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<u>Supplemental Fig.1</u>. Cell vitality. *A*. Cell cycle distribution of Mel1 and Mel1_{ac} cells. Cells were incubated with propidium iodide and analyzed by flow cytometry to estimate the amount of G0/G1 (non-proliferative state) and S/G2/M (proliferative state) phases. Results are expressed as percentage of cells. *B*. Electron microscopy. Melanoma cells cultured in acidic (1-4) or buffered (5 and 6) conditions were analyzed by EM to detect morphological changes at ultrastructural level. No appreciable differences are detectable between Mel1 and Mel1_{ac} cells. N=nucleus, M=Mithocondria, RER=Rough Endoplasmic Reticulum, E=Exosome, MVB=Multi-Vesicular Body. Bars: *B1*, 2µm, *B2*, 1µm, *B3-B6*, 0.5µm.

Supplemental Fig. 2. Fusion Test. A. R18-exoMel1 were incubated in different amounts with 1×10^{6} Mel1 cells and fusion activity tested. B. Membrane fusion between R18-exoMel1 and Mel1 cells (1×10^{6}) was evaluated at different temperature of incubation for 30 min. C. R18-exoMel1 were incubated with Mel1 cells in MES buffer or MES buffer containing 2mM CaCl₂ and fusion activity tested. D. Exosomes (10mg) were left untreated (exoMel1) or solubilized with octylglucoside (exoMel1+og), then reconstructed by dialysis, as compared to large unilamellar vesicles (LUVs) at the same concentration. All samples were R18-labeled and fusion efficiency tested on 1×10^{6} Mel1 cells, for 30 min at 37° C.

<u>Supplemental Fig. 3</u>. Flow cytometry analysis of exosome uptake at different pHs in melanoma cells. R18-exoMel1_{ac}, or exoMel1 were incubated with $3x10^4$ cells at the corresponding pH for 15 min up 120 min. After cell washing, R18-exosome fluorescence was analyzed in parental cells. Note that exoMel1_{ac} uptake in acidic condition is more rapid than in buffered condition. The values of each peak are geometric means.