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Materials and Methods

35 Cell culture

All cells were routinely tested for mycoplasma contamination using MycoAlert detection kit (Lonza, Cat# LT07-318).

40 *Pluripotent stem cells (PSC) culture*

The SOX10::GFP reporter H9 human embryonic stem cells (hESC) were initially cultured on mouse embryonic feeder cells as described previously (65) and gradually adapted to feeder-free culture. H9 hESC SOX10::GFP reporter line and H20961 human induced pluripotent stem cells

- 45 (iPSCs) were cultured in feeder-free, serum-free medium mTESR-1 (Stem Cell technologies, Cat# 85850). Both pluripotent stem cells (PSC) i.e. H9-hESC SOX10::GFP reporter and H20961 iPSC were passaged ~1:6 every 4-5 days by incubation in ReLeSR (StemCell technologies, Cat# 05872) for 1 min at room temperature. The ReLeSR was then aspirated and the culture plates were incubated for 6-7 mins at 37°C. mTESR-1 was added to the cells and the plates were gently
- 50 tapped to detach the cells, which were triturated and re-plated on tissue culture dishes coated overnight with growth-factor-reduced Matrigel (Corning, Cat# 356231).

PSC differentiation into melanocytes

- 55 The SOX10::GFP reporter H9 hESC and H20961 iPSCs were differentiated into melanocytes following a previously published protocol with some modifications (14). Cells were plated on Matrigel coated plates in mTESR-1 medium and when colonies reached 70% confluency, the medium was changed to differentiation medium composed of KSR medium (1x knockout DMEM (Gibco, Cat# 10829018), 15% knockout serum replacer (Gibco, Cat# 10828028), 1x
- 60 Antibiotic-Antimycotic (Gibco, Cat# 15240062) 1x MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids Solution (Gibco, Cat# 11140076), 1x Glutamax (Life Technologies, Cat# 35050061), 55 mM 2mercaptoethanol (Gibco, Cat# 21985023) containing 10 μM SB431542 (Selleck Chemicals, Cat# S1067) and 500nM LDN193189 (Selleck Chemicals, Cat# S2618) for 48 hours with medium change every 24 hours. After 48 hours, in the above medium, 3 μM CHIR99021 (Selleck
- 65 Chemicals, Cat # S2924) was added. After 72 hours, cells were fed with KSR media containing 10 μM SB431542 and 3 μM CHIR99021. On day 4 (after 96 hours), cells were fed with 75% KSR medium, 25% N2 medium plus 3 μM CHIR99021. The N2 medium is comprised of: 1x DMEM-F12 (Gibco, Cat# 11320033),1x N2 NeuroPlex supplement (Gemini Bio, Cat# 400-163), 5.76 x 10⁻⁵ mg/ml progesterone (Sigma, Cat# P7556), 1.55 mg/ml D-glucose (Sigma, Cat#
- G7021), 1x 55 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 1x antibiotic-antimycotic. On day 6, cells were fed with 50% KSR, 50% N2 media containing 3 μM CHIR99021 plus 25 ng/ml BMP4 (BioVision, Cat# 4578) and 100 nM endothelin-3 (Alfa Aesar, Cat# J66312). On day 8, media was switched to 25% KSR media, 75% N2 media plus 3 μM CHIR99021, 25 ng/ml BMP4, and 100 nM EDN3. On day 10, cells were fed with 100% N2 media containing 3 μM CHIR99021, 25 ng/ml BMP4,
- 75 and 100 nM EDN3. On day 11, cells were treated with Accutase (Sigma, Cat# A6964) for 30 mins and washed twice with neurobasal medium (Life Technologies, Cat# 21103049), counted, resuspended at a concentration of 2x10⁶ cells/ml and plated on poly-L-ornithine (Sigma, Cat# P4638), laminin (Life Technologies, Cat# 23017015), and fibronectin (Fisher Scientific, Cat#



FC01010MG) coated dishes as 20 µl volume droplets. Droplets were incubated at 37°C for 20

- 80 mins followed by the addition of MEL medium (50% neurobasal, 30% low glucose DMEM (Life Technologies, Cat# 11885084), 20% MCDB201 (Sigma, Cat# M6770), 1x antibioticantimycotic, 1x Glutamax, 1x ITS supplement (Corning, Cat# 354352), 100uM ascorbic acid (Sigma, A4403), 50ng/ml cholera toxin (Sigma, Cat# C8052), 50ng/ml Stem Cell Factor (Fisher Scientific, Cat# 50276388), 50nM dexamethasone (Sigma, Cat# D4902), 100nM EDN3, 2%
- 85 Gem21 Neuroplex (Gemini Bio, Cat# 400-160), 3 μM CHIR99021, 4ng/ml FGF2 (PeproTech, Cat# 100-18B), 500um dbcAMP (Sigma, Cat# D0627), 25ng/ml BMP4. MEL medium was changed every 3 days and cells were passed every 5-6 days. Cells started showing pigmentation past day 25 of differentiation. As the cells differentiated from melanoblasts to the melanocytes state, cells were analyzed for side scatter (SSC) changes by FACS, as well as melanin
- 90 quantification by measuring OD at 400 nm and comparing against a standard curve generated using synthetic melanin.

Primary human melanocytes culture

- 95 Foreskin tissues were procured from 1-2 day-old newborn males of diverse ethnicity following Institutional IRB protocol guidelines. Skin tissues were processed as described previously (66). Briefly, tissues were washed 3 times with 1x PBS (Gibco, Cat# 14040216), cut into pieces (~5mm×5mm). A piece was fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin and provided to the Stanford Pathology Core for Fontana-Masson staining. The rest of the tissue was enzymatically digested
- 100 with dispase I (Zen-Bio, Cat# DISP1) for 15-20 hours at 4°C. Afterwards, the epidermis was peeled from the dermis manually using fine forceps. The epidermis was treated with trypsin-EDTA (Corning, Cat# 25053CI) for 15-20 mins at 37°C with intermittent trituration. The cell suspension was neutralized using soy trypsin neutralizing solution (Life Technologies), filtered through a 70 µm cell strainer (ThermoFisher Scientific, Cat# 22363548), centrifuged at 200g for
- 5 min, and cultured in the presence of serum-free medium 254 (ThermoFisher Scientific, Cat# M254500) supplemented with 1x human melanocyte growth supplement (HMGS) (ThermoFisher Scientific, Cat# S0025) for 72 hours without medium change. Afterwards, fresh medium was replenished every other day.
- 110 Melanoma cell line culture

MNT-1 cells were cultured in high glucose DMEM (Life Technologies, Cat# 11995040) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Life Technologies, Cat# 16000069), 1x antibiotic-antimycotic and 1x Glutamax.

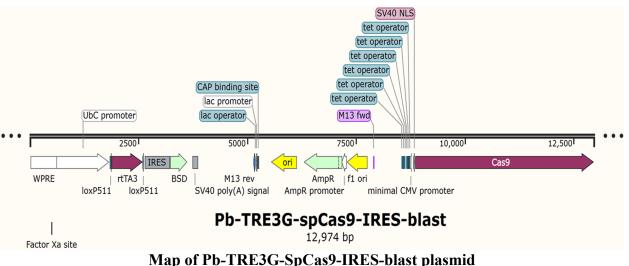
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Plasmids, SpCas9 expression, gene knockout and rescue cell lines generation

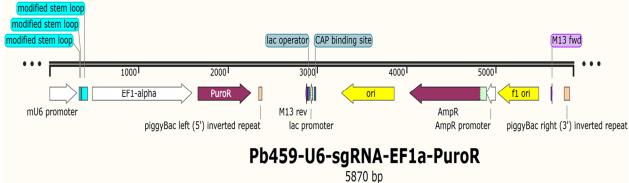
Pb-TRE3G-SpCas9-IRES-Blast (Addgene# 195506), a piggyBac doxycycline inducible SpCas9 expression vector (see image below), initially generated in the Wysocka laboratory, was used in this study.





This plasmid efficiently expressed SpCas9 under a doxycycline inducible promoter and contained a blasticidin selection cassette. The plasmid was subsequently used for creating the Cas9-MNT-1 cell line that was used for both genome-wide screening and screen hit validation experiments. To generate the Cas9-MNT-1 cell line, MNT-1 cells were transfected with Pb-TRE3G-SpCas9-IRES-Blast and piggyBac transposase (PB210PA-1, System Biosciences) in a 1:3 ratio using Lipofectamine 2000 (Life Technologies, Cat# 11668019) following the

- 130 manufacturer's instructions. Cells were selected with 5µg/ml blasticidin (InvivoGen, Cat# ant-bl-1) treatment for a week. Afterwards, single cells were plated to generate a clonal cell line and efficient induction of SpCas9 nuclease from the clonal cell line was confirmed by western blot. In the screen hit validation experiment, the Pb459-U6-sgRNA-EF1a-PuroR vector (Addgene # 195507) used for sgRNA expression in the Cas9-MNT-1 cells was designed in two steps. First,
- 135 the lentiviral backbone of the pMCB320 vector was replaced with the piggyBac backbone from the PB-TRE-dCas9-VPR (Addgene, 63800) vector using EcoRI (NEB) and XbaI (NEB) restriction enzymes. Next, PuroR-T2A-mCherry was replaced with the PuroR cassette using NheI (NEB) and EcoRI (NEB). Pairs of oligonucleotides carrying sgRNA sequences (see table below) and the BlpI (NEB) and BstXI (NEB) overhangs were phosphorylated and annealed. The
- 140 annealed oligos were subsequently ligated into the BlpI and BstXI digested, and gel purified, Pb459-U6-sgRNA-EF1a-PuroR backbone.



Map of Pb459-U6-sgRNA-EF1a_PuroR plasmid



Table sgRNA sequences used for knockout experiments.

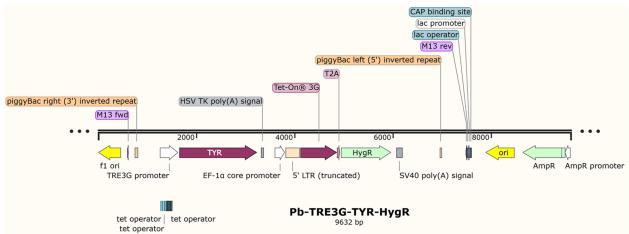
Gene	sgRNA sequence
AP1-G1	GCTCCCGCAATCTGATGG
AP1-G2	GGGTTCGGGCTGTCCGGA
AP1-G3	GACAATACATACCGATGT
CCDC22-G1	GCAGGGTTGATCACACGC
CCDC22-G2	GTCTGCCCGGTTCCGCC
CCDC22-G3	GGGCTATCCCTTGGAGCT
COMMD3-G1	GCGGGGATCCGCCAGCATC
COMMD3-G2	GTACATCCTATGAAGTTGAT
COMMD3-G3	GATCTCTCCCTCATATAA
Control-G1	GTCATACATGTATTTGGA
Control-G2	GACAAGAAAAACCACTTA
Control-G3	GATACTAATCAATAAGTGGG
KHDRBS1-G1	GGCGTCTGACGCACCGAG
KHDRBS1-G2	GGGTCCCGACGCGACAGT
KHDRBS1-G3	GGGCCGTAGCGGCTCCA
KLF6-G1	GGAGGTAAACTTGGCCGT
KLF6-G2	GCCGGTCTCGTGCACGATC
KLF6-G3	GCTGTCAAATTTGATTTCTG
SLC12A9-G1	GCGAGAGCTCACCTCTGC
<i>SLC12A9-G2</i>	GGCGACGATCGTGCCCAG
<i>SLC12A9-G3</i>	GCAGGACATAGACGAAGA
SLC33A1-G1	GCCGGCTGCTGTCCTTGT
SLC33A1-G2	GGACTCAGCGGGCCGGGA
SLC33A1-G3	GCAAAATGCTGCTTAGTT
TYR-G1	ATTGTCTGTAGCCGATTGG
TYR-G2	GCTGTCCACCGTGGAGCG
TYR-G3	GTGCTCTGGCAACTTCAT
TYR-G4	GAGGAGACACAGGCTCTA
WASHC4 (KIAA1033)-G1	GGTGATTGCCAAATTCAAAT
WASHC4 (KIAA1033)-G2	GCGAGCCGTCGTCAACG
WASHC4 (KIAA1033)-G3	GTACGAATGATAAGATCTGG
WDR81-G1	GCAGGCAGATGAGGGCGATG
WDR81-G2	GTCGCAACCCTGCCAGCG
WDR81-G3	GACGTCAGCAGGCGGAGC

After cloning the Pb459-U6-sgRNA-EF1a-PuroR vector expressing unique sgRNAs, Cas9-150 MNT-1 cells were transfected with Pb459-U6-sgRNA-EF1a-PuroR and piggyBac transposase (PB210PA-1, System Biosciences) in a 1:3 ratio using Lipofectamine 2000 following manufacturer's instructions. Transfected cells were selected with 1µg/ml puromycin treatment for 4-6 days. Afterwards, cells were treated with 2µg/ml doxycycline (Sigma, Cat# D5207) for 2 weeks followed by cell lysis, melanin quantification, and FACS analysis on FACSAria (BD)/

155 CytoFLEX (BD) for SSC measurements. FACS analyses were done using FlowJo software (BD) and flowCore() package in R.

To generate the *TYR* expression plasmid used in the tyrosinase rescue studies, a wild copy of the *TYR* gene was PCR amplified from the pEGFP-TYR plasmid (Addgene # 32781) with NheI and

160 AgeI overhangs. The amplicon was then digested and ligated to the already digested and gel purified PB-TRE-dCas9-VPR plasmid (Addgene, 63800) backbone. The resulting vector Pb-TRE3G-TYR-HygR (Addgene # 195508) (see image below) contained the TYR cassette under the doxycycline inducible TER3G promoter and also contained a hygromycin selection cassette.



Map of Pb- TRE3G-TYR-HygR plasmid

TYR-G1-G4 knockout cell lines were transfected with the Pb-TRE3G-TYR-HygR plasmid and piggyBac transposase (PB210PA-1, System Biosciences) in a 1:3 ratio using lipofectamine following the manufacturer's instructions. Cells were selected with 40µg/ml hygromycin

170 (InvivoGen, Cat# ant-hg-1) for a week followed by 2µg/ml doxycycline treatment for a month to re-express *TYR* on *TYR* knockout cell lines. Afterwards, cells were lysed for melanin quantification and SSC measurements.

Lentiviral COMMD3 and RAP2A expression

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Lentiviral RAP2A overexpression plasmid (pCHA1.1-Rap2a-V5) was purchased from Addgene (#149509). Blasticidin cassette was replaced with hygromycin selection cassette using BstXI and KpnI restriction enzymes to generate pCHA1.1-Rap2a-V5-hygro vector (Addgene # 195510). A COMMD3 coding sequence (COMMD3_NM_012071.4) was PCR amplified using forward (ataGCTAGCATGGAGCTCTCGGAGTCTG) and reverse

180 (ataGCTAGCATGGAGCTCTCGGAGTCTG) and reverse (ataGCGGCCGCTTACAACTGAGTTGCTCTTTCC) primers and cloned into a pCHA1.1-Rap2a-V5-hygro vector using NheI and NotI restriction sites to generate pCHA1.1-COMMD3_CDS-V5-hygro (Addgene# 195509). These two plasmids were packaged into a lentivirus as described earlier (65). COMMD3-KO and WT (control sgRNA edited) clonal lines

185 were generated by plating single cells of bulk *COMMD3-KO* and *WT* (Control-edited) cell populations. Multiple clones were screened for biallelic deletions and confirmed by western blot for COMMD3 using anti-COMMD3 antibody (Bethyl Laboratories, A304-092A).



Endogenous tagging of KLF6 locus with FKBP12^{F36V} and V5 190

For endogenous tagging of KLF6 at the c-terminus, a dsDNA gene block containing tandem FKBP12^{F36V} and V5 epitope tags was purchased from IDT. The upstream and downstream homologous sequences to the c-terminus of KLF6 were amplified using the following primers:

- 195 aactccatcactaggggttccggcggccgcCCGGCAGGCTGACACCTCATCCCGCAAGCA, tcctggggagatggtttccacctgcactccGAGGTGCCTCTTCATGTGCAGGGCCAGGTG, CACCTGGCCCTGCACATGAAGAGGCACCTCggagtgcaggtggaaaccatctccccagga, GCCTACAGGATCCACCTCTCTGCTCCCTCAggaaccggatccagagcctgaaccggaggt, acctccggttcaggctctggatccggttccTGAGGGAGCAGAGAGGTGGATCCTGTAGGC,
- 200 aactccatcactaggggttcctgcggccgcAATTCAAATTCAGAATCATTTAAAAAATAAT. These sequences were cloned into an AAV6 donor vector (67) (a gift from Matthew Porteus, Stanford University) using Gibson assembly. 293T cells were transfected with plasmids mixed in a 3:1:1 ratio (AD5 helper plasmid: rAAV transgene transfer plasmid: Capsid DJ plasmid). 72 hours post transfection, 293T cells were collected and AAV particles were purified using AAVpro
- 205 Purification Kit Midi (Takara Bio, Cat# 6675). A chemically modified sgRNA (CACAUGAAGAGGCACCUCUG) targeting the c-terminus of KLF6 was purchased from Synthego (CRISPRevolution sgRNA EZ Kit, Synthego). sgRNA and Cas9 (Integrated DNA Technologies) were mixed per manufacturer's recommendations to assemble a ribonucleoprotein (RNP) complex. MNT-1 cells were nucleofected with KLF6 sgRNA-Cas9 RNP using the Amaxa
- 210 electroporator (Lonza) with the U-24 program. Nucleofected cells were plated in MNT-1 cell culture medium containing AAV6 donor HDR templates. Single cell colonies were grown, genomic DNA was isolated, the desired region was PCR amplified, and the sequence was verified by Sanger sequencing. Thus, derived homozygous and heterozygous tagged clonal lines were tested for their ability to degrade KLF6 upon dTAG-13 or dTAG^v-1. Clonal cells were
- 215 treated with 500nM dTAG^v-1 or 500nM dTAG-13 for 24 hours, as well as DMSO vehicle control and subsequently, protein lysate was collected. Western blot using anti-V5 tag antibody (Abcam, ab15828) was used to confirm KLF6 depletion.

Total cellular melanin quantification

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Total melanin quantification was done as described previously (68). For primary human melanocytes and PSC-derived melanocytes, 2.5x10⁵ cells were counted, centrifuged at 4000xg for 5 min and washed twice with PBS. Then the cell pellet was dissolved in 250 µl 1M NaOH with 10% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). For the MNT-1 melanoma cell line, 6.0×10^5 cells were dissolved in 120ul 1M NaOH with 10% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). Cell lysate was incubated at 80°C for 2 hours. Afterwards, 100 µl of lysate was placed in a 96 well plate to measure absorbance at 400 nm wavelength on an Infinite 200 Pro plate reader (Tecan). A standard curve was generated using synthetic melanin (Sigma) and melanin concentration was determined by

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Immunocytochemistry and Imaging

reading OD 400 nm against the standard curve (69).

Immunocytochemistry was performed as described previously (66). Briefly, cells were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde, permeabilized with PBS with 0.1% Triton X-100 and blocked with

1%BSA/0.01% Triton X-100. Afterwards, cells were incubated with one of the following anti-235



human primary antibodies diluted in blocking buffer: goat PAX3 (1:100; 4°C overnight; Santa Cruz, sc-34916), mouse TYRP1 (MEL-5) (1:500; 4°C overnight; BioLegend, 917801), rabbit MITF (1:200; 4°C overnight; Abcam, ab59232), goat SOX10 (1:50; 4°C overnight; Santa Cruz, sc-17342), mouse HMB45 (1:20; 4°C overnight; Life Technologies, 081050), ATP7A (1:100;

- 240 4°C overnight; Santa Cruz, sc-376467). Afterwards, cells were incubated with anti-mouse or anti-goat Alexa Fluor 488 and Alexa Fluor 594 antibodies (1:400; 1 hr at RT; Invitrogen) and counter-stained with DAPI nuclear dye (0.5 μg/ml in PBS; 10 min; Sigma). Cells incubated with secondary antibodies alone served as negative controls. Images were acquired on either an inverted microscope (Nikon Ti2) or on a confocal microscope (Leica TSC SP2). For human and
- 245 mouse tissue histology, tissues were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin and Fontana-Masson and hematoxylin & eosin staining were performed at the Stanford University Pathology Core facility.

LysoTracker Red DND-99 labeling

For melanosomal LysoTracker dye labeling experiments, COMMD3-KO and WT (controledited) cells were treated for 30 mins with medium containing 50nM LysoTracker Red DND-99 (Life Technologies, Cat# L7528). After 30 mins, cells were washed three times with PBS and fresh medium was replenished. Cells were imaged in a Nikon Spinning Disk Confocal

- 255 Microscope at 100x/60x magnification. For Lysotracker Red and TYR co-staining experiments, a previously described protocol was followed (70). To this end, COMMD3-KO and WT (control-edited) cells were first treated with 50nM LysoTracker Red for 30 min,then fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde, permeabilized with PBS with 0.1% Triton X-100, and blocked with 1% BSA/0.01% Triton X-100. Afterwards, cells were incubated overnight with anti-TYR antibody
- 260 (MyBioSource, MBS127217) diluted in blocking buffer. Next day, cells were washed and treated with Alexa Fluor 647 antibodies (1:400; 1 hr at RT; Invitrogen), counter-stained with DAPI nuclear dye (0.5 μg/ml in PBS; 10 min; Sigma), and imaged on a Nikon spinning disk confocal microscope at 100x or 60x magnification. Cells incubated with secondary antibodies alone served as negative controls.
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Colocalization analysis

Colocalization analysis of ATP7A and TYR co-immunostaining and LysoTracker Red and TYR co-staining were done using the JaCoP plugin in ImageJ (71). To this end, three clonal cell lines

- 270 of COMMD3-KO and WT (control-edited) were stained as described above and images were acquired under identical conditions using a Nikon spinning disk confocal microscope. Each image was split in red (for LysoTracker Red) and green (TYR, Alexa Fluor 647, pseudo-colored as green) channels and converted to 8-bit grayscale images. A threshold of 60 was applied to both channels, and Manders' colocalization coefficients M1 (fraction of red fluorescence in areas
- 275 with green fluorescence) and M2 (fraction of green fluorescence in areas with red fluorescence) were calculated. For each clone of COMMD3-KO and WT (control-edited), at least four of the analyzed images (total 12-13 images) included 90-100 cells for ATP7A and TYR coimmunostaining experiments and 120-130 cells for TYR and LysoTracker Red co-staining experiments.
- 280 M1 and M2 are defined in the following manner by Mander et al., (1993) (72): M1 = $(\sum iRi,col) / \sum iRi$ where Ri,col = Ri if Gi > 0 and Ri,col = 0 if Gi = 0 and $M2 = (\sum iGi,col) / \sum iGi$ where Gi,col = 0



Gi if Ri > 0 and $Gi_{,col} = 0$ if Ri = 0. Where Ri and Gi are the grayscale values of voxel i of the red channel and the green channel. The M2 coefficient, which measured the fraction of TYR positive melanosomes colocalized with ATP7A in the ATP7A and TYR co-immunostaining experiment is shown in Figure S10B. The M2 coefficient, which measured the fraction of TYR positive melanosomes colocalized with LysoTracker Red, indicative of acidic TYR positive melanosomes, is shown in Figure S10F.

Melanosome pH modulation

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For melanosomal pH modulation experiments, we used vacuolar-type H+-ATPase (V-ATPase) proton pump inhibitors (bafilomycin A1 and concanamycin) as well as chloroquine, a weak base, which accumulates in endosomal organelles and raises their pH. Clonal COMMD3-KO or *WT* (control-edited) cell lines were treated with either 0.1µm bafilomycin A1 (BafA1),0.1µm

- 295 concanamycin (ConA), or 50µm chloroquine for 24 hours. Cells were treated with an equivalent amount of DMSO (for BafA1 and ConA) or H2O (for chloroquine) as well, which served as vehicle controls. Cells were then washed twice with PBS and medium was changed with fresh medium containing 50 nM LysoTracker Red dye for 30 min. Afterward, cells were washed three times with PBS and imaged under a Nikon spinning disk confocal microscope or analyzed in a
- 300 FACSAria flow cytometer (BD Biosciences). In parallel, cells were treated as described above and lysed with 1M NaOH with 10% DMSO for total melanin quantification.

Transmission election microscopy

- 305 Cells were cultured on ACLAR coverslips and fixed with 2% glutaraldehyde and 4% paraformaldehyde in 0.1M Sodium Cacodylate buffer, pH 7.4, for 1 hour at room temperature. Thin sections were cut and post-fixed with 1% Uranyl acetate. Sections were subsequently dehydrated, Epon-infiltrated, and examined with a JEOL JEM-1400 series Transmission Electron Microscope at the Stanford Cell Science Imaging Facility. TEM images were acquired for
- 310 different gene knockouts as well as control-edited cells and melanosomes at various stages of maturation, i.e., stage I-IV were counted in a blinded experiment where the person doing the counting was unaware of the experiment design and expected outcome.

Western blotting

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Cas9-MNT-1 cells were induced for 48 hours with 2µg/ml doxycycline to express the Cas9 nuclease. Afterwards, whole cell extracts were obtained by lysing cells in ice cold lysis buffer (300 mM NaCl, 100 mM tris (pH 8), 0.2 mM EDTA, 0.1% NP-40, 10% glycerol, 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF), and protease inhibitor cocktail (complete mini, Roche

- 320 Applied Sciences, Cat# 11836153001) for 20 mins at 4°C. The supernatant was collected, the protein concentrations determined by Bradford assay using Bradford reagent (Bio-Rad), and serial dilutions of proteins were separated on an SDS–polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) gel. Afterwards, proteins were transferred to nitrocellulose membranes and immunoblotted using mouse monoclonal Cas9 antibody (7A9-3A3, Cell Signaling Technology),
- 325 mouse monoclonal anti-TYR antibody (Santa Cruz, sc-20035) HRP-conjugated rabbit monoclonal GAPDH antibody (D16H11, Cell Signaling Technology) and HRP-conjugated



mouse monoclonal anti-beta actin antibody (AC-15, Abcam). Protein bands were detected using the Lumi-Light (Roche) chemiluminescence kit as per the manufacturer's instructions.

330 Melanosome Immunoprecipitation

Melanosome Immunoprecipitation experiments were done as described earlier (32). To this end, MNT-1 cells were transduced with Melano-Tag (GPR143-mScarlet-3xHA, Addgene #160369) or Control-tag (GPR143-mScarlet-1xMyc, Addgene #160368) lentiviral vectors. Melano-Tag

- 335 localizes on the melanosomal membrane and after gentle cell lysis, intact melanosomes can be immunoprecipitated using anti-HA magnetic beads. Cells transduced with the Control-tag and immunoprecipitated with anti-HA magnetic beads will serve as control. For Melanosome-IP experiments, 10⁷ MNT-1 cells were plated per 15-cm plate and collected 3 days after plating. Cell culture medium was changed 2 h before cell harvesting. Cells were washed twice with ice
- 340 cold PBS, collected by scraping in cold KPBS buffer (10 mM KH2PO4, 136 mM KCl, pH 7.25) and pelleted by centrifugation at 2,000g for 2 min at 4 °C. The cell pellet was resuspended in 200 µl cold KPBS buffer and 10 µl of the cell suspension was taken aside as input control. Cells were homogenized with a hand-held tissue grinder (VWR) for 30s. 800 µl of KPBS buffer was further added and the suspension was centrifuged at 3,000g for 2 min at 4 °C. Supernatants were then
- transferred into 1.5-ml tubes that contained 100 µl anti-HA magnetic beads (ThermoFisher 345 Scientific, Cat# 88837) washed with KPBS buffer. The cell suspension was incubated with anti-HA magnetic beads for 10 mins at 4 °C with gentle rocking. Magnetic beads were washed 3 times with 1ml ice-cold KPBS, being transferred to a new collection tube after each wash. Immunoprecipitated and input samples were lysed in 50 µl lysis buffer containing 40 mM
- 350 HEPES, pH 7.4; 1% Triton-X100; 2.5 mM MgCl2; 10 mM β-glycerol phosphate, 10 mM pyrophosphate, and Thermo Scientific Halt Protease Inhibitor (ThermoFisher Scientific, Cat# 78430). Immunoblotting on input and immunoprecipitated samples was done using antibodies for melanosomal markers PMEL (Santa Cruz, sc-377325) and LAMP2 (Santa Cruz, sc-18822), mitochondrial marker VDAC1 (Cell Signaling Technologies, #4461), as well as COMMD3 (Bethyl Laboratories, A304-092A). 355

Genome-wide CRISPR screen

MNT-1 cells were transfected using Lipofecatime 2000 with piggyBac transposase (PB210PA-1, 360 System Biosciences) and a piggyBac plasmid expressing SpCas9 under a doxycycline inducible promoter and containing a blasticidin selection cassette. Clonal cells were selected with 5µg/ml blasticidin treatment for a week. These cells, termed Cas-MNT-1 cells, expressed SpCas9 upon doxycycline treatment and were used for the genome-wide CRISPR screen.

The pMCB320 vector-based 10-sgRNA per gene CRISPR-Cas9 library base has been described previously (20). This library consists of nine sub-libraries containing \sim 200,000 guides targeting 365 over 20,000 genes and 13,500 control guides. Control guides included non-targeting guides (i.e., no binding sites in the genome) and safe-targeting control guides targeting genomic locations with no annotated functions (20).

A large batch of nine CRISPR-Cas9 lentiviral sub-libraries was packaged using methods

370 described previously with some modifications (65). Briefly, 293T packaging cells were transfected with CRISPR-Cas9 sub-libraries plasmid and a third-generation lentiviral packaging mix (1:1:1 mix of pMD2.G, pRSV-Rev, and pMDLg/pRRE) in a 1:1 ratio using



polyethylenimine. After 12 hours of transfection, fresh medium (high glucose DMEM plus 10% fetal bovine serum) was supplied to the 293T cells and subsequently two batches of lentivirus

- 375 were collected at 24 hours and 48 hours. These two batches were combined, passed through a 0.45 um syringe filter (Millipore), ultracentrifuged (50,000xg at 4C for 2 hours) and the viral pellet was resuspended in opti-MEM medium and stored in -80C until further use. Cas9-MNT-1 cells were transduced with serially diluted lentiviral sub-libraries and FACS analyzed for mCherry positive cells to determine transduction efficiency and multiplicity of infection (MOI)
- 380 calculations. For two independent genome-wide screens, an MOI of 0.1 was used to infect ~200x10⁶ Cas9-MNT-1 cells. Cells were selected with 1µg/ml puromycin for two weeks to achieve more than 90% mCherry positive cells and were then treated with 2µg/ml doxycycline for two weeks for Cas9 induction and subsequent gene editing. At this point, cells from the top and bottom 10% of the SSC distribution were FACS sorted on FACSAria cell sorters (BD). For
- 385 each replicate, ~50x10⁶ low SSC and ~50x10⁶ high SSC fractions were sorted, totaling ~100x10⁶ cells at 500x coverage. Genomic DNA was isolated from 200x10⁶ cells using the QIAamp DNA blood midi kit (Qiagen, Cat# 51183) followed by DNA purification using the DNeasy PowerClean Pro Cleanup kit (Qiagen, Cat# 12997-50) to remove coprecipitated melanin following the manufacturer's instructions.
- 390 PCR amplification of inserted sgRNAs from the genomic DNA was done with the Herculase II Fusion DNA Polymerase (Agilent Technologies, Cat# 600679) using the primers oMCB-1562 and oMCB-1563. All of the genomic DNA was PCR amplified using the following PCR protocol: 1× 98°C for 2 min, 18× 98°C for 30 sec, 59.1°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 45 sec, 1× 72°C for 3 min. Each PCR reaction included 300 ng of genomic DNA, 20 µL 5X Herculase buffer,
- 395 2.5 μL of 10 mM dNTPs, 1 μL 100 μM oMCB-1562, 1 μL 100 μM oMCB-1563, 0.5 μL Herculase II Fusion DNA polymerase, and water to make up the volume to 100 μL. PCR amplicons from each PCR reaction for each group were pooled together and a second five step PCR reaction was set up for each group as follows: 5 μL amplicon from PCR reaction 1, 20 μL 5X Herculase buffer, 2.5 μL of 10 mM dNTPs, 1 μL 100 μM oMCB-1439, 1 μL 100 μM of a
- 400 unique barcoded primer, 0.5 μL Herculase II Fusion DNA polymerase, and water to make up the volume to 100 μL. PCR conditions for the second PCR reaction were: 1× 98°C for 2 min, 19× 98°C for 30 sec, 59.1°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 45 sec, 1× 72°C for 3 min. PCR amplicons from each group were pooled, and 50 μL was run on a 1% TAE-agarose gel. PCR bands were excised and purified using a Qiagen Gel Purification Kit as per manufacturer's instructions. The sgRNA
- 405 libraries were sequenced by deep sequencing on an Illumina Hi-Seq using the custom sequencing primer oMCB-1672. Computational analysis of the screen was done using the CasTLE maximum likelihood estimator, which utilizes the background of negative control guides RNAs as a null distribution model against which gene effect sizes, confidence scores, and *P* values are determined. We used safe-targeting guides as control guides in our analysis. The results of the
- 410 screen are shown in table S1. We performed a search on a pigmentation database (6) in order to classify screen hits as either known or novel pigmentation genes. GO term enrichment analysis of CRISPR screen hits was performed using Gene ontology tools GOrilla (73) and REVIGO (74). Screen hits at 10% FDR were used as the input gene set in GOrilla for GO term enrichment analysis for biological processes and components. The enriched GO terms with FDR corrected *P*
- 415 value <0.05 were then used in REVIGO to remove the redundant GO terms and generate xgmml graph files, which were used in Cytoscape software (v3.8.0) to visualize graphs (**Fig. S3**).

Animal Studies



- 420 All animals' studies were approved by Stanford University IACUC. Animals were kept in 12 light/12 dark cycle and had free access to food and water. B6.Cg-Tg(Tyr-cre)1Lru/J (RRID:IMSR_JAX:029788) (51) and C57BL/6J (RRID: IMSR_JAX:000664), mice were purchased from Jackson Labs, and Klf6^{fl/fl} (50) mice were a gift from Sandeep Mallipattu, Stony Brook University. For breeding, TyrCre females were kept with Klf6^{fl/fl} male in a cage, which
- 425 gave TyrCre:: Klf6^{fl/+} progenies in the first generation. TyrCre::Klf6^{fl/+} males and females were crossed again, which resulted in animals with genotypes $Klf6^{fl/fl}$, $TyrCre::Klf6^{fl/fl}$, $Klf6^{fl/+}$, $TyrCre::Klf6^{fl/+}$, $Klf6^{+/+}$, $TyrCre::Klf6^{+/+}$, with expected Mendelian ratios. As the TyrCre transgene was inserted into the X chromosome (51) that gets randomly silenced in females, we used only male animals from this cross to examine the effects of Klf6 deletion. Animals were
- 430 genotyped by lysing tail tissue in 75 μl buffer (25mM NaOH / 0.2 mM EDTA) at 98°C for 1 hour. Then 75 μl of 40 mM Tris HCl (pH 5.5) was added to this and samples were centrifuged at 4000rpm for 3 minutes. A 1 μl undiluted aliquot was used for a 25 μl PCR reaction using DreamTaq polymerase (ThermoFisher Scientific, Cat# EP0701) with the following primers for TyrCre detection (CGGTTATTCAACTTGCACCA, AGTGGCCTCTTCCAGAAATG,
- 435 TGCGACTGTGTCTGATTTCC, TGATAGTCACTCCAGGGGGTTG) and the following for $Klf6^{n/l}$ detection (GTCTCTTGACACCTTGACTATCTCTCC, CAAGAAGCCTTCAGAGAACACC).

RNA-seq

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Total RNA was isolated from 1x10⁶ primary melanocytes using an RNA isolation kit (Zymo Research, Cat# R2052) as per the manufacturer's instructions. mRNA was isolated using two rounds of Dynal oligo(dT) bead (Invitrogen, Cat# 61002) purification of 10ug total RNA. The mRNA was fragmented with 10X Fragmentation Buffer (Ambion, Cat# AM8740) for 5 minutes

- 445 and purified afterwards. First strand cDNA synthesis was carried out using Random Hexamer Primers (Invitrogen, Cat# N8080127) and the SuperScript II enzyme (Invitrogen, Cat# 18064014) followed by second strand cDNA synthesis with RNase H (Invitrogen, Cat# EN0201) and DNA Pol I (Invitrogen, Cat# 18010017). The cDNA was purified with a QIAquick column (Qiagen, Cat# 28104). Sequencing libraries were prepared using the Ovation Ultralow System
- 450 (Nugen/Tecan, Cat# 9149-A01) following manufacturer's instructions. Sequencing adaptors were cleaned by magnetic bead (Agencourt XP, Cat# A63881) size selection. Libraries were QCed by Qubit and Bioanalyzer (Agilent) and multiplexed in six to eight samples per lane for single-end or paired-end sequencing on Illumina HiSeq 4000 or NEXTseq 500 platforms.
- Reads were aligned to a hg38 genome model with hisat2 and an ab initio transcript discovery
 was performed using stringtie. These gene models were reconciled with human gencode 29 gene models using gffcompare. Read coverage over the models was obtained with featureCounts. Expression values as approximate TPMs were calculated at the transcript level without library fragment length correction and subsequently summed for each gene if multiple transcripts per gene were present. Log TPM + 1 expression values for 2216 most variable genes were used to
- 460 calculate PCA for exploratory analysis. For gene expression (TPM) and melanin (OD 400 nm) correlation analysis, Spearman's rank correlation coefficients were calculated using the cor() function and *P* values were obtained by corr.test() from library('psych') in R. Obtained *P* values were further FDR corrected with qvalue(). For RNA-seq studies on acute depletion of KLF6



upon dTAG^v-1 treatment, we used two homozygous and two heterozygous KLF6-FKBP12^{F36V}-

- 465 V5 tagged clonal cell lines and treated them with either 500nM dTAG^v-1 or equivalent DMSO control for 24 hours. These experiments were done twice i.e., two independent replicates and treated as batches for analysis purposes. Afterwards, total RNA was isolated from 14 samples total (eight dTAG^v-1 treated samples and six DMSO treated control samples), and RNA-seq libraries were prepared and sequenced. Differential gene expression analysis was done using the
- 470 statistical package DESeq2 in R. For DESeq2 analysis, we coded dTAG^v-1 and DMSO treatment as continuous variables where homozygous samples treated with dTAG^v-1 were coded as 0, heterozygous samples treated with dTAG^v-1 as 0.9, and DMSO treated samples as 1, based on the overall effect of gene dosage in principal component analysis.

Skin color heritability enrichment analysis

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White British UK Biobank GWAS summary statistics were obtained from the Neale lab website (<u>http://www.nealelab.is/uk-biobank/</u>). This GWAS was conducted using self-reported, categorical skin color traits (Very fair, Fair, Light olive, Dark olive, Brown, Black, see <u>https://biobank.ctsu.ox.ac.uk/crystal/field.cgi?id=1717</u> for details). While the majority of White

- 480 British individuals belong to the Very fair and Fair categories, there is nevertheless substantial heritable variation among self-reported skin color categories within that population. GWAS was clumped into lead SNPs at various significance thresholds (5e-8, 1e-6, 1e-4) using plink v1.9, with the following parameters: --clump-p1 (6) --clump-p2 (6) --clump-r2 0.01 --clump-kb 10000. A White British-specific LD reference panel from Sinnott-Armstrong and Naqvi, 2020 (75) was
- 485 used. NCBI-EBI GWAS Catalog results were accessed in May 2020; all associations with the "skin pigmentation" search term were downloaded, and all genes in the "Mapped gene" column were used as the gene set. Since the top 1000 skin color SNPs in African populations were not pruned or clumped for independence, we primarily assigned each SNP to the closest gene. For stratified LD score regression analyses, annotations were constructed using 100kb up- and
- 490 downstream of either CRISPR activators, repressors, or both. Coefficient Z-scores and heritability enrichments were calculated relative to the set of baselineLD annotations provided by Finucaine et al. (*38*).

Local heritability estimation for genomic regions

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HESS (<u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajhg.2016.05.013</u>) was used to estimate local SNP heritability for sets of genomic regions containing pigmentation-associated loci or genes. Neale lab White British UK Biobank GWAS summary statistics were used, together with LD reference panels provided on the HESS website (<u>https://huwenboshi.github.io/hess/</u>) and approximately

independent LD blocks in Europeans from Berisza and Pickrell (<u>10.1093/bioinformatics/btv546</u>).
 HESS was used to estimate the heritability explained by the subset of independent LD blocks that overlapped either a) genome-wide significant skin color GWAS loci as described above, or
 b) annotated known pigmentation genes from Baxter et. al, (6) extended on 100kb on either side.

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Melanocyte eQTL analysis

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We obtained eQTL summary statistics for all SNP-gene pairs from a previously published study of primary melanocytes in European-ancestry individuals (40). We first subsetted all SNP-gene pairs for any of the screen hit genes by p-value < 0.01, and from these considered the SNP with the minimum p-value per gene (such that each screen hit was only assigned to one SNP). In cases

515 where the same SNP was assigned to multiple genes, we only considered the gene with the closest TSS to the SNP. We then intersect this list of SNP-gene pairs with the UK Biobank White British skin color GWAS summary statistics, and further only analyzed SNP-gene pairs for which the SNP showed association with skin color (p < 0.01).

520 Selection analysis

For selection analysis, we obtained population VCF files for the 1000 Genomes Phase 3 Panel (1000G; <u>ftp://ftp.1000genomes.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ftp/release/20130502/</u>) (76). VCF files were filtered to retain biallelic SNPs, with minor allele frequency > 0.01. VCF manipulation and

- 525 processing were accomplished with VCFtools (77). For each melanin-promoting gene identified in our screen, we considered all SNPs within a +/- 100Kb upstream and downstream flanking regions of the gene body in order to consider SNPs within the regulatory domain of said gene. We define these regions as melanin-promoting genic loci. The gene body was defined as the region between the gene's transcription start site (TSS) and transcription end site (TES) provided
- in GENCODE V34 basic annotation GTF for GRCh37 genome assembly (78).
 PBS values per SNP were estimated using Weir and Cockerham F_{ST} [defined in (79)] and measured between pairwise comparisons of the three continental super-populations. The continental super-populations used in our analysis included Africans, Europeans and East-Asian. F_{ST} were computed using VCFtools. Negative F_{ST} values were treated as zero. F_{ST} values were
- 535 further log transformed for PBS computation (41). For a given three population tree topology, we computed PBS for population A using the equation

$$PBS_{A} = \frac{1}{2}(E_{A,B} + E_{A,C} - E_{B,C})$$

where E denotes the log-transformed F_{ST} between the indicated pairwise populations of A,B, and C. For the African and European populations, genome-wide PBS statistics per SNP were plotted

as Manhattan plots and the top 0.01% and 0.1% quantile of all PBS statistics were superimposed on said plots, in order to characterize SNPs within pro-melanin genic loci with the most extreme PBS values that should have evolved under positive selection.
 We compute empirical p-values for each SNP's PBS statistic using the genome-wide distribution

of PBS statistics for all SNPs. When comparing PBS p-values with GWAS effect sizes, the set 545 of SNPs within pro-melanin loci was LD-pruned for approximate independence using plink with --indep-pairwise 50 5 0.01 and the 1000G European super-population LD reference panel. The effect of allele that is increasing in frequency in Europeans as compared to Africans and East Asians (using 1000G super-population allele frequencies) was computed using the abovedescribed White British UKBB skin color GWAS.

550 Some of the schematic diagrams were created using biorender.com.



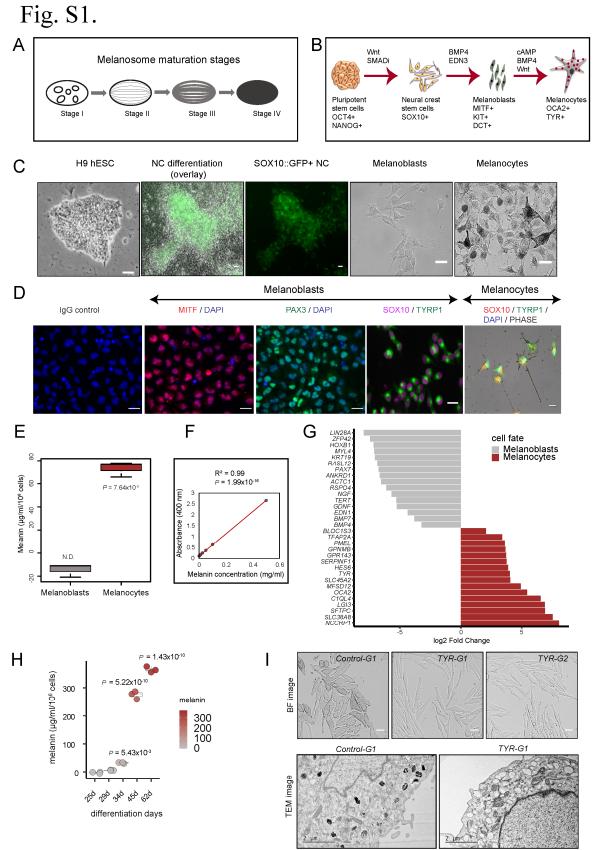




Fig. S1. Derivation of melanoblasts and melanocytes from pluripotent stem cells (PSC) and melanin measurements. (A) Schematic of four stages of melanosome maturation. Stage I melanosomes contain intraluminal vesicles, stage II melanosomes deposit parallel PMEL fibrils on which melanogenesis takes place. Stage III and IV melanosomes correspond to partially and

- 560 fully melanized states, respectively. (B) Schematic of the PSC-to- melanocytes differentiation process. PSC were differentiated into neural crest cells, melanoblasts and melanocytes in a sequential manner. The key growth factors driving differentiation are shown above the arrows, and lineage markers are shown below each cell type. (C) Stepwise differentiation of H9 human embryonic stem cells (hESC) SOX10::GFP reporter line into neural crest (NC) as shown by
- 565 GFP+ cells, non-pigmented melanoblasts and finally, pigmented melanocytes. (D) Expression of select markers during differentiation is shown: for melanoblast, fate immunostainings for MITF, PAX3, SOX10 and TYRP1; for melanocytes, immunostainings for SOX10 and TYRP1 overlapping with phase contrast image. (E) Melanin content of H9 hESC-derived melanoblasts and melanocytes. (F) Standard curve depicting relationship between melanin concentration and
- absorbance at 400 nm. R² and P value determined by linear regression. (G) In comparison to melanoblasts, melanocytes express mature melanogenic genes. The first five genes with the highest log2 fold changes are top 5 most differentially regulated genes in each category. (H)
 Melanin content at different days of differentiation from hESC to melanocytes. Box plots show median and IQR. Significance tested by ANOVA and two-sided pairwise Welch t-Test with BH
- 575 correction. *P* values shown are relative to day 29 of differentiation. (I). Brightfield (BF) and TEM images of *TYR* knockout MNT-1 cells. TEM images show predominance of stage I-II melanosomes and lack of mature melanosomes upon *TYR* loss. (n = 4 sgRNAs treatments). Scale bars: C, D, I (BF) = 25μ M. TEM Scale bars: 2μ M. N.D. = not detected.

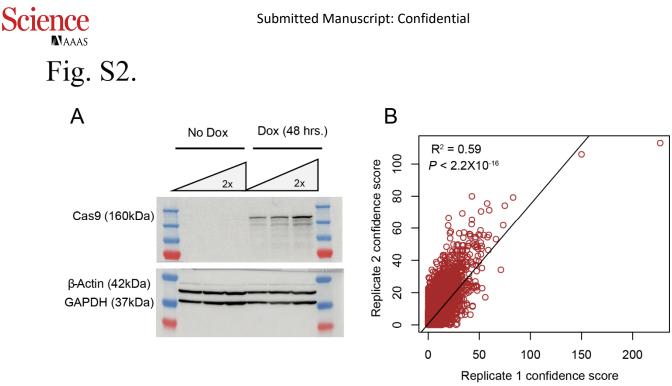


Fig. S2. Inducible Cas9 expressing cell line validation and replication of pigmentation
CRISPR-Cas9 screen. (A) Western blot for Cas9-MNT-1 cells showing Cas9 expression upon
48-hour doxycycline treatment. (B) Reproducibility of two independent genome-wide screens

585 (n=2). CasTLE analysis of genome-wide screens in MNT-1 cells, with CasTLE confidence scores of over 20,000 genes represented as individual points, analyzed by CasTLE likelihood ratio test. R² and *P* value determined by linear regression.

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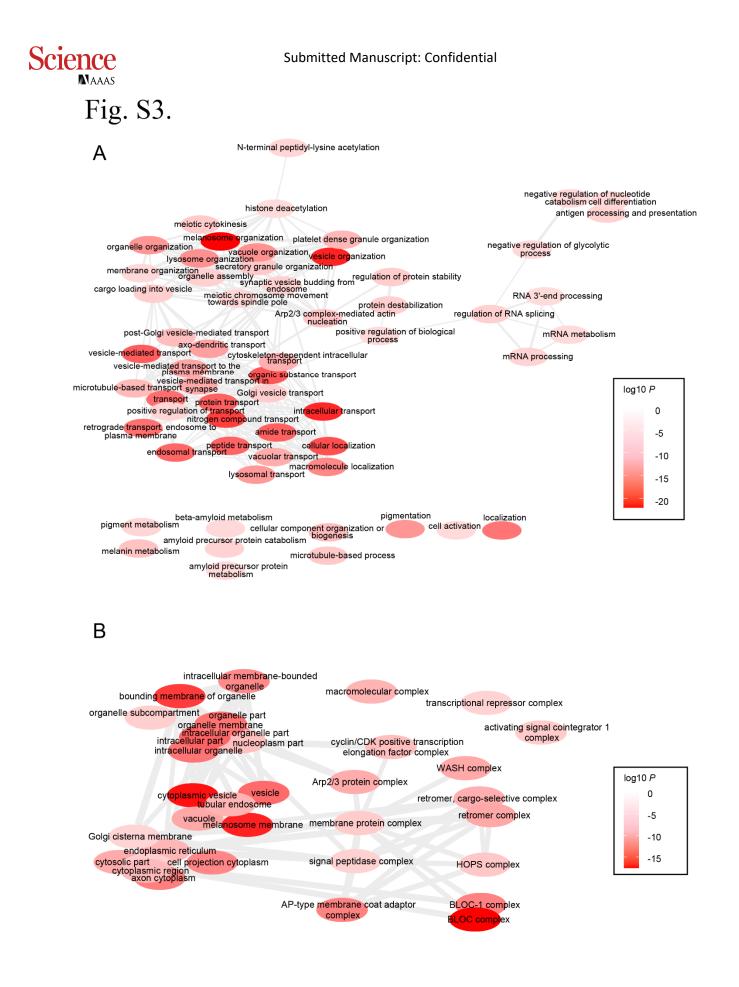




Fig. S3. Functional classification of pigmentation screen hits. Gene ontology enrichment analysis for (**A**) biological processes and (**B**) biological components performed using GOrilla

600 (73). The screen hits at <10% FDR were used as the input gene set against all genes as background set. Enriched GO terms with q value <0.05 were used as an input in REVIGO (74) to remove redundant GO terms and make graphs. Similar GO terms are joined by the edges in the graph, where the line thickness indicates the degree of similarity. Color shading of bubbles represents hypergeometric test P values from GOrilla output.

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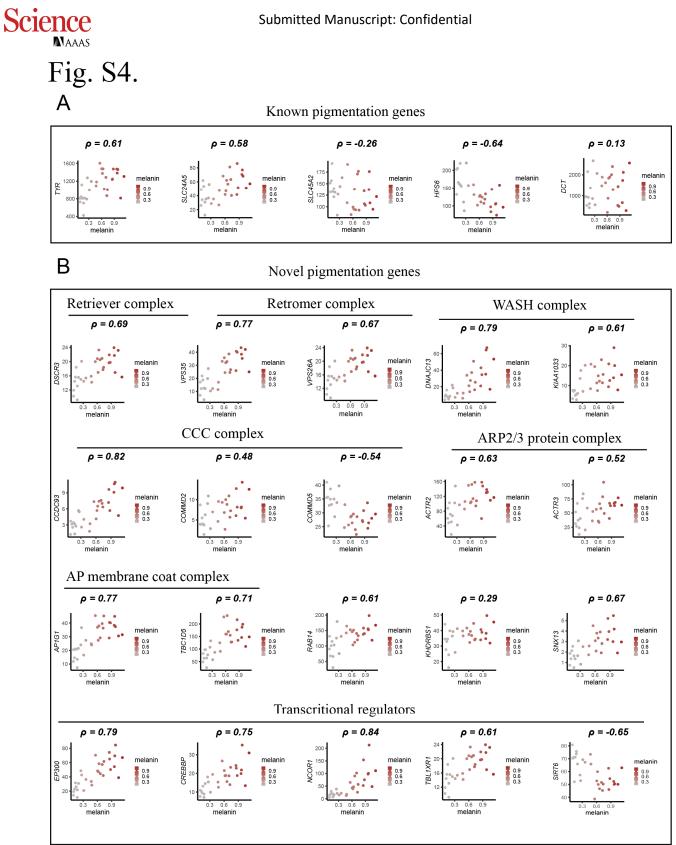




Fig. S4. Spearman's rank correlation coefficients (ρ) depicting relationship between

620 melanin content and gene expression (TPM). (A) Select known pigmentation genes rediscovered in the screen. (B) Novel melanin-promoting genes classified by their known molecular function. Plotted is melanin content (ordinate) vs RNA-seq expression level (TPM, abscissa).

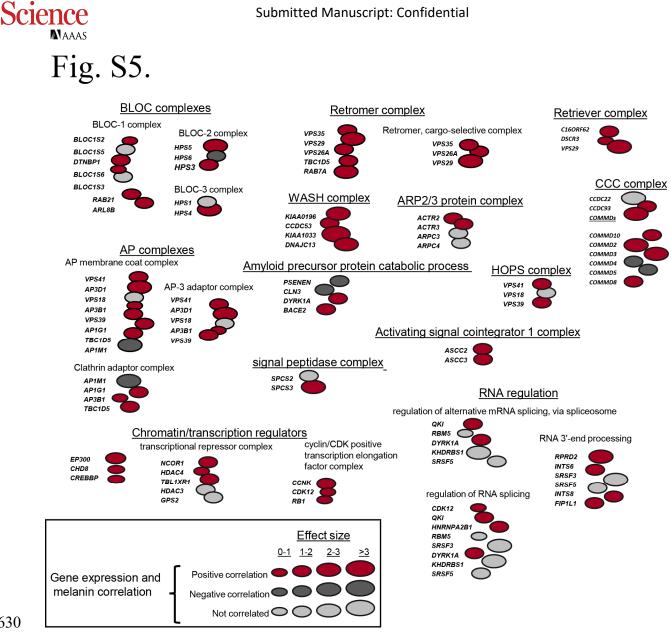
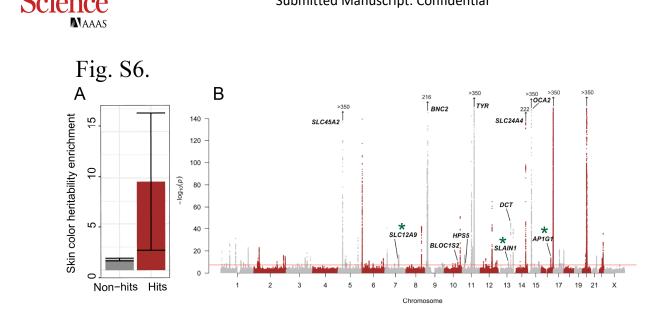
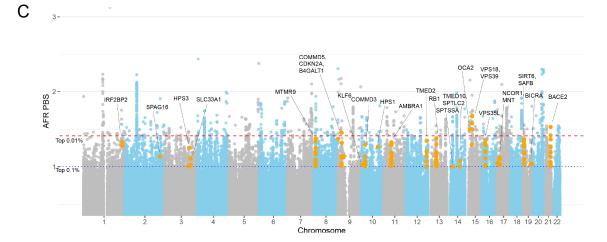


Fig. S5. Classification of screen hits in relation to changes in gene expression in diversely pigmented melanocytes. Schematic of screen hits grouped according to known biological function and presence in common macromolecular complexes (similar to Fig. 2E), further color-

635 coded based on whether there is a positive (dark red), negative (dark grey) or no (light grey) correlation between gene expression (TPM) and melanin content, as detected in the RNA-seq analysis of diversely pigmented individuals. Bubble size indicates CasTLE effect size.







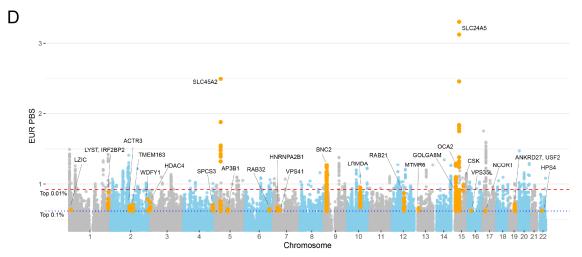


Fig. S6. Pigmentation screen hits are enriched for skin color heritability and show evidenceof recent positive selection. (A) The effect size of skin color heritability enrichment (fromUKBB GWAS) for screen hits and non-hits is shown. The screen hits were significantly enriched

- for skin color heritability (Fold-enrichment 9.61, standard error 3.80, $P = 3.11 \times 10^{-2}$) in comparison to all non-hits (fold-enrichment 1.15, standard error 0.073, $P = 3.37 \times 10^{-2}$). Non-hits are defined as all genes assayed in the CRISPR screen with FDR > 0.1. The Error bars indicate 95% confidence interval for heritability fold-enrichment. (**B**) Manhattan plot of GWAS for skin color in the UK Biobank (UKBB). Genes in bold were detected as pigmentation screen hits and
- 650 lie within 100kb of a genome-wide significant GWAS signal ($P < 5x10^{-8}$) for skin color. Genes with a green asterisk have no previously described role in pigmentation. Vertical arrows indicate additional SNPs with the indicated -log10(P) of association. (C) Manhattan plot showing African PBS scores, computed for the African, European, and East-Asian trio. Colored in orange dots are SNPs that reside within 100Kb upstream or downstream of the 169 melanin-promoting genes
- 655 identified in the screen. Several SNPs within these genic loci have PBS scores that are larger than the top 0.01% quantile of genome-wide PBS scores (i.e., orange dots above the dashed red line), which include *CDKN2A*, *OCA2*, *VPS39*, and *BACE2*. In the more relaxed setting, several melanin-promoting genic loci' SNPs are larger than the top 0.1% quantile of genome-wide PBS scores (orange dots above the blue dotted line). (**D**) Manhattan plot showing European PBS
- scores, computed for the African, European, and East-Asian trio. *SLC45A2*, *SLC24A5*, *OCA2*, *BNC2*, *GOLGA8M* and *LRMDA* loci have SNPs with PBS scores larger than the top 0.01% quantile of genome-wide threshold (i.e., above the red dashed line). At threshold of 0.1% quantile (blue dotted line), many additional melanin-promoting genes are enriched such as *ACTR3*, *TMEM163*, *HDAC4*, *RAB21*, and *NCOR1*.

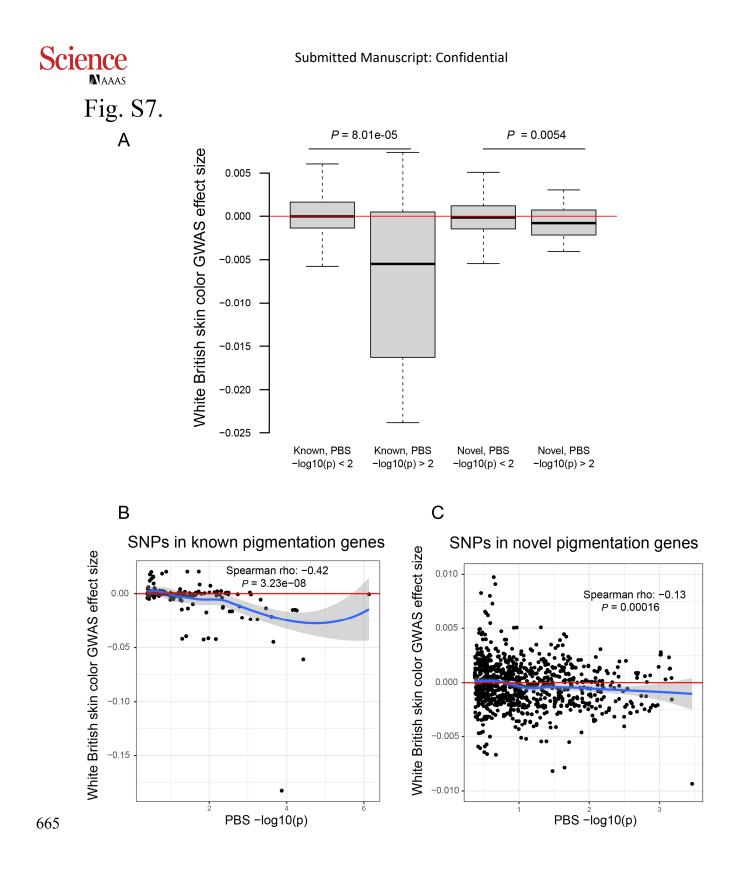




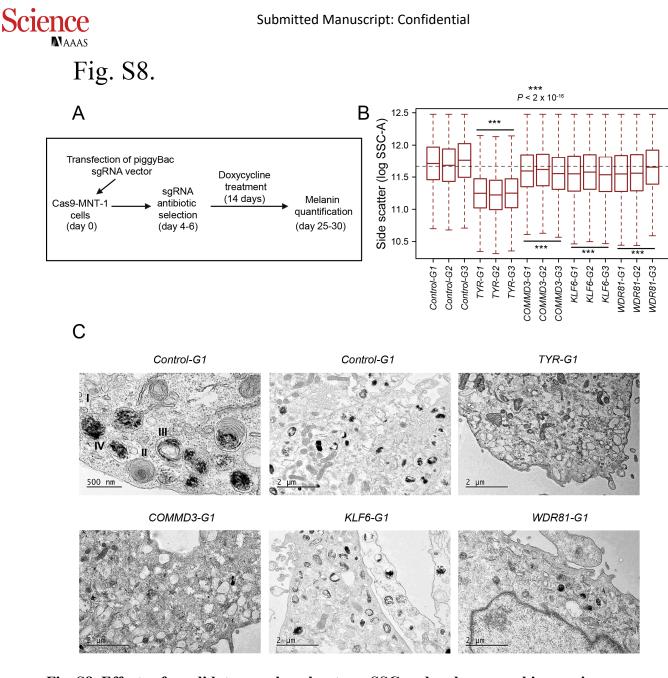
Fig. S7. SNPs of melanin-promoting genes identified in CRISPR screen show evidence of recent positive selection and drive variable melanogenesis in diversely pigmented humans.

- 675 (A) CRISPR screen hits show correlation between selection signals and skin color GWAS effect sizes. For independent SNPs in the indicated PBS -log10(p-value) ranges lying in melanin-promoting gene locus (as defined in Fig. S6C, see Methods) of known (left) or novel (right) screen hits, the effect of the allele that is increased in Europeans on skin color (from UKBB GWAS) is shown. Negative effect sizes mean association with lighter skin color. *P*-values are
- 680 from Wilcoxon rank-sum test. For independent SNPs lying in the melanin-promoting gene locus of known (B) or novel (C) screen hits, the effect of the allele that is increased in Europeans on skin color (from UKBB GWAS) is shown. Negative effect sizes mean association with lighter skin color. Blue line and shaded area represent fitted LOESS curve and 95% confidence intervals.

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(A) Schematic of the CRISPR-Cas9 based validation of novel pigmentation genes. (B)

705 Knockouts of candidate genes affect side scatter (SSC) property of cells. Box plots show median log SSC and IQR, whiskers are $1.5 \times IQR$. Two-sided pairwise Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test with Benjamini & Hochberg correction was performed to compare SSC distributions and significance. *P* values shown are relative to control-edited cells. **(C)** TEM images of indicated gene knockout cells showing distribution of melanosomes. TEM Scale bars: 500 nm and 2 μ M.

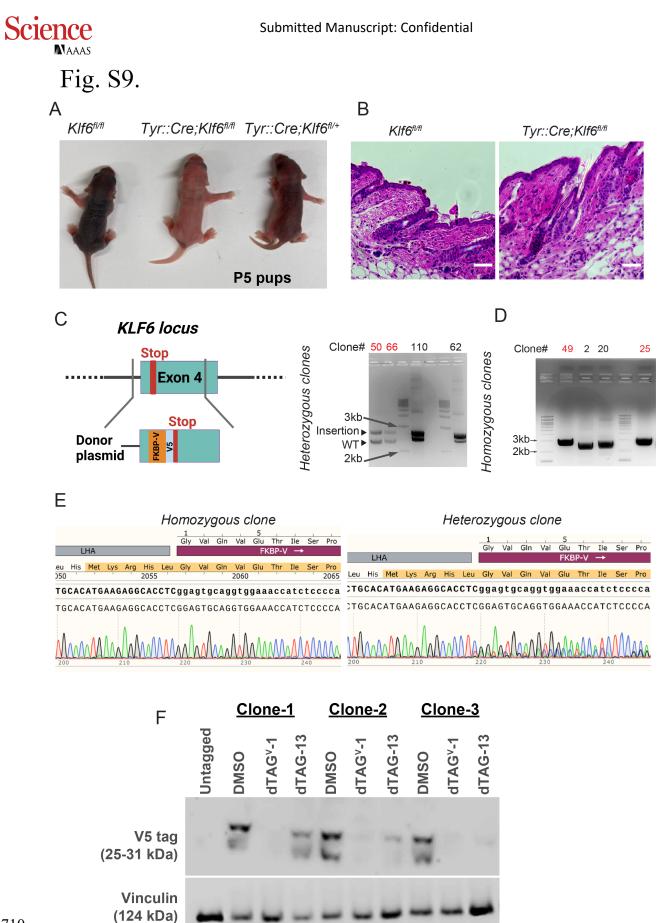




Fig. S9. KLF6 regulate melanogenesis *in-vivo* and generation of endogenously tagged *KLF6* cell lines. (A) P5 pups with both functional *Klf6* alleles (*Klf6*^{*llfl*}), no functional *Klf6* alleles (*TyrCre::Klf6*^{*llfl*}), and one functional allele (*TyrCre::Klf6*^{*ll/l*}) show the dose-dependent effect KLF6 has on pigmentation. (B) Hematoxylin and eosin-stained mouse skin shows normal skin

- 715 morphology. (C) Schematic diagram of endogenously tagged *KLF6* locus. (D) DNA gel electrophoresis images of homozygous (clone #49, #25) and heterozygous tagged clonal cell lines (clone #50, #66) showing correct PCR band sizes. (E) Sanger sequencing chromatogram confirming correct sequence of a homozygous and heterozygous tagged clonal line. (F) Western blot was performed on cell lysates from three tagged clonal MNT-1 cell lines after 24-hour
- The treatment with DMSO or dTAG molecules (dTAG-13 and dTAG^v-1). dTAG^v-1 treatment led to rapid degradation of tagged protein as probed by anti-V5 antibody. Scale bars: B, H&E images = 25μ M.

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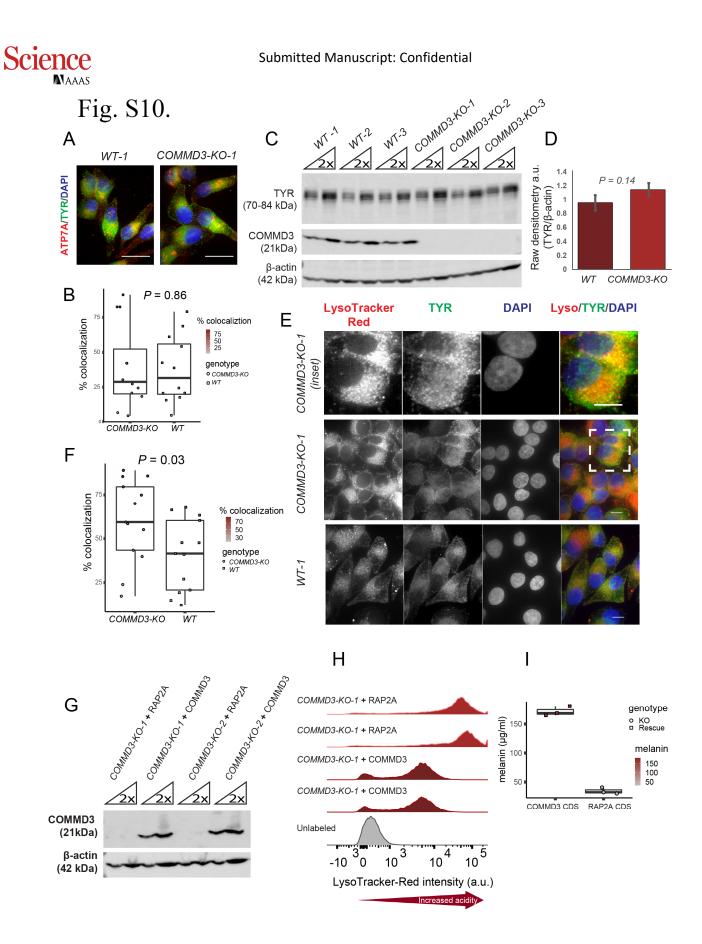




Fig. S10. COMMD3 regulates melanosomal pH and melanogenesis.

(A) Colocalization of copper transporter ATP7A in melanosomes is not perturbed by loss of COMMD3, as shown by co-immunostaining of ATP7A and melanosomal marker TYR. (B)
 Colocalization quantification shows no significant difference in ATP7A positive melanosomes in *COMMD3-KO* and *WT* (control-edited) cells. Each circle is Manders' colocalization coefficient

- M2 from one image, which measures the percentage of TYR fluorescence signal co-occurring with ATP7A fluorescence signal. (C) COMMD3 deletion does not affect total TYR protein levels as shown by western blots done on *COMMD3-KO and WT (c*ontrol edited) clonal MNT-1 clonal cell lines (*n*=3). (D) ImageJ densitometry quantification of western blots (C) (*n*=3). (E) COMMD3 deletion leads to an increase in acidic melanosomes as shown by increased
- 750 colocalization of TYR positive melanosomes with LysoTracker Red dye (n=3). Images are shown for one *COMMD3-KO-1* and *WT-1* (control-edited) clonal line. (F) Colocalization quantification shows a significantly higher percentage of Lysotracker Red-containing (acidic) and TYR positive melanosomes in *COMMD3-KO* cells compared to *WT* (control-edited) cells. Each circle is Manders' colocalization coefficient M2 from one image, which measures the
- percentage of TYR fluorescence signal co-occurring with LysoTracker Red fluorescence signal.
 (G) Immunoblots for two *COMMD3-KO* clonal lines expressing COMMD3 show a band for COMMD3, while no COMMD3 band is seen when an unrelated protein, RAP2A (*32*), is overexpressed. (H) COMMD3 overexpression in *COMMD3-KO* cells rescues reduced pH compared to RAP2A (a constitutively expressed protein) overexpression as shown by flow
- 760 cytometry histograms. n=2. (I) COMMD3 overexpression in *COMMD3-KO* cells rescues the loss of melanin as shown by melanin quantification. Box plots show median log absorbance and IQR. Significance tested by Welch t-test. n=3. Scale bars: $A=25\mu$ M; $E=10 \mu$ M.



Table S1. CRISPR screen hits corresponding to low side scatter FACS sort are shown with hits at 10% FDR are highlighted in yellow color and hits between 10-20% FDR are highlighted with blue color.

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Table S2. GO biological processes and components enrichment analysis for CRISPR screen hits at 10% FDR.

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Table S3. Donor records for human foreskin tissue collection. Parent-reported ethnicity and melanin measurements are documented.

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Table S4. RNA-seq transcript per million (TPM) data for all primary human melanocytes. Allcolumns contain donor identifier as described in table S3.< Excel file>

Table S5. Spearman correlation coefficients calculation for RNA-seq TPM and melanin (OD 400 nm) measurements.
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Table S6. Fisher test contingency table and gene assignment table for human pigmentation heritability enrichment analyses.

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Table S7. Table of African PBS scores and their empirical p-values. Genomic coordinates are hg19. SNP details (i.e., rsid, reference and alternate allele information) were obtained from the 1000G VCFs.

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Table S8. Table of European PBS scores and their empirical p-values. Genomic coordinates are hg19. SNP details (i.e., rsid, reference and alternate allele information) were obtained from the 1000G VCFs.

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Table S9. Animal husbandry genotype and phenotype record. < Excel file>

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Table S10. Skin melanocytes count data for $Klf6^{+/+}$ and $TyrCre::Klf6^{fl/fl}$ genotyped animals. < Excel file>

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