

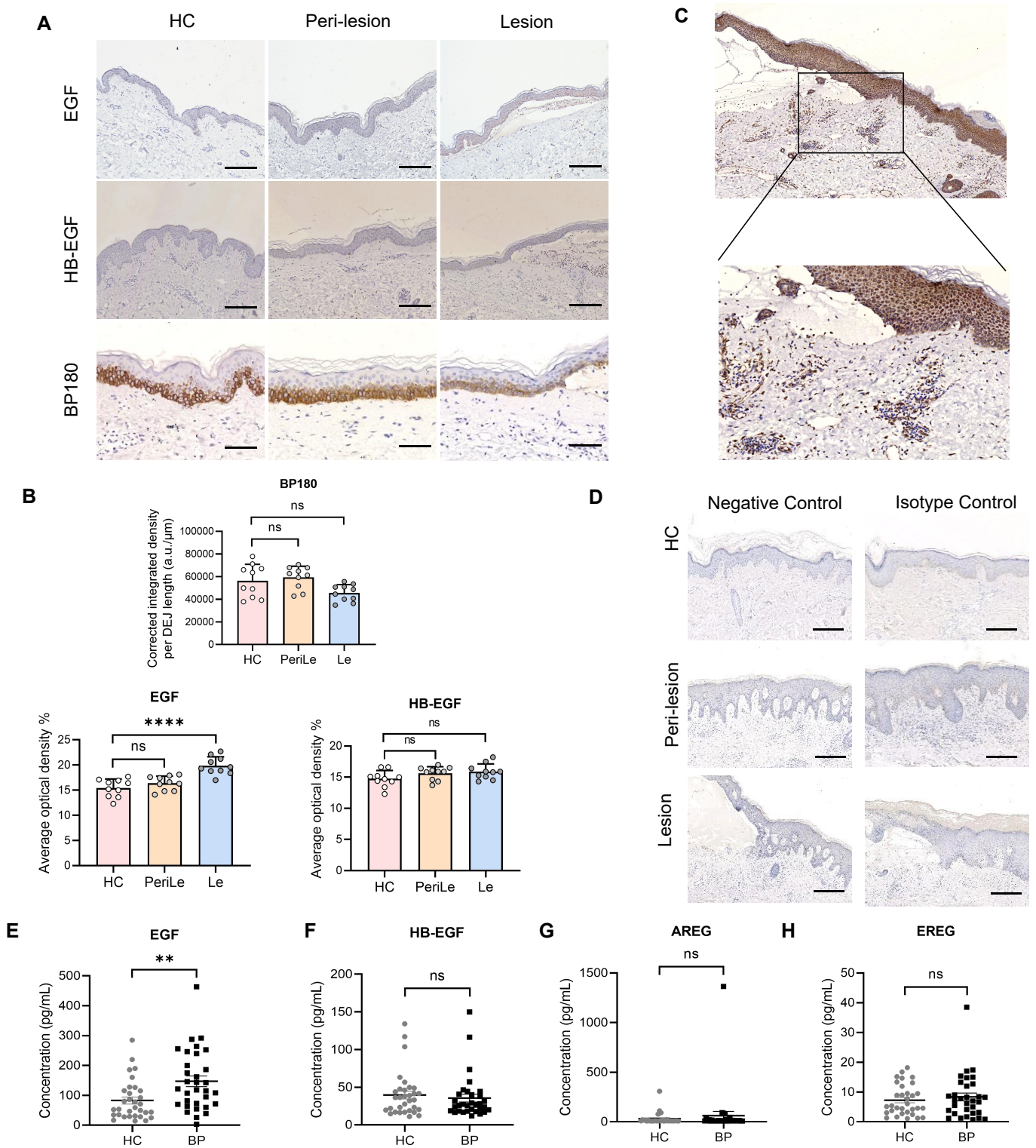


Figure S1. Expression of EGF family ligands in BP lesions. (A) Immunohistochemistry analysis of EGF, HB-EGF, and BP180 in skin biopsies from healthy controls (HC) and BP patients (peri-lesion and lesion). Scale bar = 100 μ m. (B) Quantification of corrected integrated optical density for BP180 per DEJ length, and average optical density (%) for EGF and HB-EGF. (C) Representative high-magnification image of TGF- α in BP lesional skin. (D) Negative and isotype control staining in HC and BP tissues. (E–H) ELISA quantification of serum levels of EGF, HB-EGF, AREG, and EREG in HC and BP patients. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SEM. ** P < 0.01, **** P < 0.0001.

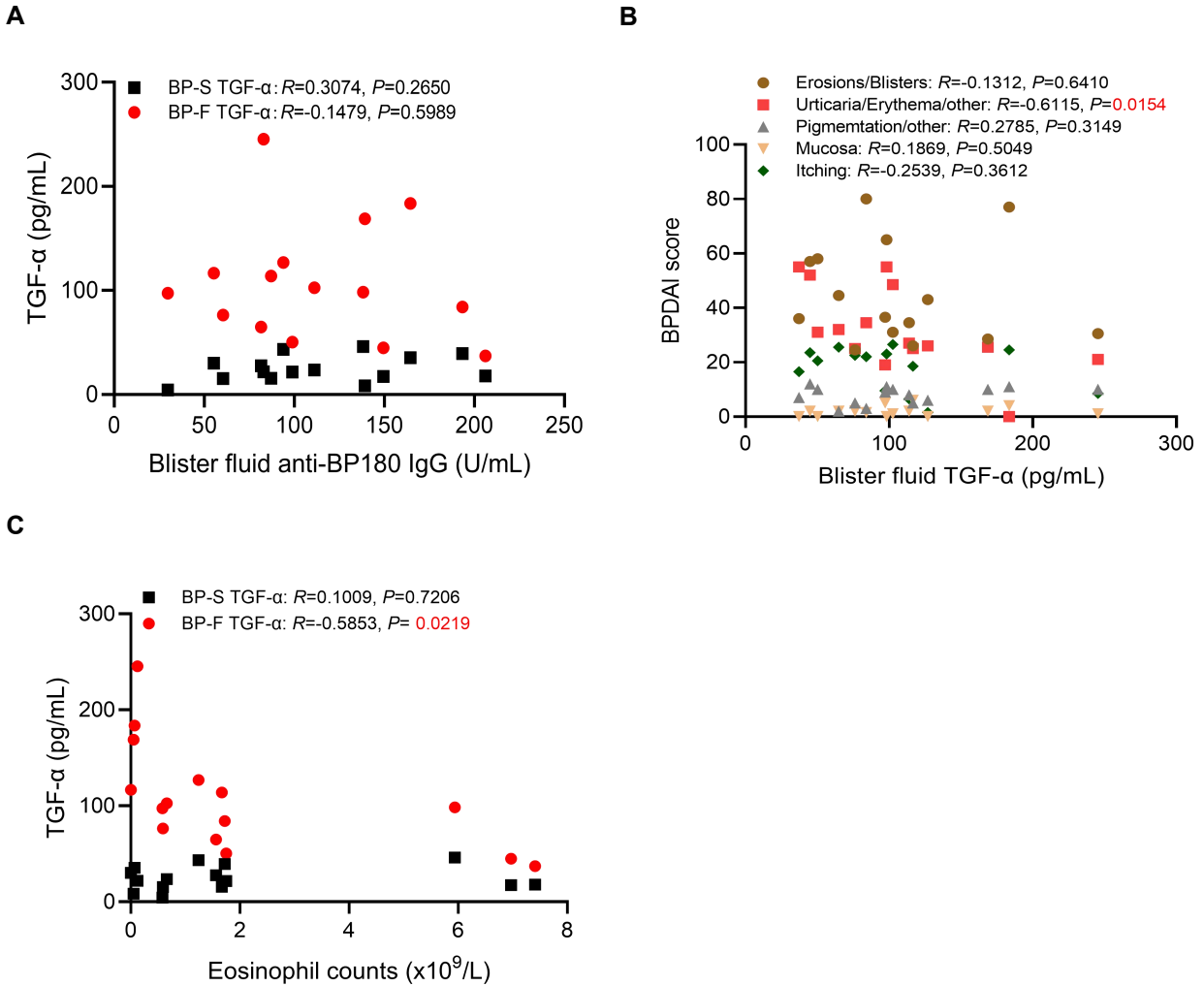


Figure S2. Correlation of TGF- α with BP clinical features. (A) Correlation between blister fluid anti-BP180 IgG levels and TGF- α levels in serum (BP-S) and blister fluid (BP-F). (B) Correlation of blister fluid TGF- α levels with BPDAl subscores (erosions/blister, urticaria/erythema, pigmentation, mucosa, and itching). (C) Correlation between TGF- α levels and peripheral blood eosinophil counts. Pearson correlation coefficients (R) and P -values are indicated. Each dot represents one patient.

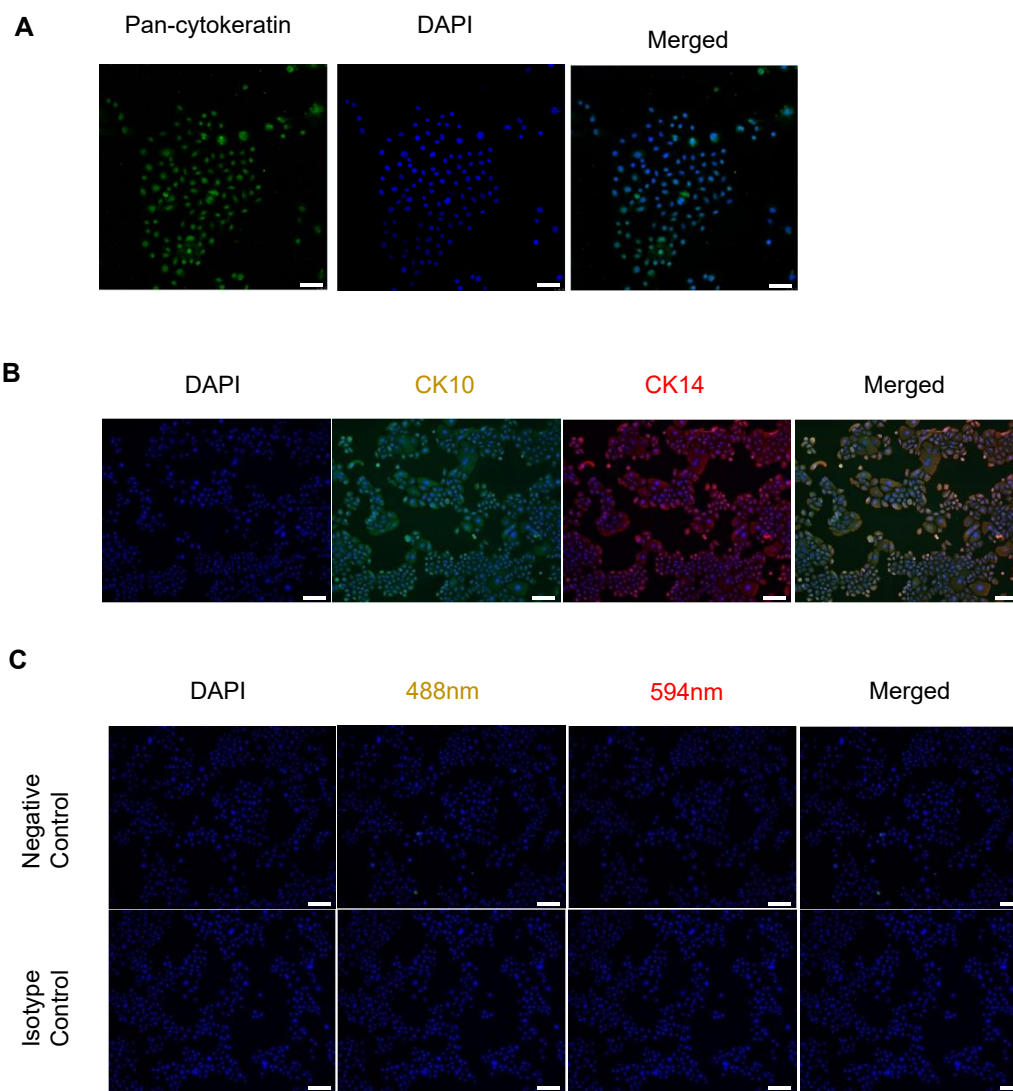


Figure S3. Characterization of cultured keratinocytes. (A) Immunofluorescence staining for pan-cytokeratin in cultured keratinocytes. (B) Co-staining of keratinocyte markers CK10 and CK14 with DAPI. (C) Negative and isotype control staining for keratinocyte immunofluorescence imaging. Scale bars = 100 μ m.

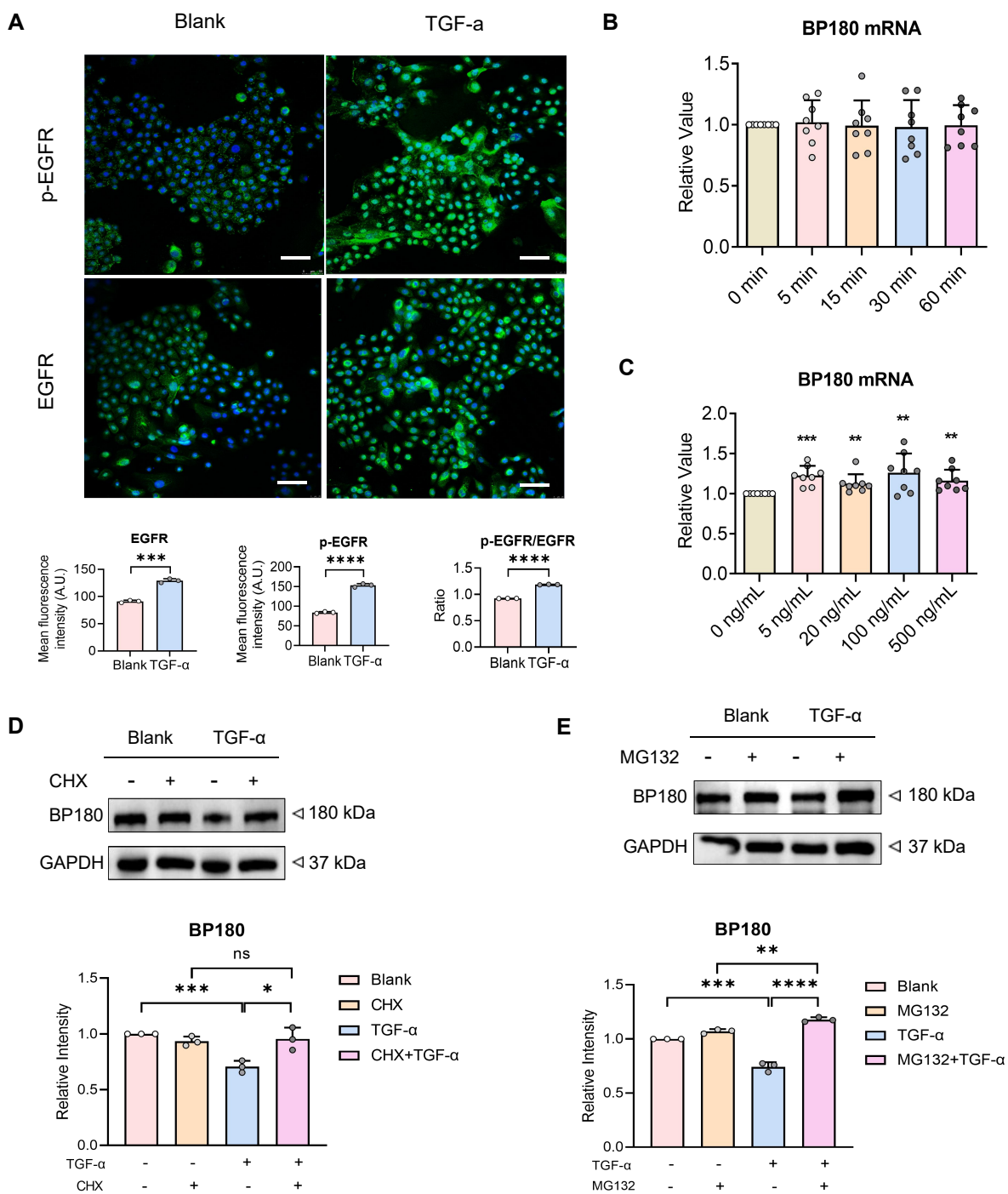


Figure S4 Effects of TGF- α on EGFR signaling and BP180 stability in keratinocytes. (A)

Immunofluorescence staining of p-EGFR and EGFR in keratinocytes treated with TGF- α (100 ng/mL, 1 h). Quantification of fluorescence intensity and p-EGFR/EGFR ratio is shown. **(B)** BP180 mRNA levels in keratinocytes treated with 100 ng/mL TGF- α over various time periods (0, 5, 15, 30, 60 min). **(C)** BP180 mRNA levels in keratinocytes treated with escalating concentrations of TGF- α (0, 5, 20, 100, 500 ng/mL) for 1 hour. **(D)** Western blot analysis of BP180 protein in keratinocytes treated with 100 ng/mL TGF- α for 1 hour, with or without cycloheximide (CHX, 10 μ g/mL, 1h). **(E)** Western blot analysis of BP180 protein in keratinocytes treated with 100 ng/mL TGF- α for 1 hour, with or without MG132 (10 μ M, 1h). Data in all panels represent three independent experiments. Representative images are shown, scale bar = 100 μ m. Data are presented as the mean $\pm$ SEM. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001.

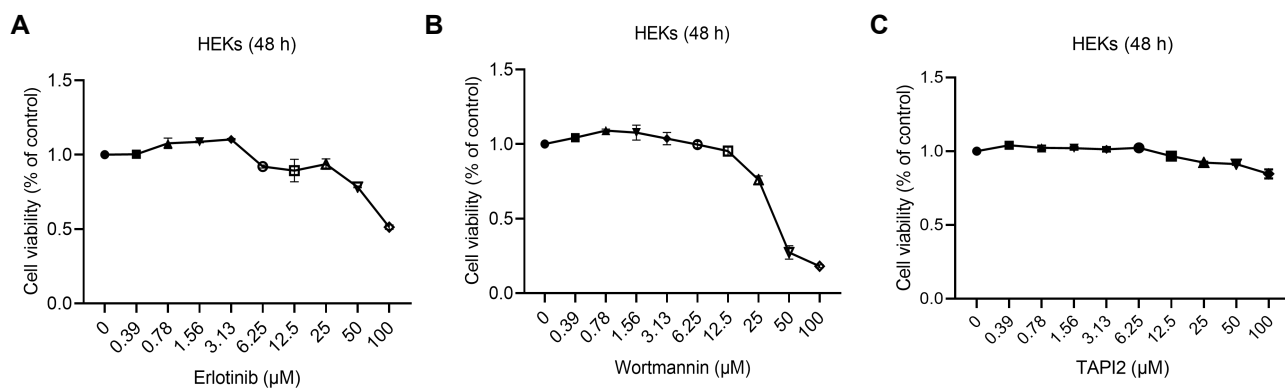


Figure S5 Cytotoxicity of Erlotinib, Wortmannin, and TAPI2 in keratinocytes. Human epidermal keratinocytes (HEKs) were exposed to escalating concentrations of each inhibitor for a duration of 48 hours. Cell viability was assessed using the MTT assay across varying concentrations of (A) Erlotinib, (B) Wortmannin, and (C) TAPI2. Error bars denote the mean $\pm$ SEM from a minimum of three independent experiments.

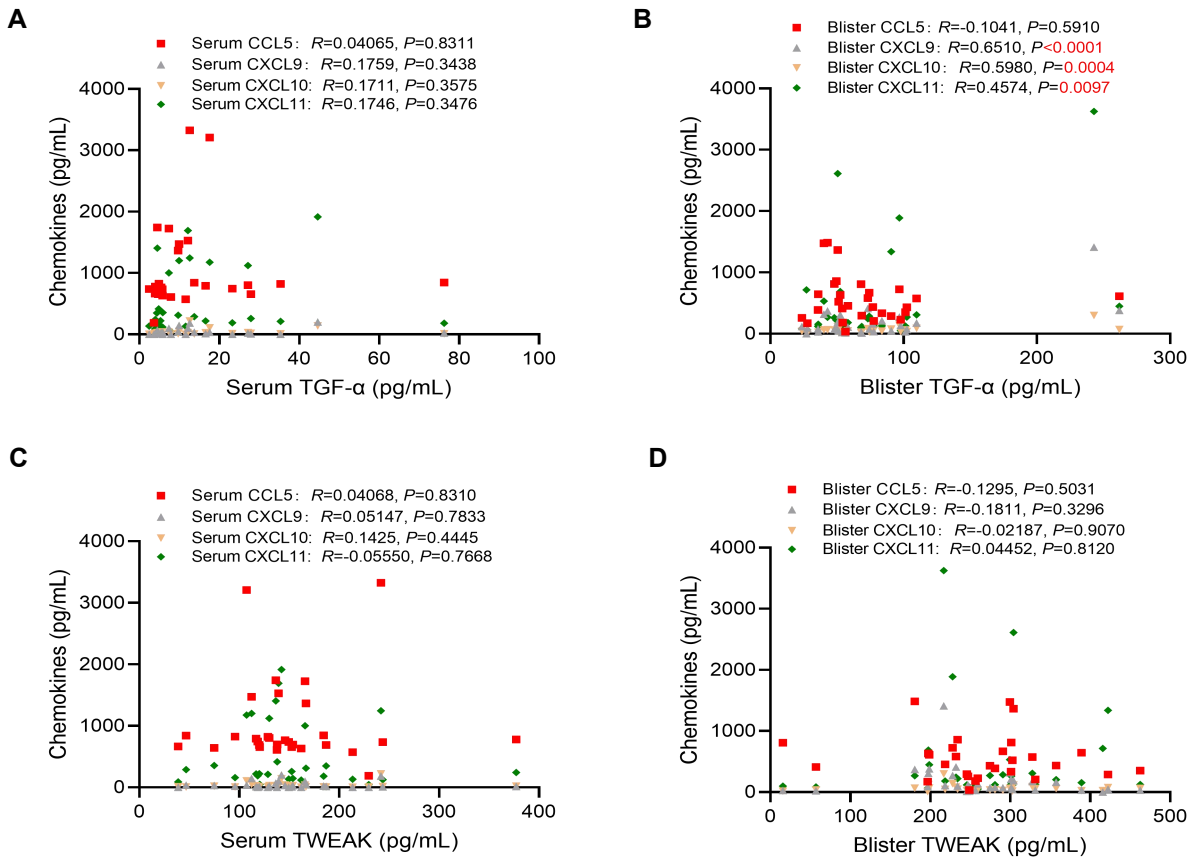


Figure S6 Correlation of TGF- α /TWEAK with chemokine levels in BP patients. (A–B) Correlation analysis of serum (A) and blister fluid (B) TGF- α levels with chemokines CCL5, CXCL9, CXCL10, and CXCL11. (C–D) Correlation analysis of serum (C) and blister fluid (D) TWEAK levels with the same chemokines. Pearson correlation coefficients (R) and P -values are indicated. Each dot represents one patient.

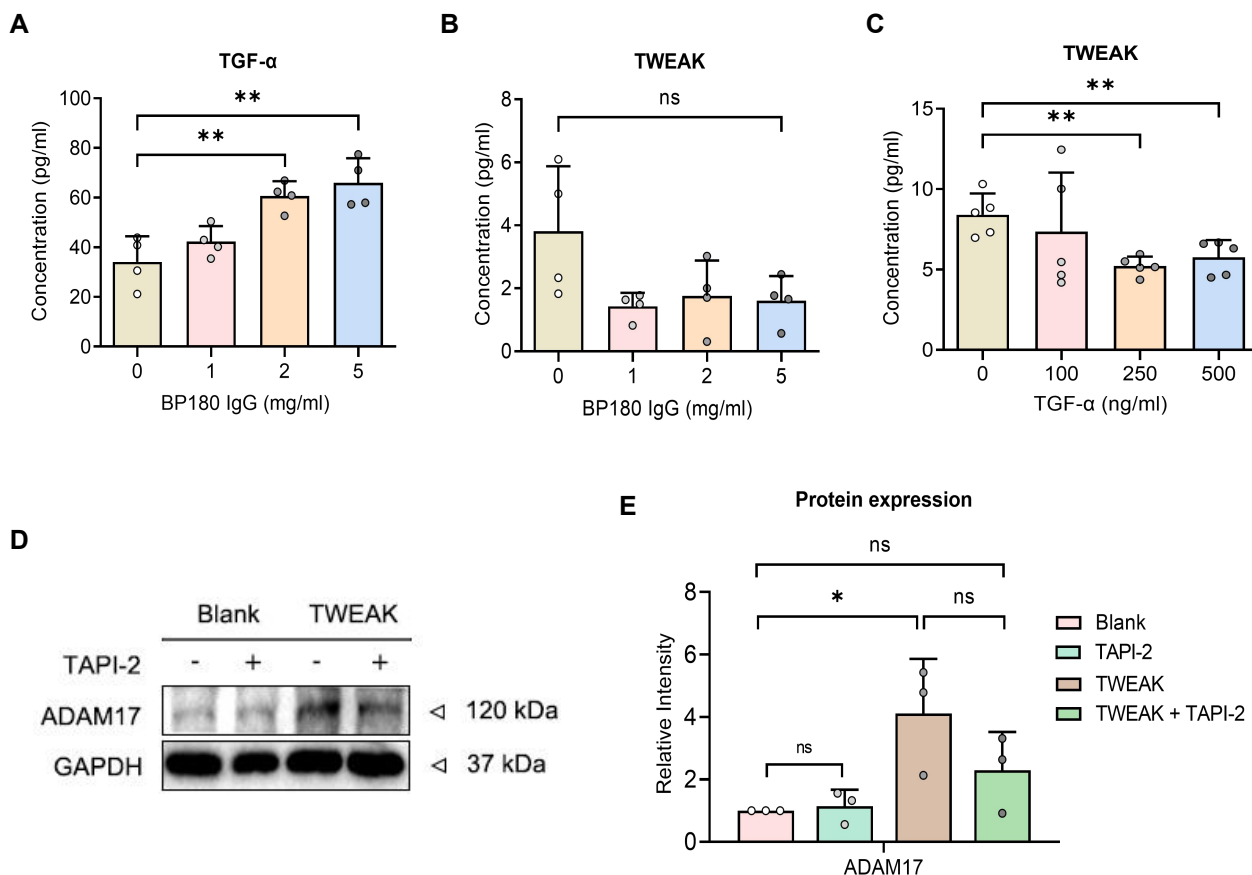


Figure S7 Crosstalk among BP180 IgG, TGF- α , TWEAK, and ADAM17 in keratinocytes. (A–C) ELISA analysis of TGF- α and TWEAK concentrations in the supernatants of keratinocytes stimulated for 48 hours. Keratinocytes were treated with purified human BP180 IgG (0, 1, 2, 5 mg/mL) (A, B) or TGF- α (0, 100, 250, 500 ng/mL) (C). (D–E) Western blotting analysis depicting ADAM17 expression in keratinocytes treated with blank control, TAPI-2 (10 μ M), TWEAK (100 ng/mL), or their combination for 48 hours. Representative blots and quantification of relative intensity are shown. Data are presented as the mean $\pm$ SEM. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01.