Gene Symbol Gene Title		Proposed Function
•NLRP2	NLR family, pyrin domain containing 2	Aactivation of proinflammatory caspases
• <i>IL24</i>	Interleuk in 24	Anti-proliferative property
• <i>PTX3</i>	Pentraxin-related gene, rapidly induced by IL-1 beta	Regulation of innate resistance to pathogens
•CALD1	Caldesmon 1	Actin- and myosin-binding protein
•KLK6	Kallikrein6 (neurosin, zyme)	Serine protease
•CRISP2	Cysteine-rich secretory protein 2	Regulation of ion channels' activity
•JPH3	Junctophilin 3	Stabilization of the junctional membrane
•MUM1	Melanoma associated antigen (mutated) 1	DNA damage response pathway
•Lrig1	Leucine-rich repeats and Ig-like domains 1	Epidermal and intestinal stem cell marker
•MTSS1	Metastasis suppressor 1	Cancer progression
•KRT19	Keratin 19	Organization of myofibers
•LRP11	Low density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 11	Receptor activity
•DEFB4	Defensin, beta 4	Antibacterial activity
•LGR5	Leucine-rich repeat-containing G protein-coupled receptor 5	Intestinal and hair follicule stem cell marker
•KRT24	Keratin 24	Structural constituent of cytoskeleton

Supplemental Table 1. Up-regulated genes in holoclone-type corneal keratinocytes (selected)

mouse Lrigl	F	ACACCTGTGGCTTCATTGCAG
	R	TAGCAGAGAGCAATAGTGTGTC
	Neo	AGAACCTGCGTGCAATCCATC
mouse TNFa	F	CCCTCACACTCAGATCATCTTCT
	R	GCTACGACGTGGGCTACAG
mouse MCP1	F	CCAGCACCAGCACCAGCCAA
	R	TGCTCCAGCCGGCAACTGTG
mouse IFNy	F	CGGCACAGTCATTGAAAGCCTA
	R	GTTGCTGATGGCCTGATTGTC
mouse IL17	F	ACGCGCAAACATGAGTCCAG
	R	CTCAGCAGCAGCAACAGCATC
mouse TSLP	F	AATGACCACTGCCCAGGCTA
	R	TTGTGAGGTTTGATTCAGGCAGATG
mouse IL33	F	CCGTTCTGGCCTCACCATAAG
	R	AATGTGTCAACAGACGCAGCAA
mouse IL25	F	CTCAACAGCAGGGCCATCTC
	R	GTCTGTAGGCTGACGCAGTGTG
mouse IL10	F	GACCAGCTGGACAACATACTGCTAA
	R	GATAAGGCTTGGCAACCCAAGTAA
mouse IL13	F	TGTCTCCCCTCTGACCC
	R	TACAGAGGCCATGCAATATCC
mouse <i>Stat3</i>	F	CAATACCATTGACCTGCCGAT
	R	GAGCGACTCAAACTGCCCT
mouse gp130	F	ATTTGTGTGCTGAAGGAGGC
	R	AAAGGACAGGATGTTGCAGG
mouse SOCS3	F	AGACCTTCAGCTCCAAAAGC
	R	ACCAGCTTGAGTACACAGTCG
mouse JAKl	F	CGGAACCAATGACAACGAACAGTC
	R	CCAAGGTAGCCAGGTATTTCACC
mouse JAK2	F	GCAGCAGCAGAACCTACAGATACG
	R	TCCTTATGTTTCCCTCTTGACCAC
mouse β -actin	F	CATCCGTAAAGACCTCTATGCCAAC
	R	ATGGAGCCACCGATCCACA

F: Forward, R: Reverse



Supplemental Figure 1. Characterization of *Lrig1* WT and KO (3 months) corneas. (A) Histological and morphological examination of *Lrig1* WT and KO corneas using HE staining and transmission electron microscopy (TEM). (B) BrdU labeling of *Lrig1* WT and KO cultured corneal epithelium (3 months). Nuclei are counterstained with DAPI (blue). The dashed line indicates the basal side of cultured epithelium. Scale bar, 100µm.



Supplemental Figure 2. Expression of keratin 12 in *Lrig1* WT and KO corneas (3, 8 and 12 months). Keratin 12 is expressed in the *Lrig1* WT corneal epithelium (3, 8 and 12 months). It is also expressed in the *Lrig1* KO corneal epithelium (3 months), but as the corneal tissues show the abnormal phenotype, its expression is gradually decreased (8 and 12 months). Scale bar, 100µm.



Supplemental Figure 3. Images showing no obvious change in the expression of known signal pathways in *Lrig1* WT (3 months) and KO corneas (phenotype (-) 3 months, phenotype (+) 12 months). Immunostaining for EGFR, pEGFR, c-Met, β -catenin, and Notch1 (green) in *Lrig1* WT and KO (phenotype(+)(-)) corneas. Nuclei are counterstained with PI (red). Scale bar, 100µm.

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Supplemental Figure 4. Validation of hematopoietic reconstitution after BM chimera generation. (A) Genotyping of a BM chimera *Lrig1* WT/KO mouse using tail, total BM, and thymus by PCR. (B) Representative flow cytometric analyses of WT (*Lrig1+/+*) and KO (*Lrig1-/-*) mice reconstituted with littermate control indicated as WT \rightarrow WT, WT \rightarrow KO, KO \rightarrow WT, and KO \rightarrow KO chimeric mice. The numbers represent the percentages of monocytes and macrophages (F4/80+/CD11b-, F4/80+/CD11b+, and F4/80-/CD11b+) in the BM, immature, and mature B cells (CD19+/IgM+) in the BM and spleen, and CD4 and CD8 double- and single-positive T cells in the thymus and spleen. (C) Frequencies and total numbers of myeloid and lymphoid populations in the BM, thymus, and spleen are shown. Each bar represents the mean ±SEM (error bars) of 3-5 chimeric mice.



Supplemental Figure 5. The remodeling of the corneal stroma (12 months) examined by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). (A) TEM micrographs of WT basal stroma showing normal diameter collagen fibrils. Scale bar, 100nm. (B) TEM micrographs of *Lrig1* KO of the corneal stroma showing wide variation in the diameter of the collagen fibrils. Some of the fibrils are over 90nm in size (*), over twice the diameter of normal fibrils. Scale bar, 100nm. (C) TEM micrographs of central corneal stroma from WT eyes. The micrograph shows a normal keratocyte (arrow). The collagen fibrils and lamella in the corneal stroma also appear normal. Scale bar, 1 μ m. (D) TEM micrograph of *Lrig1* KO of the remodelled anterior stroma. Disrupted lamellae are present together with numerous inflammatory cells (arrowheads). Abnormal keratocytes (arrows) are present, with enlarged nuclei and disrupted cytoplasm. Scale bar, 2 μ m.