent a final cleaning step. The quality of the pool was determined using the Agilent Bioanalyser prior to sequencing. The sample pool was then denatured with 0.2 M NaOH, diluted to 4pM and combined with 10% (v/v) denatured 4pM PhiX. Samples were then sequenced on the MiSeq sequencing platform using a 2.300 cycle V3 Kit following protocols outlined by Illumina.

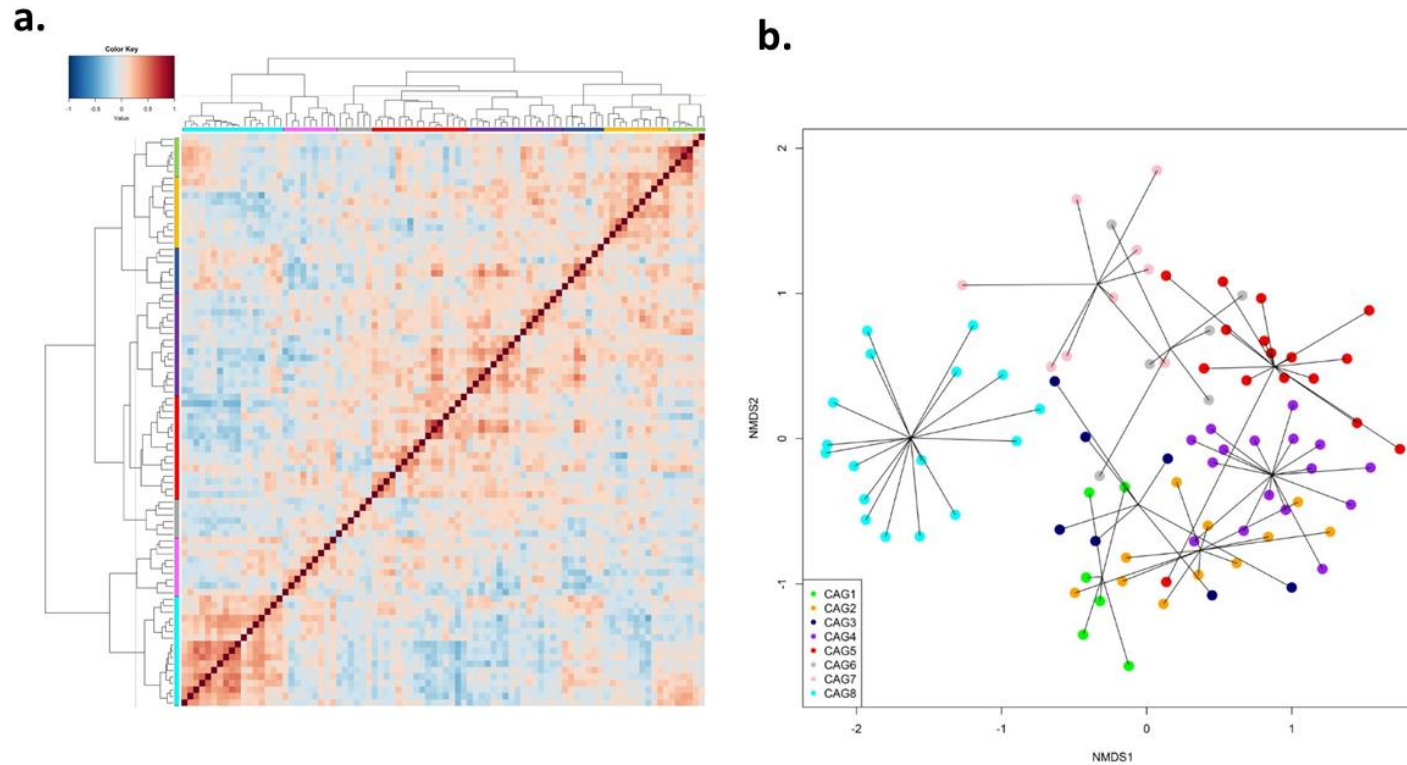
Bioinformatic and Statistical Analysis: Two-hundred and fifty base pair paired-end reads were assembled using FLASH (1). Reads were further processed with the inclusion of quality filtering, based on a quality score of >25, followed by subsequent removal of mismatched barcodes and sequences below length threshold using QIIME. USEARCH v7 (64-bit) was used for noise removal and chimera detection as well as clustering into operational taxonomic units (OTUs). At the lowest taxonomic level, reads were clustered into 100 OTUs. Sequencing generated approximately 13 million clean sequences, ranging from approximately 75000 to 395000 per sample (Supplementary file, Table 1). PyNAST was used to align OTUs, and taxonomy was assigned to OTU sequences using the Qiime2 Naïve-Bayes classifier trained on V3-V4 regions extracted from the 99% identity 16S rRNA rep set of the Silva 119 database.

Composition Analysis: The R package *compareGroups* (v. 3.1) was employed to detect statistically significant differences in abundances of individual taxa between groups using the Mann-Whitney U-test (MWU-test) with multiple corrections. Statistical significance was accepted as $p \leq 0.05$ after false discovery rate (FDR) multiple correction. Compositional alpha diversity was calculated in QIIME (v. 1.9.1) and statistical differences between groups were detected using the MWU-test. The remaining statistical analyses were all performed in R (v. 3.2.3). The *phyloseq* package (v. 1.10) was used to calculate compositional β -diversity using genus-level relative abundance data. This was visualised by principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) using *ggplot2* (v. 2.1.0). Permutational

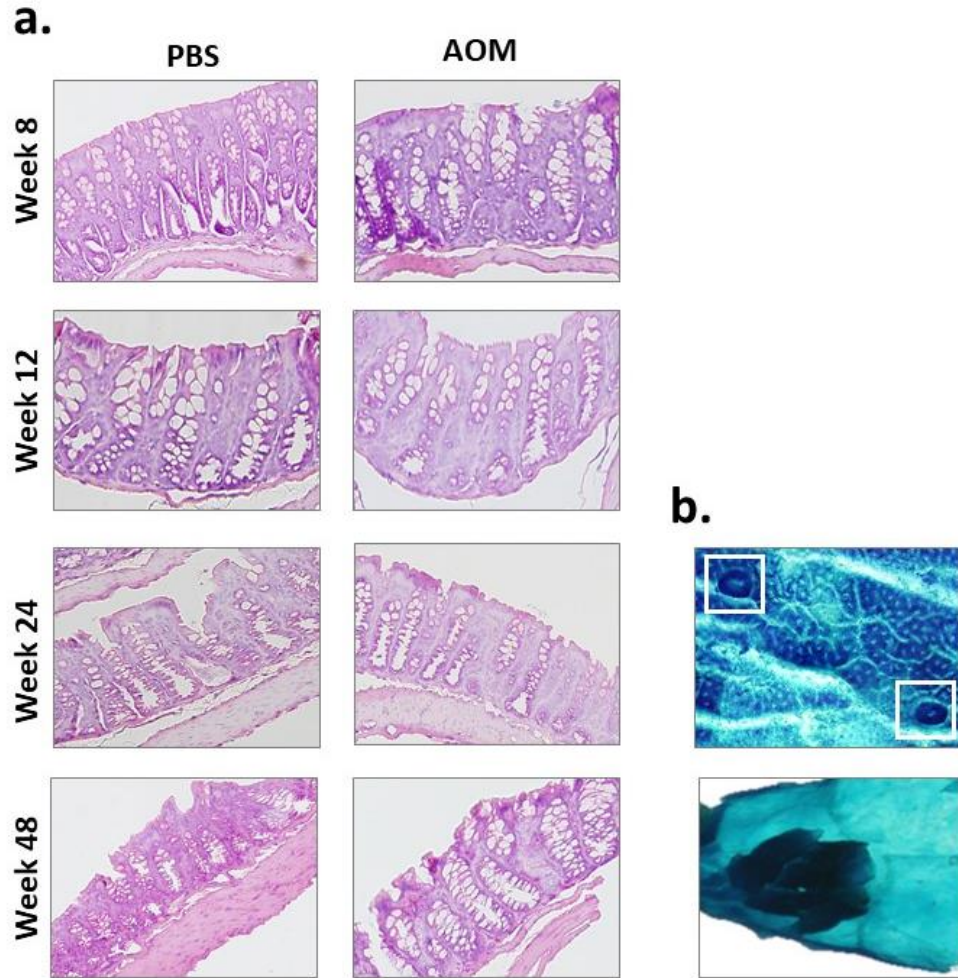
multivariate analysis of variance (PERMANOVA) was used to test for differences in overall microbiome composition between groups using the *vegan* package's 'adonis' function.

Supplemental Figures:

Supplemental Figure 1: Generation of Co-abundance Groups (CAGs). A heatmap of Kendall correlation values for each pair of taxa clustered by Ward linkage of their Pearson correlations. Coloured bars along the axes denote the CAGs (a). Non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) of the distance metrics of the CAGs correlation values (b). The composition of each CAG is presented in Supplemental Table 3.



Supplemental Figure 2: Representative H&E images from PBS and AOM treated mice at each timepoint (a; 20x magnification). Methylene blue stained tissue from weeks 24 and 48 showing ACF (white boxes) and adenomas, respectively (b).



Supplemental Tables:

Supplemental Table 1: Information on sequencing result

Sample	Post QC Paired Reads
A1_PBS_48	295,122
A2_PBS_48	227,238
A3_PBS_48	248,175
A4_PBS_48	207,957
A5_PBS_48	226,384
A6_PBS_48	326,112
B1_PBS_24	252,312
B2_PBS_24	273,995
B3_PBS_24	131,959
B4_PBS_24	271,205
B5_PBS_24	313,322
B6_PBS_24	308,514
C1_PBS_12	198,378
C2_PBS_24	250,337
C3_PBS_12	259,375
C5_PBS_48	155,774
C6_PBS_48	217,138
D1_PBS_12	224,150
D2_PBS_12	257,442
D3_PBS_12	205,023
D4_PBS_12	75,233
D5_PBS_12	107,419
D6_PBS_12	255,268
E1_PBS_8	237,996

E2_PBS_8	178,569
E3_PBS_8	171,261
E4_PBS_8	142,438
E5_PBS_8	149,116
E6_PBS_8	157,760
F1_PBS_8	194,546
F2_PBS_8	191,113
G1_AOM_48	189,926
G2_AOM_48	82,468
G3_AOM_48	158,337
G4_AOM_48	173,334
G5_AOM_48	168,196
G6_AOM_48	274,927
H1_AOM_24	225,750
H2_AOM_24	341,234
H3_AOM_24	216,984
H4_AOM_24	243,222
H5_AOM_24	358,867
H6_AOM_24	277,854
i1_AOM_12	258,762
i2_AOM_24	108,535
i3_AOM_12	244,568
i4_AOM_24	281,743
i5_AOM_48	336,154
i6_AOM_48	168,177
J1_AOM_12	174,459
J2_AOM_12	253,445
J3_AOM_12	194,532
J4_AOM_12	242,148

J5_AOM_12	206,206
K1_AOM_8	212,231
K2_AOM_8	219,256
K3_AOM_8	103,886
K4_AOM_8	184,036
K5_AOM_8	213,128
K6_AOM_8	239,244
L1_AOM_8	353,915
L2_AOM_8	395,619

Supplemental Table 2: Primer Sequences and matching Universal Probe Library (UPL) Number

Gene	Forward Primer (5'-3')	Reverse Primer (5'-3')	UPL Number
Mouse			
<i>ASBT</i>	agctggtcaaccctggtaca	gggggagaaggagagctg	99
<i>TNFα</i>	ctgtagcccacgtcgtagc	ttgagatccatgccgttg	25
<i>IL-1β</i>	agttgacggacccccaaaag	agctggatgctctcatcagg	38
<i>IL-6</i>	gctaccaaactggatataatcagga	ccaggtagctatggactccagaa	6
<i>IL-12</i>	aaggaaacagtgggtgtccag	gtagcttctgaggacacatcttg	27
<i>IL-10</i>	cagagccacatgctcctaga	tgtccagctggctctttggt	41
<i>CXCL1</i>	gactccagccacactccaac	tgacagcgcagctcattg	83
<i>CXCL2</i>	aaaatcatccaaaagataactgaacaa	ctttggttcttccgttgagg	26
<i>CXCL5</i>	tagagcccaatctccacac	gagctggaggctcattgtg	67
<i>TGF-β</i>	tggagcaacatgtggaactc	gtcagcagccggttacca	72
<i>β-actin</i>	ctaaggccaaccgtgaaaag	accagaggcatacagggaca	64
Human			
<i>TNFα</i>	cgctcccaagaagacag	agaggctgaggaacaagcac	57
<i>IL-6</i>	caggagcccagctatgaact	agcaggcaacaccaggag	7
<i>IL-8</i>	agacagcagagcacacaagc	atggttccttccggtggt	72
<i>IL-10</i>	cataaattagaggctcctccaaaatcg	cataaattagaggctcctccaaaatcg	45
<i>CXCL2</i>	cccatggttaagaaaatcatcg	cttcaggaacagccaccaat	69

<i>CXCL5</i>	cagcgctctcttgaccacta	cacaaggagctcgaaggacc	28
<i>TGF-β</i>	actactacgccaaggaggtcac	tgcttgaacttgtcatagatttcg	31
<i>β-actin</i>	ccagaggcgtacagggat	ccaaccgcgagaagatga	64

Supplemental Table 3: Composition of CAGS

CAG1	Citrobacter
	Hydrogenoanaerobacterium
	Clostridiales vadinBB60; unidentified
	Clostridiales vadinBB60; uncultured Clostridia bacterium
	Clostridiales vadinBB60; uncultured bacterium
	Anaeroplasma
CAG2	Marvinbryantia
	Rikenella
	Anaerofustis
	Lactobacillus
	Bacteroides
	Enterococcus
	Porphyromonadaceae; uncultured
	Psychrobacter
	Vibrio
	Bacteroidales S24-7; mouse gut metagenome
	Prevotellaceae; uncultured
CAG3	Escherichia-Shigella
	Lachnospiraceae; Incertae Sedis
	Desulfovibrio

CAG5	Streptococcus
	Bacteroidales S24-7; uncultured bacterium
	Mollicutes RF9; uncultured Erysipelotrichaceae bacterium
	Mollicutes RF9; uncultured Firmicutes bacterium
	Allobaculum
	Bifidobacterium
	Parasutterella
	Firmicutes bacterium CAG822
	Turicibacter
	Mollicutes RF9; uncultured rumen bacterium
	Clostridium sensu stricto 1
	Gordonibacter
	Mollicutes RF9; uncultured Mollicutes bacterium
	Mollicutes RF9; uncultured bacterium
Mollicutes RF9; unidentified	
Mollicutes RF9; uncultured Paenibacillaceae bacterium	
CAG6	Lachnospira
	Anaerobacillus
	Delftia
Candidatus Arthromitus	

CAG4	Parvibacter
	Enterorhabdus
	Defluviitaleaceae; uncultured
	Acetanaerobacterium
	Gastranaerophilales; uncultured bacterium
	Propionibacterium
	Ochrobactrum
	Thalassospira
	Parabacteroides
	Candidatus Saccharimonas
	Clostridiales vadinBB60; uncultured rumen bacterium
	Akkermansia
	Clostridiales FamilyXIII; Incertae Sedis
	Christensenellaceae; uncultured
	Bacteroidales S24-7; uncultured organism
	Coriobacteriaceae; uncultured
	Caldicoprobacter
	Olsenella
Erysipelotrichaceae; uncultured	
Ruminococcus	

	Staphylococcus
	Bacteroidales S24-7; uncultured Bacteroidales bacterium
CAG7	Acetatifactor
	Christensenella
	Intestinimonas
	Sporobacter
	Papillibacter
	Rhodospirillaceae; uncultured
	Rikenellaceae RC9 gut group
	Alistipes
Odoribacter	
CAG8	Coproccoccus
	Clostridiales FamilyXIII; uncultured
	Roseburia
	Ruminococcaceae; uncultured
	Defluviitaleaceae; Incertae Sedis
	Defluviitaleaceae; uncultured bacterium
	Faecalibacterium
	Oscillibacter
	Ruminococcaceae; Incertae Sedis
	Peptococcus
	Bilophila
	Anaerovorax
	Peptococcaceae; uncultured
	Blautia
	Anaerotruncus

Mucispirillum
Lachnospiraceae; uncultured

Supplemental Table 4: Spearman correlation analyses between individual taxa and bile acids at weeks 12 and 24.

Week 12			
P-value	Taxon	Bile acid	R-value
<0.001	Tenericutes	T-UDCA	-1
<0.001	Verrucomicrobia	UDCA	-1
<0.001	<i>Parasutterella</i>	T-UDCA	1
<0.001	<i>Escherichia_Shigella</i>	DCA	-1
<0.001	<i>Akkermansia</i>	UDCA	-1
Week 24			
<0.001	Tenericutes	T-DCA	-1
<0.001	Verrucomicrobia	T-CA	-1
<0.001	Verrucomicrobia	T-UDCA	-1
<0.001	<i>Coriobacteriaceae_uncultured</i>	Total BA	-1
<0.001	<i>Bacteroides</i>	DCA	-1
<0.001	<i>Caldicoprobacter</i>	T-CA	-1
<0.001	<i>Caldicoprobacter</i>	T-UDCA	-1
<0.001	<i>Christensenellaceae_uncultured</i>	T-CDCA	-1
<0.001	<i>Akkermansia</i>	T-CA	-1
<0.001	<i>Akkermansia</i>	T-UDCA	-1

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