

1 Supplementary materials

2

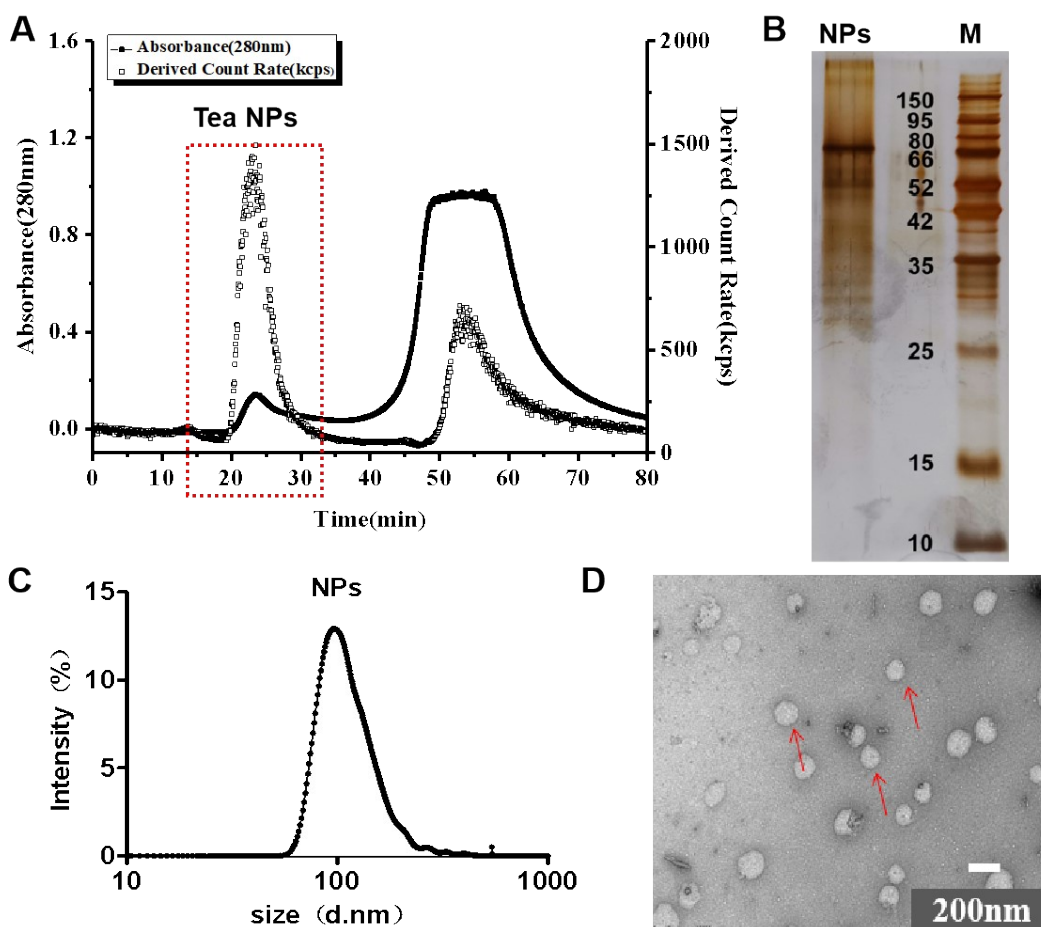
3

4 **Figure S1.** The particle size and protein composition of tea NPs obtained after Chromatographic
5 separation. A: Chromatographic separation of NPs from black tea infusion by SEC. B: Reducing
6 SDS-PAGE images of black tea NPs. C: The particle size distribution of NPs from the black tea
7 infusion. D: The morphology of tea NPs by TEM.

8 **Figure S2.** The expression of cell junction proteins in correspondence to intestinal inflammations.

9 The proteins include E-cadherin, ZO-1, Claudin-1, STAT3 and p-STAT3.

10



11

12

Figure S1

13 **TABLES**

14 **Table S1.** (a) The properties of black tea NPs

Sample	PDI	Hydrodynamic Diameter	Derived count rate	ζ -potential	Particle number
		nm	kcps	mV	$\times 10^{10}$ particles/mg
NPs	0.2 \pm 0.01	187 \pm 7	12850 \pm 576	-32.4 \pm 2.5	4.0 \pm 0.1
Tea infusion	0.2 \pm 0.02	186 \pm 4	3614 \pm 96	-27.5 \pm 3.7	1.1 \pm 0.1

15

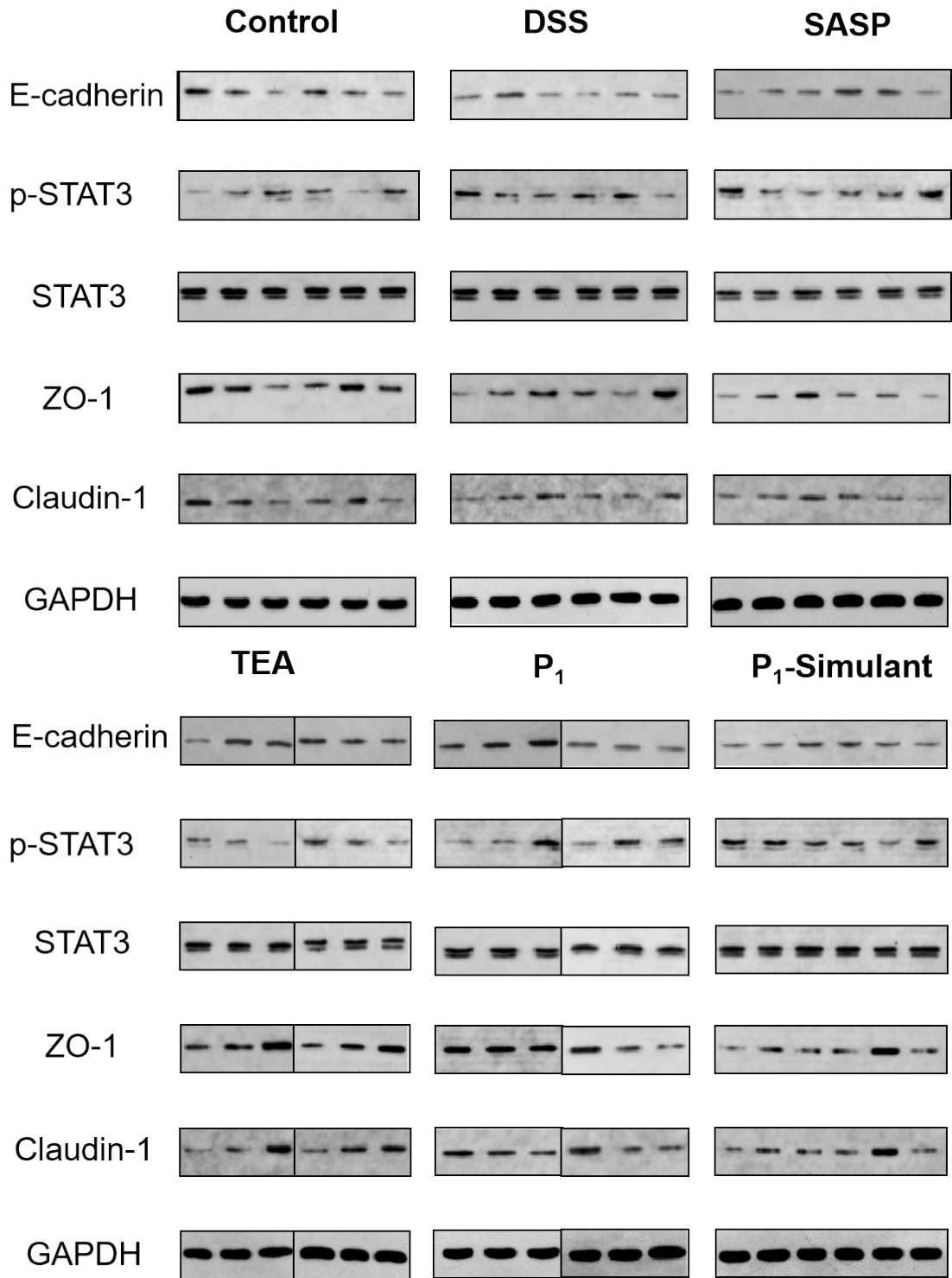
16 (b) Compositions of nanoparticles derived from black tea infusion

Black tea NPs	Proteins	Carbohydrates	Polyphenols	EGCG	CAF	GA	ECG
(μ g/mg)	865 \pm 52.5	87 \pm 5.2	48 \pm 1.1	4.8 \pm 0.1	2.6 \pm 0.1	1.5 \pm 0	0.7 \pm 0
%	86.5	8.7	4.8	0.48	0.26	0.15	0.07

17 %: W/W, dry weight.

18

19



20

21

22

23

Figure S2