## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## Digestion, fermentation, and pathogen anti-adhesive properties of the hMO-mimic difucosyl-β-cyclodextrin

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Figure S1. HPAEC chromatography traces of the compounds used in this study. A, B, C, D and E refer to 2'-FL, 3-FL,  $\beta$ CD, MF $\beta$ CD, and DF $\beta$ -CD, respectively. Different gradients were used for A-B and C-E, see materials and methods section.



**Figure S2.** *In vitro* digestibility of soluble potato starch during 240 min of incubation expressed as free (released) glucose of total glucose (%).



**Figure S3. Fermentation studies of 2'-FL and 3-FL.** A) HPAEC elution pattern of 2'-FL and 3-FL at 0 and 24 h of *in vitro* fermentation by 9-month old infant inoculum. Medium compounds are indicated with an \*. B) Time-dependent *in vitro* fermentation of 2'-FL (♠) and 3-FL (■) during 24 h.



**Figure S4.** Short-chain fatty acid formation (μmol/mL fermentation medium) during *in vitro* fermentation using 9 month-old infant inoculum. A) DFβCD including 20 % MFβCD, B) βCD, C) 2'-FL, D) 3-FL and E) SIEM medium without substrate.



Figure S5. DF $\beta$ CD inhibited adhesion of *E. coli* ET8 to intestinal epithelial Caco-2 cells in a concentration-dependent manner. Caco-2 cells were cultured in 24 well plates for 21 days and preincubated with 2'-FL, 3-FL,  $\beta$ CD, and DF $\beta$ CD at 2 (A), 5 (B), 10 (C) mg/mL for 2h before infection of *E. coli* ET8. Cell culture medium without tested molecules was taken as control. After another 2h of infection, the total colony-forming units (CFUs) adhered to Caco-2 cells were determined by the dropplating method. All data were normalized and were expressed as mean ± SD from three experiments. Statistical significance was tested with one-way ANOVA (\*p < 0.05).