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# Correction to: Rat limbal niche cells can induce transdifferentiation of oral mucosal epithelial cells into corneal epithelial-like cells in vitro

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# **Correction**

The original article [1] contains an error in Fig. 5e whereby the immunofluorescence of  $\Delta Np63\alpha$  in the ME group is incorrectly presented; thus, the corrected figure is shown ahead.

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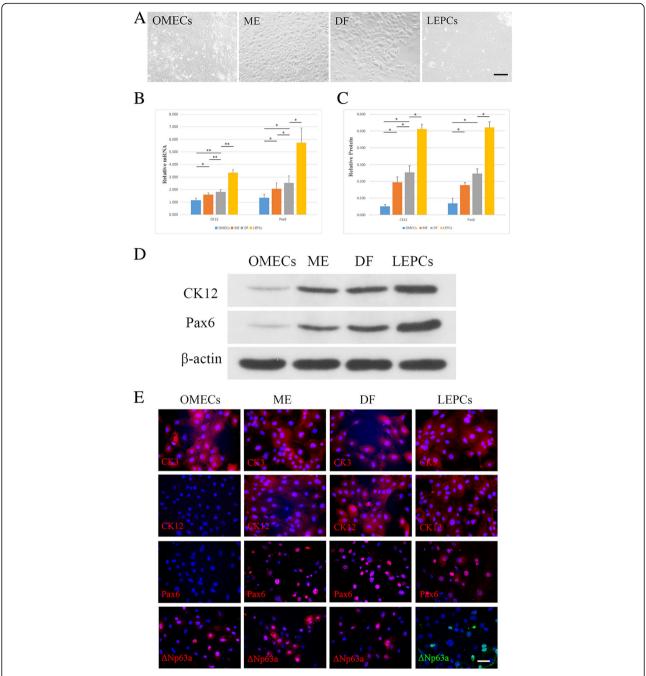
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**Fig. 5** Transwell coculturing of oral mucosal epithelial cells (OMECs) and limbal niche cells (LNCs) in supplemented hormonal epithelial medium (SHEM). **a** Morphologic characterization of OMECs and LNCs cocultured in Transwell. Scale bar = 100 μm. **b** The relative mRNA expression of CK12 and Pax6 in cocultured OMECs and LNCs. **c** The relative protein levels of cocultured OMECs and LNCs. **d** Western blot analysis of CK12 and Pax6 expression in cocultured OMECs and LNCs; β-actin was used as an internal control. **e** Cells were single-stained for CK3, CK12, Pax6, and  $\Delta$ Np63α, and nuclei were stained by DAPI. Scale bar = 50 μm. \*\*p < 0.05. DF Cocultured OMECs supported by DF-LNCs in Transwell, LEPC Limbal epithelial progenitor cell, ME Cocultured OMECs supported by ME-LNCs in Transwell