

Supporting materials

Reduction of Colitis in Mice by Chemically Programmed Supramolecular Nanoassemblies of Vitamin–Lipid Conjugates

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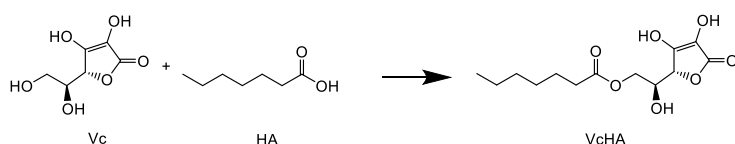
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Table S1

Synthesis of VcHA



V_C (1.7 g, 10.0 mmol) and HA (2.6 g, 20.0 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of anhydrous acetonitrile. Then, lipase (0.3 g) and molecular sieve were added. The mixture was warmed up to 55°C and stirred for 12 hours to allow for full reaction. After the reaction, the solvent is volatilized by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. Next, silica gel was used as a stationary phase, and a gradient of dichloromethane and methanol as eluents was employed for purification by column chromatography to obtain the pure product (1.8 g, 62.3%). V_CHA were characterized via ¹H NMR and HPLC.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 6H), 0.93 – 0.82 (m, 3H).

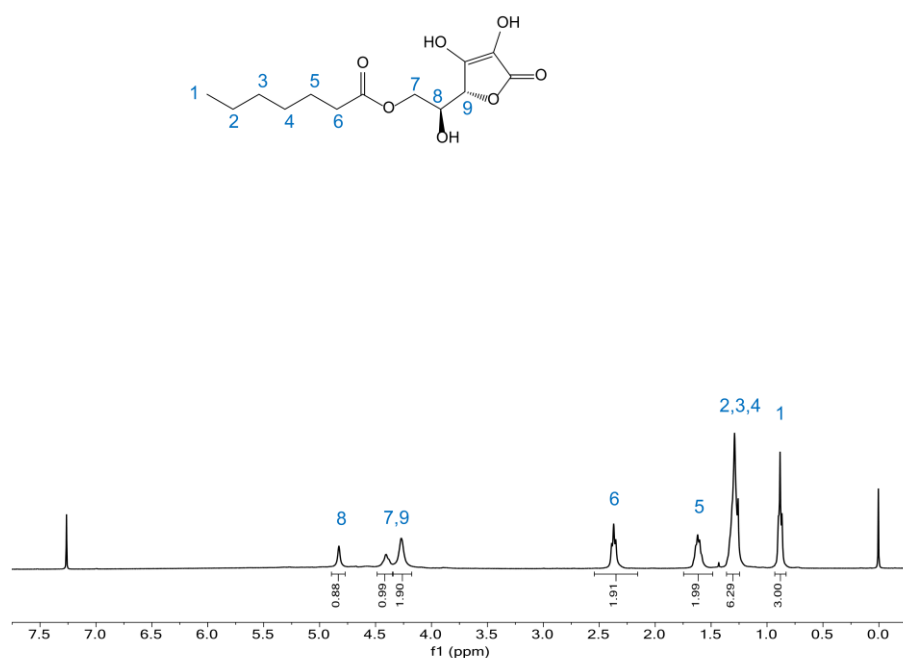
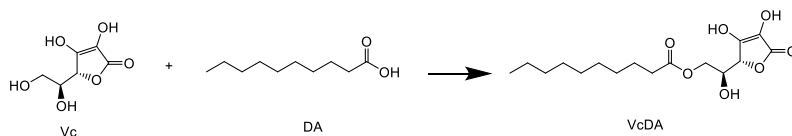


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of V_CHA in chloroform-*d*.

Synthesis of VcDA



V_CDA was synthesized following the same procedure as that employed for the synthesis of V_CHA as described above. The reaction utilized 3.5 g (10.0 mmol) of V_C, 3.4 g (20.0 mmol) of DA and 0.3 g of lipase as reagents. The resulting product was obtained as a pale yellow oily solid with a yield of 50.0% (1.7 g). The chemical structure of the final product was confirmed through ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 2H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

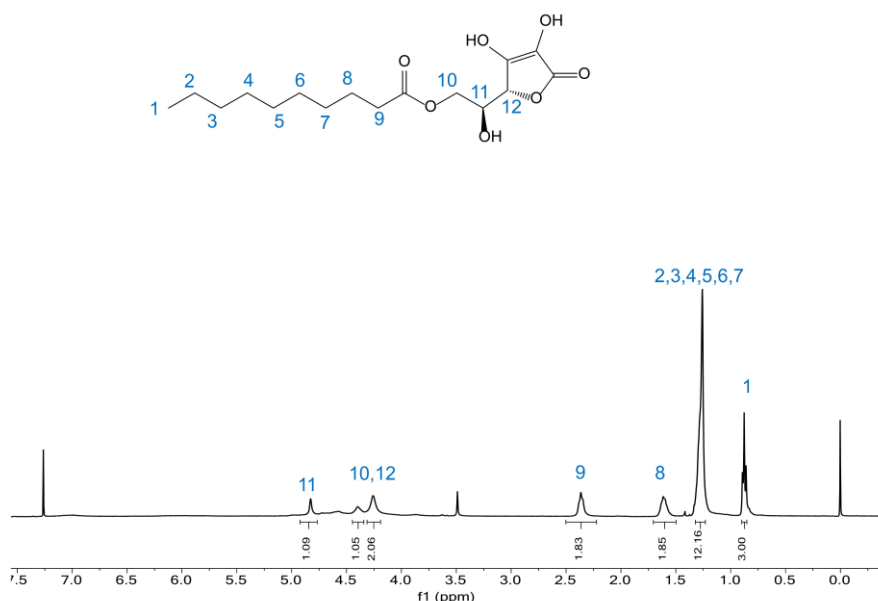
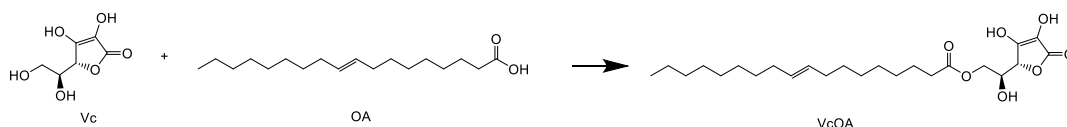


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of V_CDA in chloroform-*d*.

Synthesis of V_COA



V_COA is synthesized in the same manner as the method described above for synthesizing V_CHA. The reaction used 3.5 g of (10.0 mmol) V_C, 5.6 g (20.0 mmol) DA and 0.3 g lipase as reagents. The product is a white solid with a yield of 64.9% (2.9 g). The chemical structure of the final product was confirmed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.43 – 5.24 (m, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 20H), 0.90 – 0.85 (m, 3H).

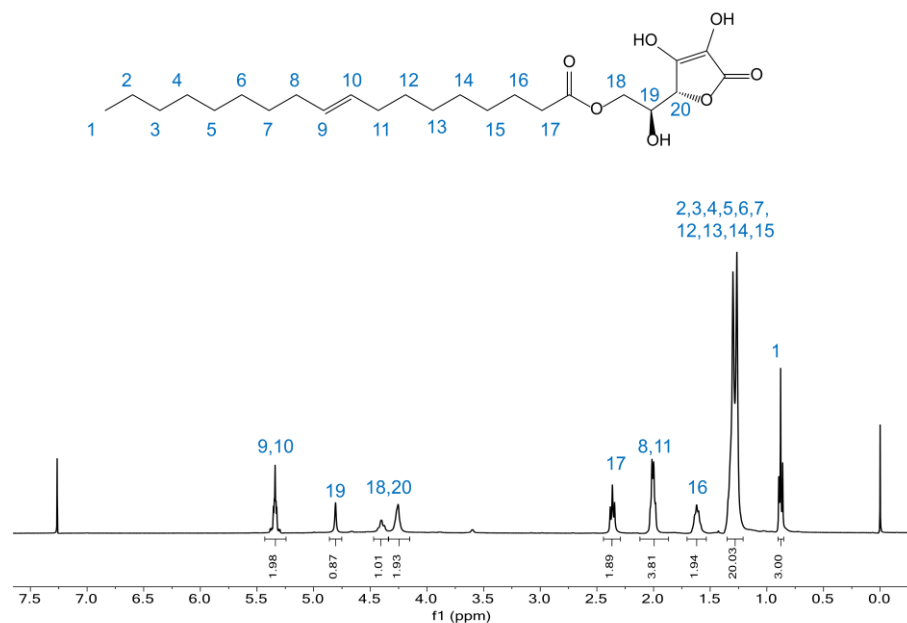
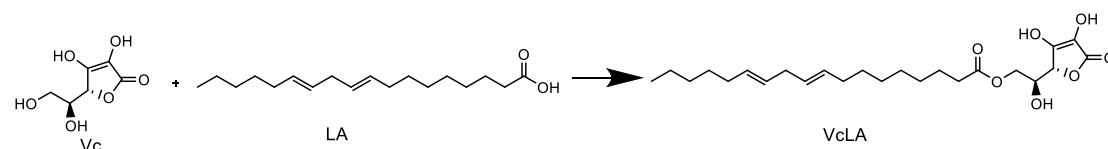


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of VcOA in chloroform- d .

Synthesis of VcLA



The synthesis of VcLA is the same as the VcHA described above. The reaction was added with 3.5 g (10.0 mmol) Vc , 5.6 g (20.0 mmol) LA and 0.3 g lipase as reagents. The product was a yellowish oily solid with a yield of 71.1% (3.1 g). The chemical structure of the final product is confirmed by ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 5.49 – 5.23 (m, 4H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.51 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 4.28 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.05 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 4H), 1.36 – 1.25 (m, 14H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H).

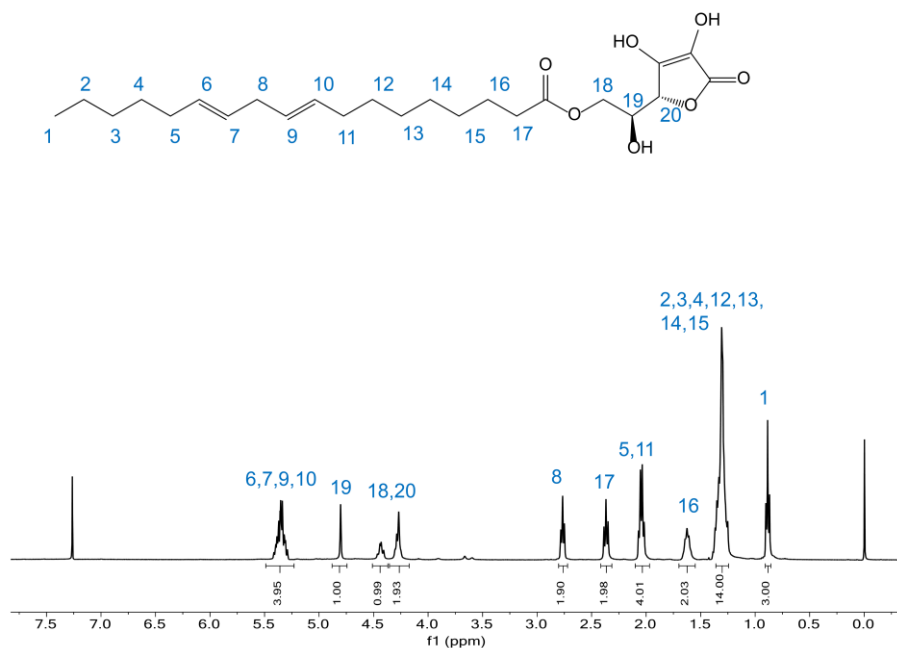
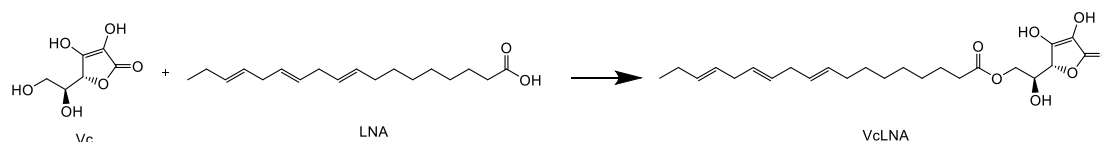


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum of VcLA in chloroform- d .

Synthesis of VcLNA



The reaction utilized 3.5 g (10.0 mmol) of Vc , 5.6 g (20.0 mmol) of LNA and 0.3 g of lipase as reagents. The resulting product was obtained as a pale yellow oily solid with a yield of 67.5% (3.0 g). The chemical structure of the final product was confirmed through ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 5.44 – 5.25 (m, 6H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.42 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 2.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 8H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

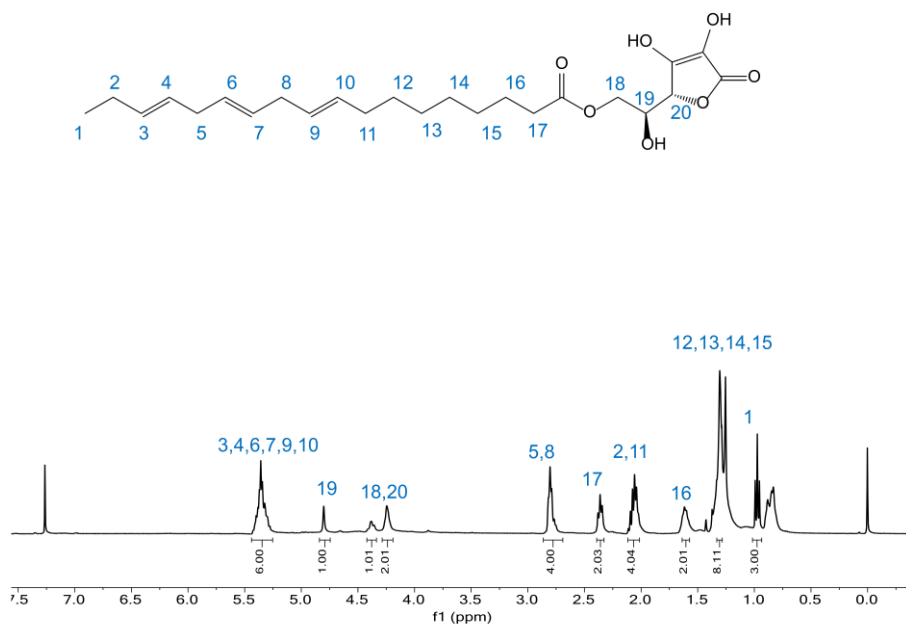
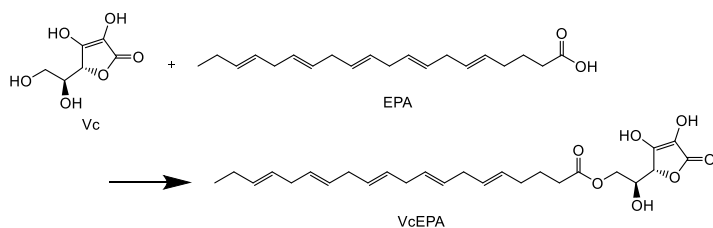


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum of VcLNA in chloroform- d .

Synthesis of VcEPA



The reaction used 3.5 g of (10.0 mmol) Vc , 6.0 g (20.0 mmol) EPA and 0.3 g lipase as reagents. The product is a white solid with a yield of 65.3% (3.0 g). The chemical structure of the final product was confirmed by ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 5.38 (qq, $J = 12.8, 6.8$ Hz, 10H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.41 (q, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 2.91 – 2.71 (m, 8H), 2.38 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (dp, $J = 14.8, 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 1.70 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H).

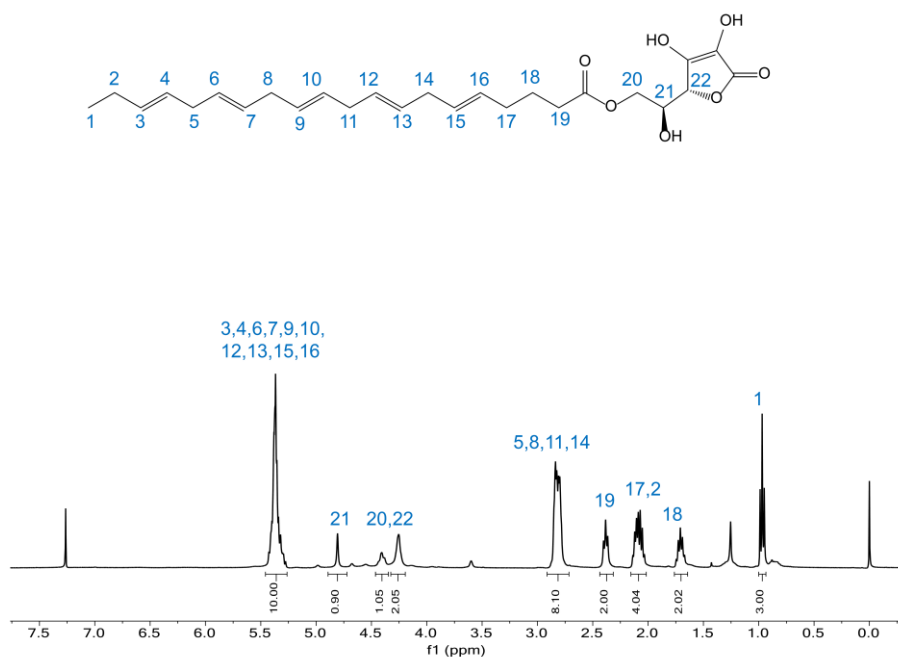
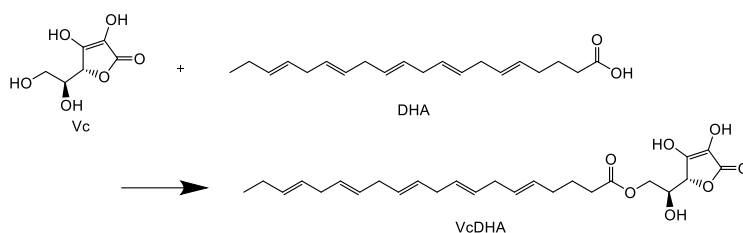


Figure S6. ^1H NMR spectrum of VcEPA in chloroform- d .

Synthesis of VcDHA



The reaction was added with 3.5 g (10.0 mmol) Vc, 6.0 g (20.0 mmol) LA and 0.3 g lipase as reagents. The product was a yellowish oily solid with a yield of 73.4% (3.4 g). The chemical structure of the final product is confirmed by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 5.54 – 5.22 (m, 12H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.43 (q, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.83 (p, J = 6.6, 5.8 Hz, 10H), 2.42 (dp, J = 17.6, 6.4, 5.1 Hz, 4H), 2.07 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

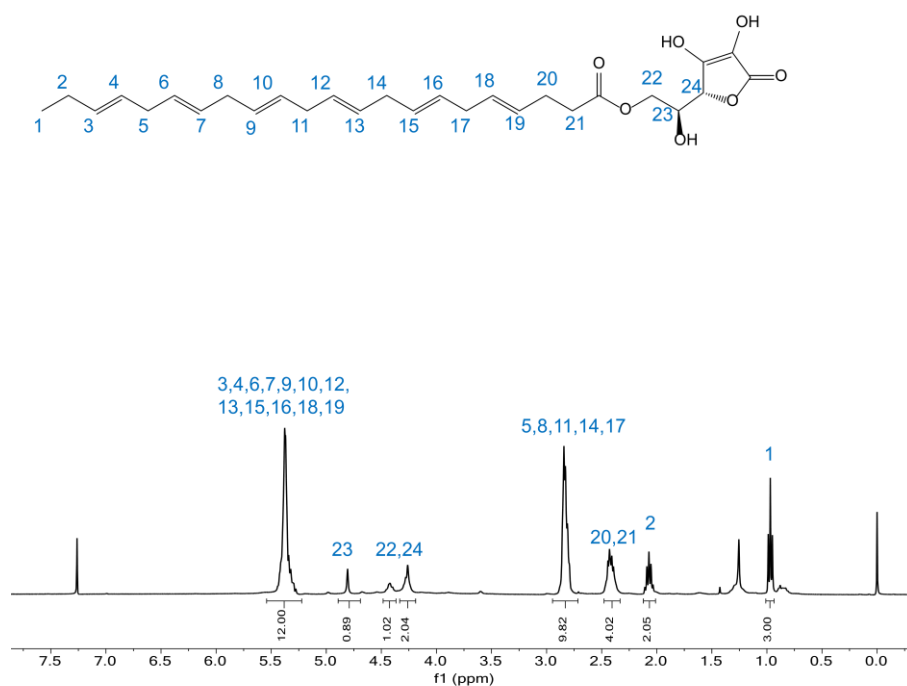
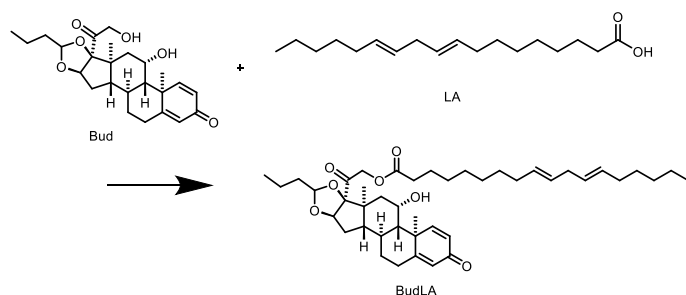


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of VC DHA in chloroform- d .

Synthesis of BudLA

For the preparation of budesonide conjugates, budesonide (4.3 g, 10.0 mmol) and linoleic acids (2.8 g, 10.0 mmol) were mixed in 10 mL DCM. Then 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (1.3 g, 11.0 mmol) and N,N' -diisopropylcarbodiimide (1.4 g, 11.0 mmol) were added into the above solution. The mixture was warmed up to 45°C and stirred for 10 h, and the subsequent purification methods are the same as VC lipid derivatives. The chemical structure of the final product was confirmed with ^1H NMR and HPLC in our previous study[1].



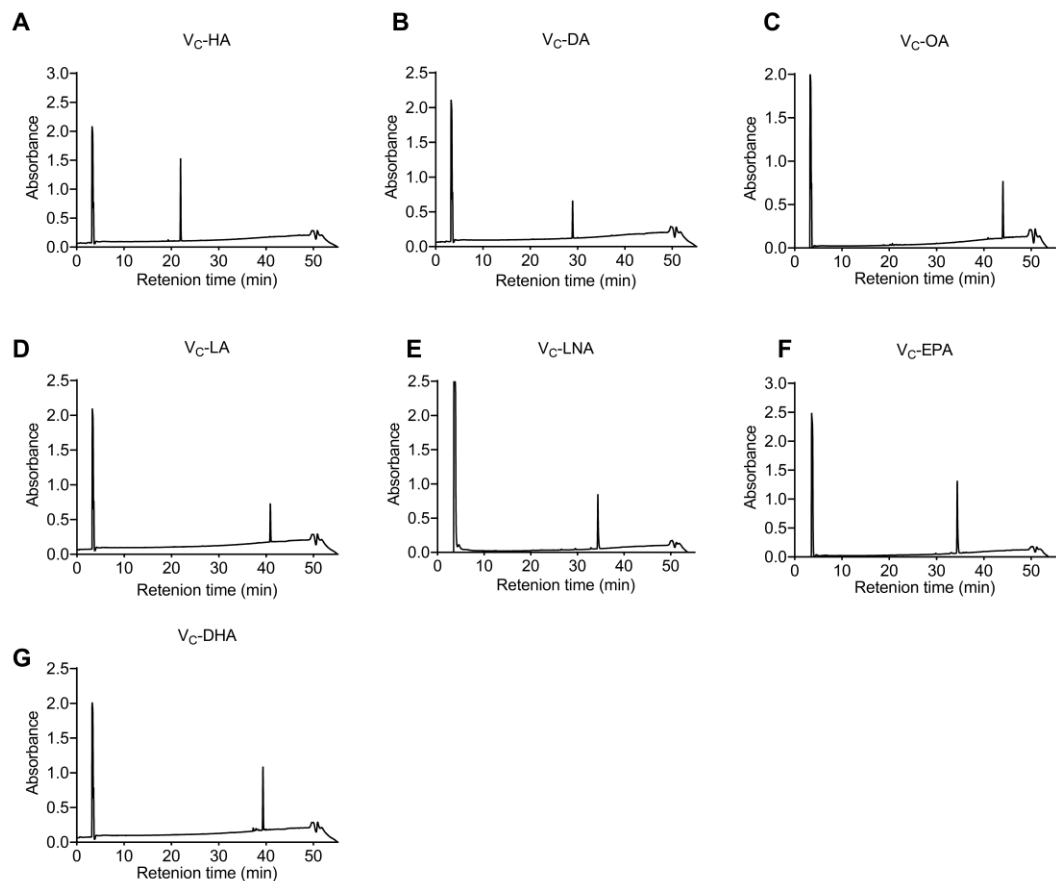


Figure S8. HPLC analysis of V_c lipid derivatives.

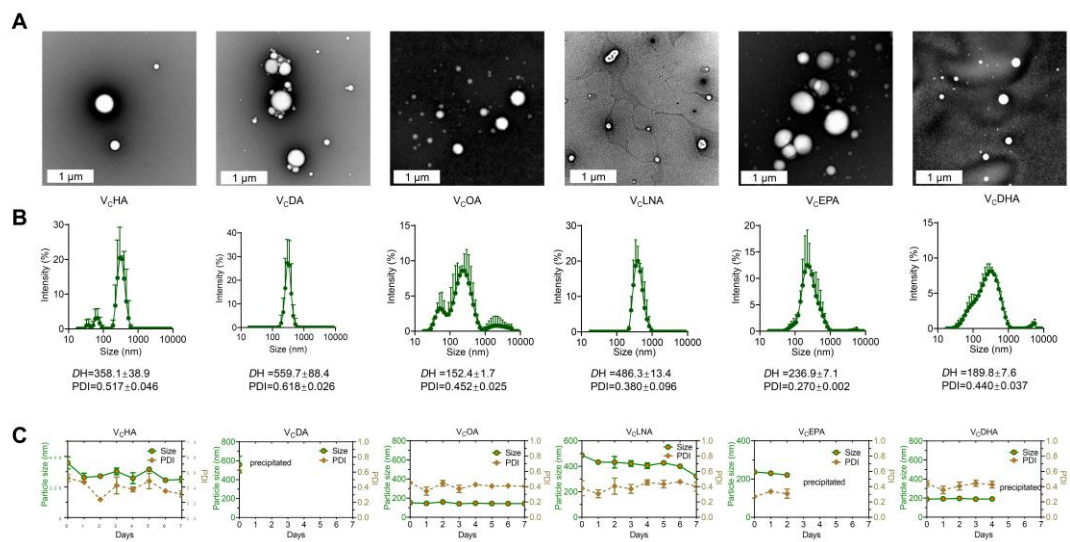


Figure S9. Transmission electron microscope images (A), size distribution (B) and stability (C) of V_cHA, V_cDA, V_cOA, V_cLNA, V_cEPA and V_cDHA.

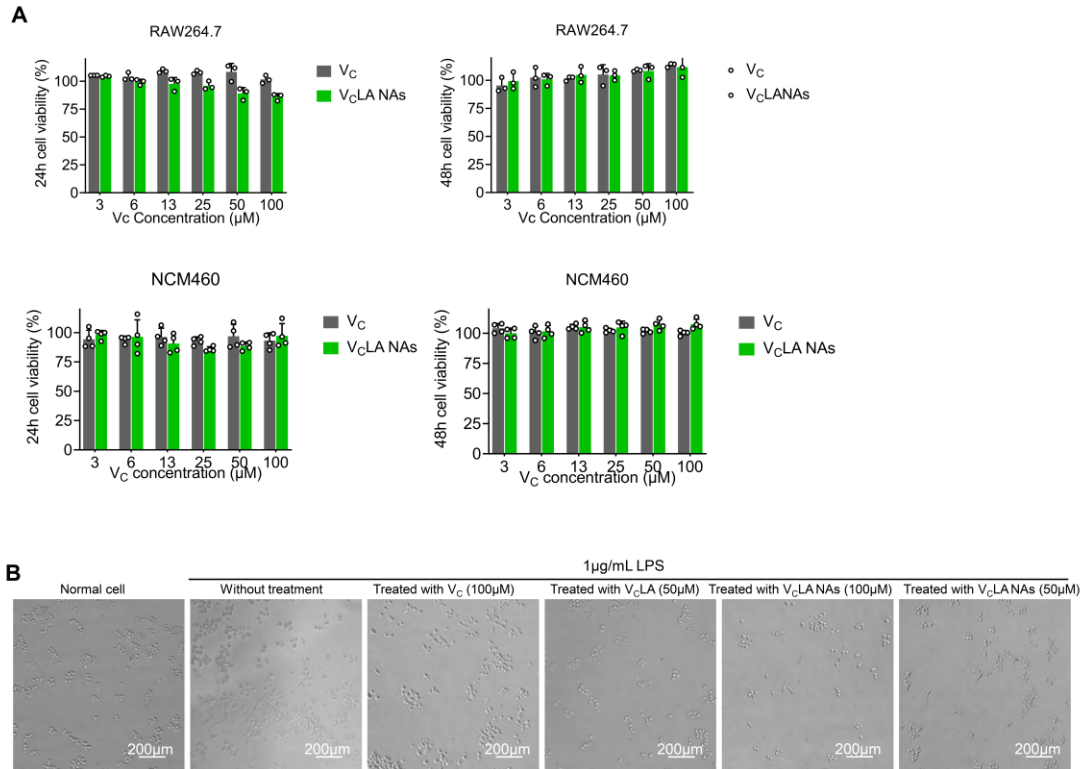


Figure S10. (A) 24 h and 48 h cell viability of RAW 264.7 or NCM460 incubated increasing concentration of free V_C (or V_CLA NAs) as measured by CCK-8 assay. (B) Representative images of RAW 264.7 cultivated with different agents (PBS, LPS, LPS+50/100µM V_C, LPS+50/100µM V_CLA NAs) for 24h.

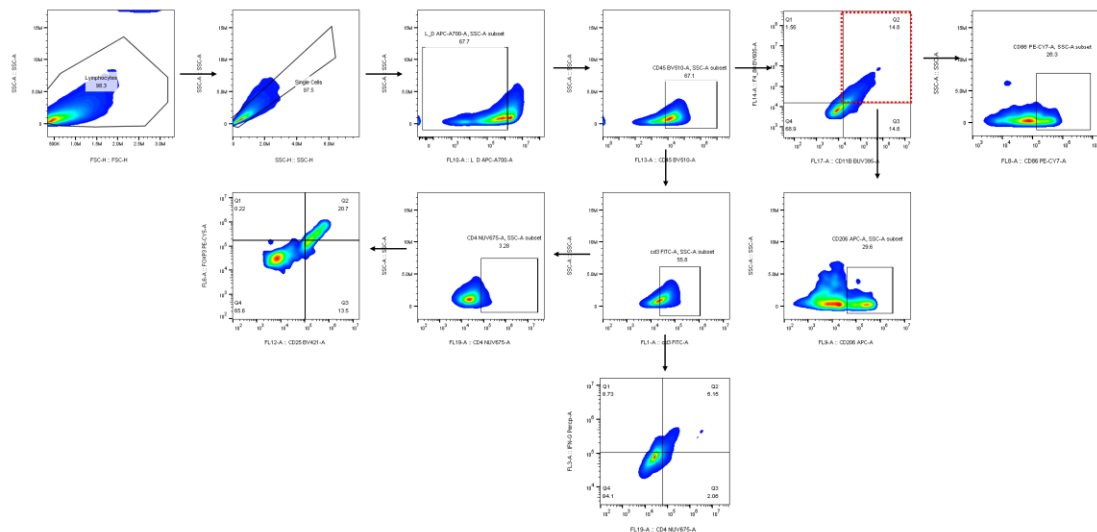


Figure S11. Flow cytometry gating strategy for analysis of CD11b⁺F4/80⁺ cells, F4/80⁺CD86⁺ cells, F4/80⁺CD206⁺ cells, CD25⁺FoxP3⁺ cells and CD4⁺IFN-γ⁺ in colon of mice.

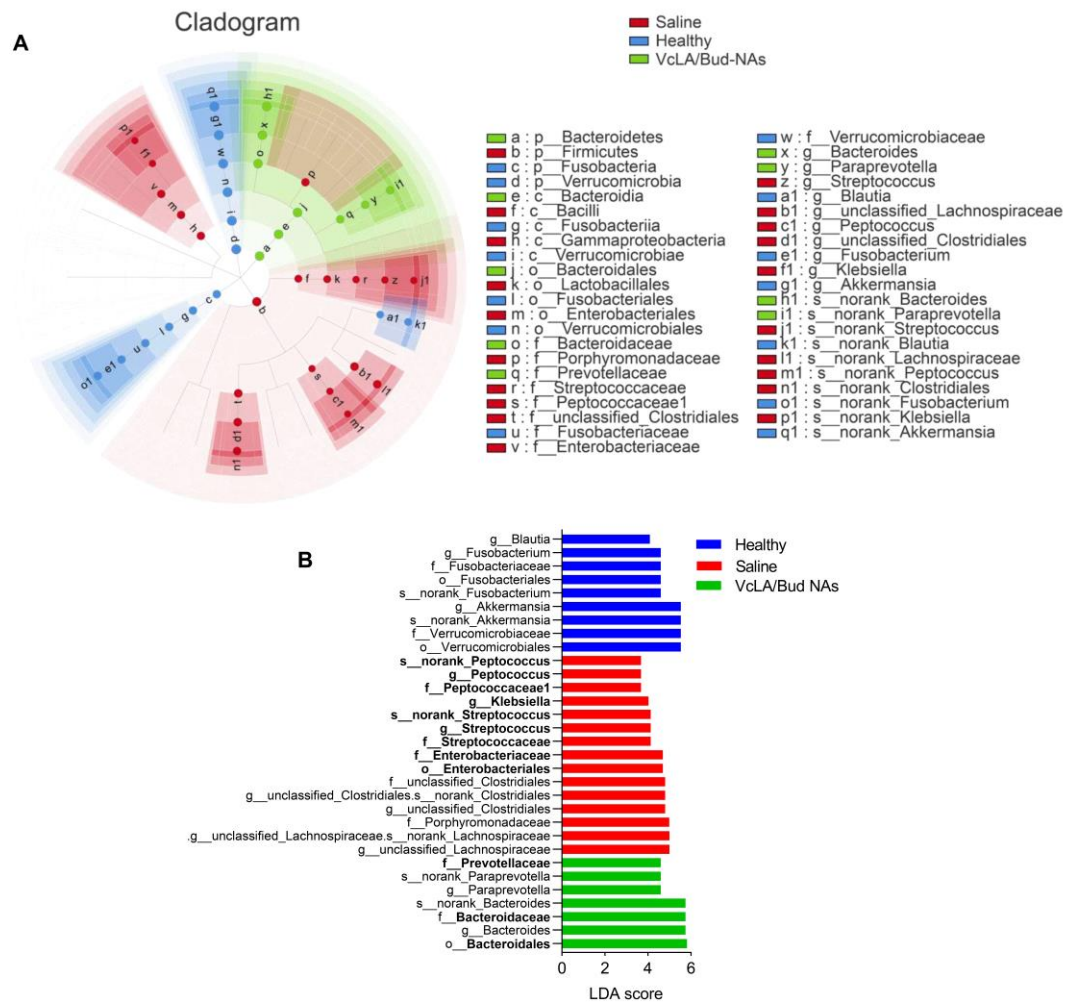


Figure S12. (A) LefSe analysis cladogram representing the significantly different taxas among three groups at the end of the treatment (LDA > 2, $p < 0.05$). (B) LDA score of microbiota.

Table S1. Scoring system for DAI.

Score	Weight loss	Stool consistency	Fecal occult blood
0	no loss	normol	no blood
1	1-5%		
2	5-10%	loose stool	presence of blood
3	10-15%		
4	>15%	watery diarrhea	visible bleeding

Reference

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