

## Supplementary

**Table 1S: Cell recovery and protein content of HaCaT cells grown in low (A) or high (C) Ca<sup>2+</sup> medium for 6 (A6, C6) or 14 (A14, C14) days**

Cell culture	Cells number 10 <sup>6</sup> /well ± s.d.	Protein µg/10 <sup>6</sup> cells ± s.d.
A6	10.14 ± 1.51 <sup>a</sup>	192.39 ± 46.90 <sup>c</sup>
C6	6.08 ± 1.66 <sup>a</sup>	194.04 ± 51.93 <sup>c</sup>
A14	38.27 ± 6.38 <sup>b</sup>	132.32 ± 39.13 <sup>c</sup>
C14	15.43 ± 5.30 <sup>b</sup>	143.40 ± 37.47 <sup>c</sup>

Notes:

<sup>a</sup>average from 24 independent cell counts

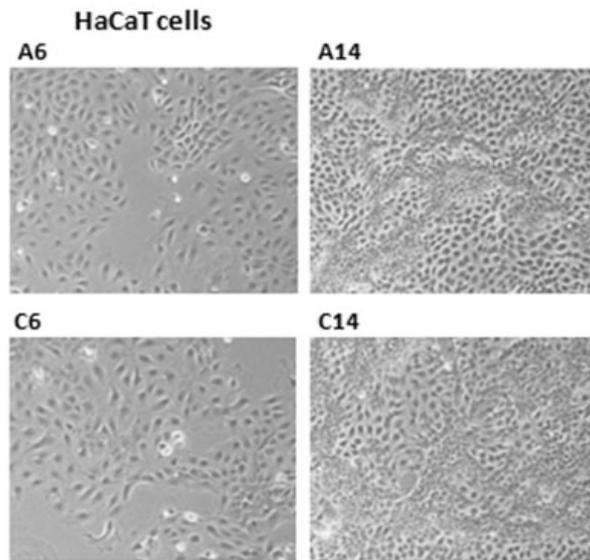
<sup>b</sup>average from 40 independent cell counts

<sup>c</sup>average from 12 independent assays

## Figure legends

### **Figure S1. Changes in HaCaT cell morphology during cell differentiation.**

Morphological changes in HaCat cells, grown in low (A) and high (C) Ca<sup>2+</sup>-containing medium for 6 (A6 and C6) and 14 (A14 and C14) days were analyzed by phase contrast microscopy.



**Figure S2. *In vitro* release of CXCL8/IL8, VEGF and MMP-9 from HaCat cells stimulated by IL-1 $\beta$  during cell differentiation.**

The amount of CXCL8/IL8, VEGF and MMP-9 was measured by ELISA assay in the supernatants of HaCaT cells plated at the same density ( $1.0 \times 10^4$  cells/cm<sup>2</sup>), grown in low (A) and high (C) Ca<sup>2+</sup>-containing medium for 6 (A6 and C6) and 14 (A14 and C14) days (white bars) and treated with 10 ng/ml IL-1 $\beta$  for 6 or 24 hours (black bars), as indicated, in the absence (*Panel A*) or in the presence (*Panel B*) of serum. The data are expressed as pg/10<sup>6</sup> cells and values are the mean  $\pm$  s.d. of at least three independent cell culture experiments in duplicate.

