Erratum corrige

"Increased expression of interferon- λ in minor salivary glands of patients with primary Sjögren's syndrome and its synergic effect with interferon- α on salivary gland epithelial cells"

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The authors have brought to our attention that there were some errors on pages S34-S35 in the contents of the **Results** section, paragraphs TLR3-mediated IFN- λ expression in salivary gland cell lines and IL28RA expression in salivary gland cell lines. The correct text is as follows:

TLR3-mediated IFN-λ expression in salivary gland cell lines

Because of the higher IFN- λ expression levels in MSG tissues of pSS patients, we studied the TLR3 ligand-induced expressions of IL-28A and IL-29 in the salivary gland cell lines. In the NS-SV-DC cells, poly(I:C) stimulation significantly increased the IL-28A and IL-29 mRNA levels at 3 h compared with those in the unstimulated cells (Fig. 2A). The extent of induction was greater for IL-29 than for IL-28A. In the NS-SV-AC cells, the gene expression of IL-29 was significantly induced at 3 h. However, IL28RA mRNA was minimally or not changed (Fig. 2B).

IL28RA expression in salivary gland cell lines

Because the biological functions of IFN- λ s depend on the IL28RA receptors, we investigated the expression of IL28RA in the salivary gland cell lines. The IL28RA mRNA was detected in the NS-SV-AC and NS-SV-DC cells in an unstimulated condition (Fig. 3A). The FACS analysis revealed that the frequency of IL-28RA expressing cells was higher in NS-SV-DC cells than in NS-SV-AC cells (Fig. 3B). Therefore, the NS-SV-DC cells were used in subsequent experiments.