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Correction: HERC2 promotes inflammation-driven cancer stemness and immune evasion in hepatocellular carcinoma by activating STAT3 pathway

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Following the publication of the original article [1], the author identified an error in Fig. 5. The western blot of Fig. 5D was inadvertently duplicated from the left panel. This occurred when the authors mistakenly overwrote the right panel data with the left panel data while organizing the raw files.

The correct figure is presented below:

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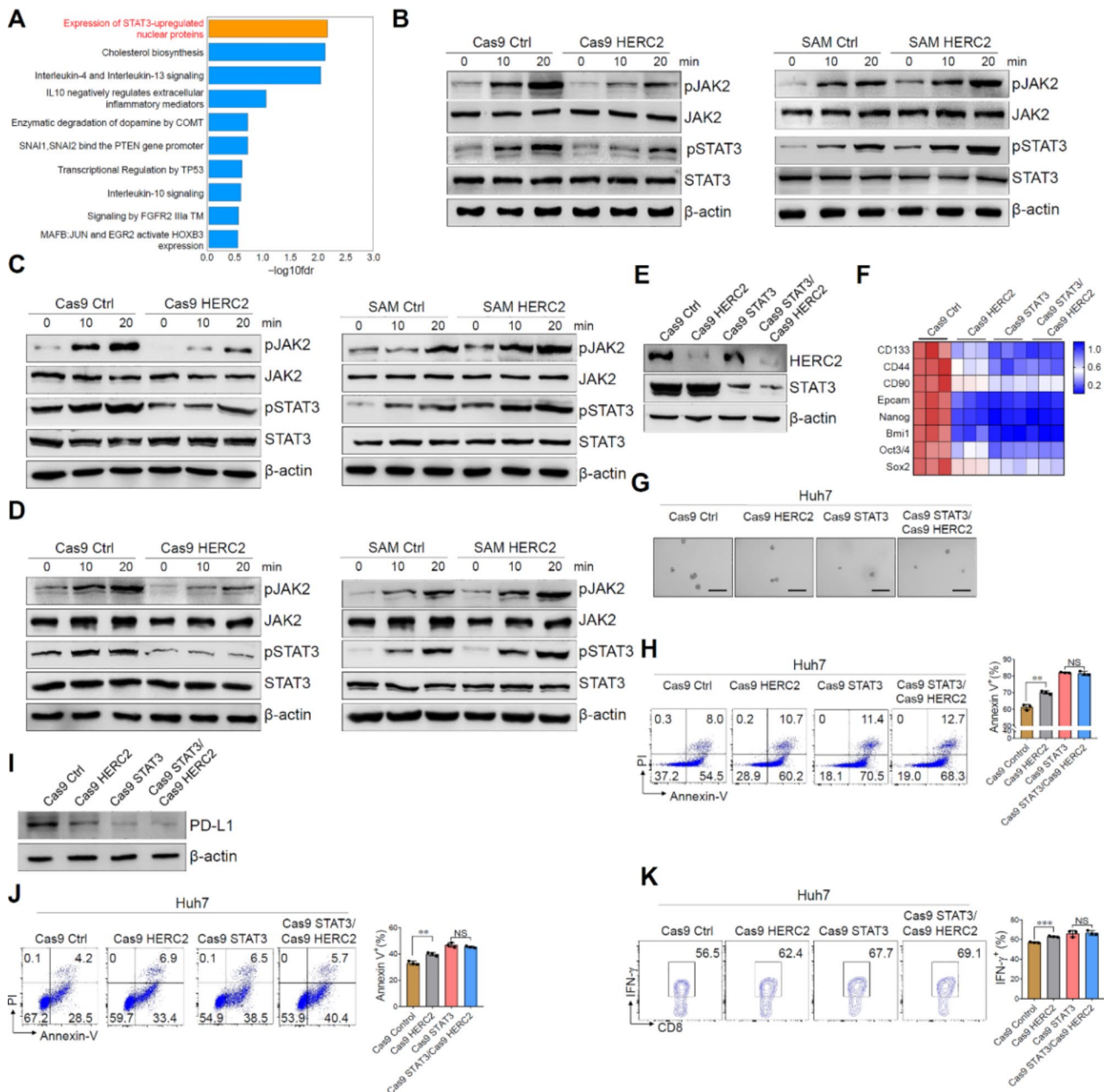


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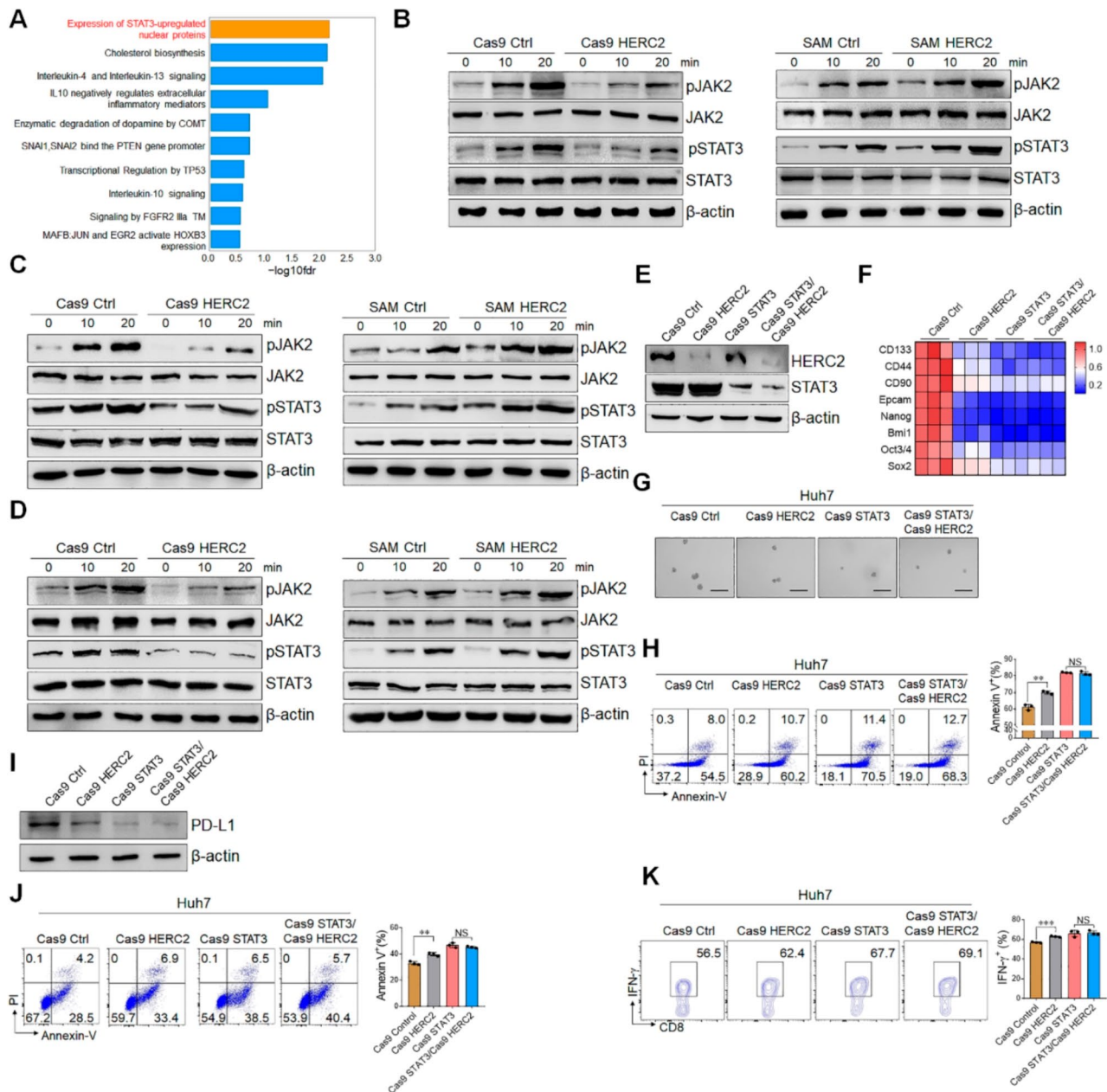


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