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All-trans retinoic acid alters the expression of the tight junction proteins Claudin-1 and -4 and epidermal barrier function-associated genes in the epidermis

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The revised version of Fig. 1, showing the correct image for the ‘Day 3’ experiment in Fig. 1A, is shown on the next page. The authors can confirm that the error associated with the assembly of this figure did not have any significant impact on either the results or the conclusions reported in this study, and all the authors agree with the publication of this Corrigendum. The authors are grateful to the Editor of International Journal of Molecular Medicine for allowing them the opportunity to publish this; furthermore, they apologize to the readership of the Journal for any inconvenience caused.

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Figure 1. Effect of ATRA on morphological changes and PASI score on the back skin of mice. (A) After 5 days of treatment, no obvious alterations were detected in the control skin. Circumscribed erythema occurred after 3 days of ATRA application and gradually expanded, presenting as fine flat scales covering the surface of the erythema and peaking at 5 days. (B) The PASI scoring system was used to assess the severity of inflammation on the back skin of the mice. *P<0.05, **P<0.01 vs. respective control. PASI, Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; ATRA, all-trans retinoic acid.