

Stat3 regulates desmoglein 3 transcription in epithelial keratinocytes

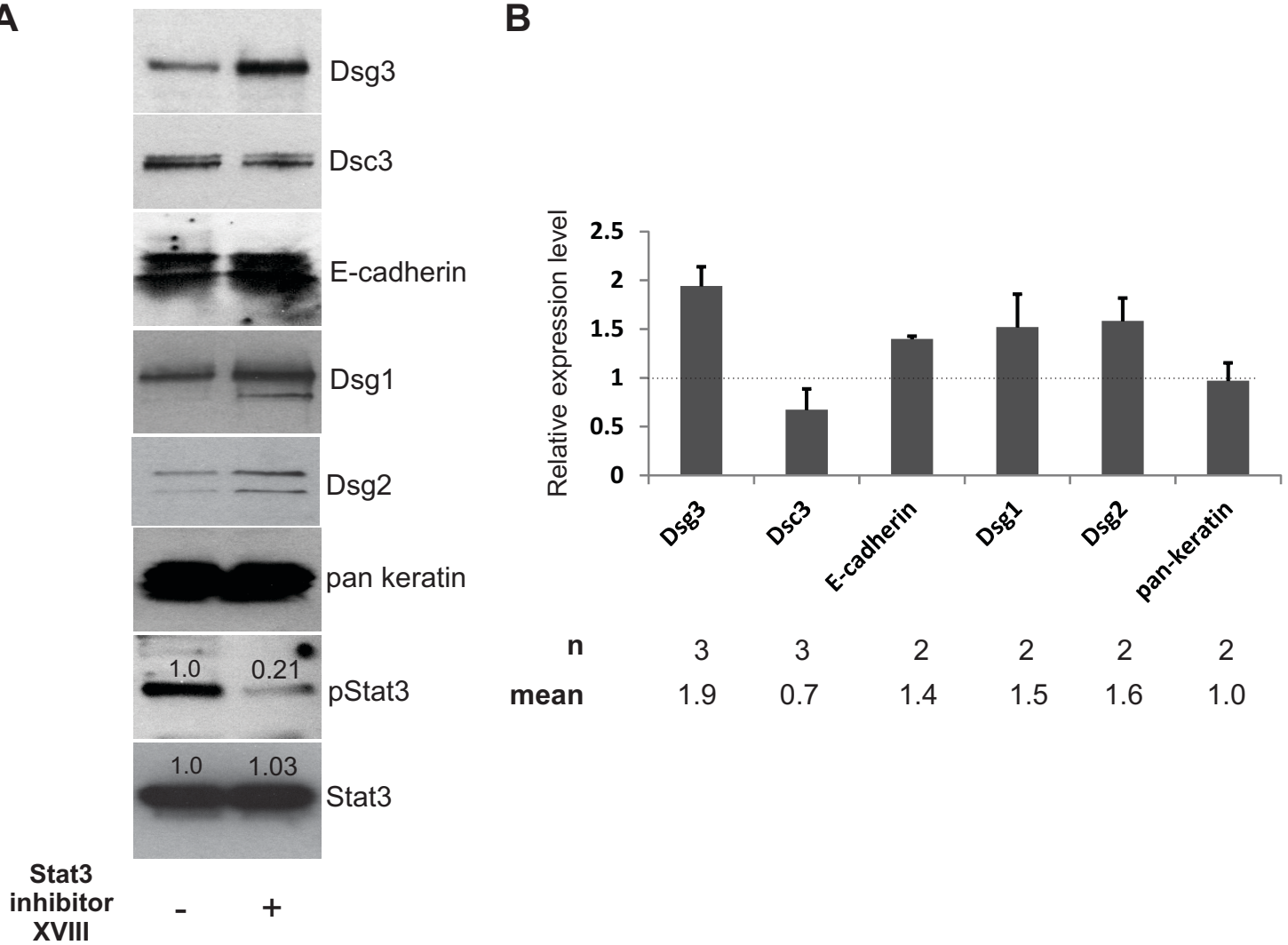
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Supplemental Figure Legends

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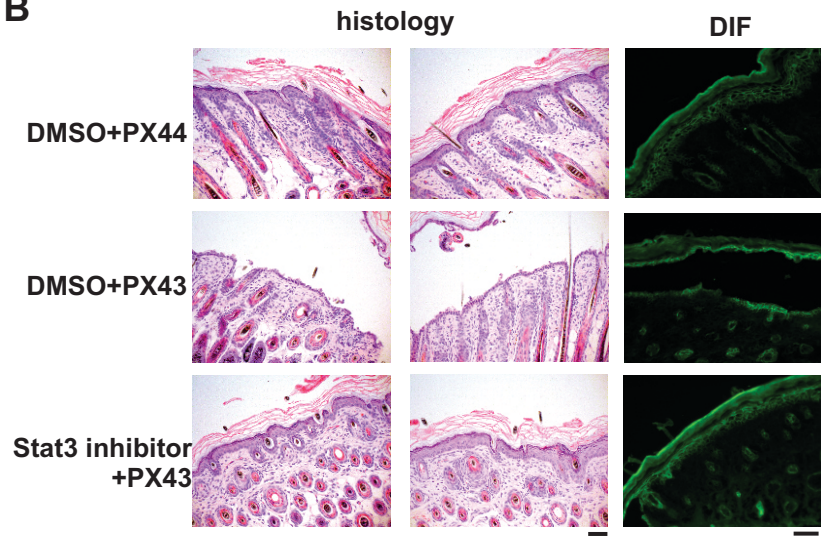
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A

DMSO+PX44

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Stat3 inhibitor
+PX43

B

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