



Fig. S8. Growth properties of the different *P. acnes* strains. *P. acnes* strains (889, 6609, ATCC 11828) were cultured in brain heart infusion (BHI) medium at (A) 37°C under anaerobic conditions or (B) at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% (v/v) CO₂. Optical density (OD)₆₀₀ values were measured up to 72 h. The 3 *P. acnes* isolates exhibited differences in the growth properties; the 6609 strain was the slowest growing among those analysed.