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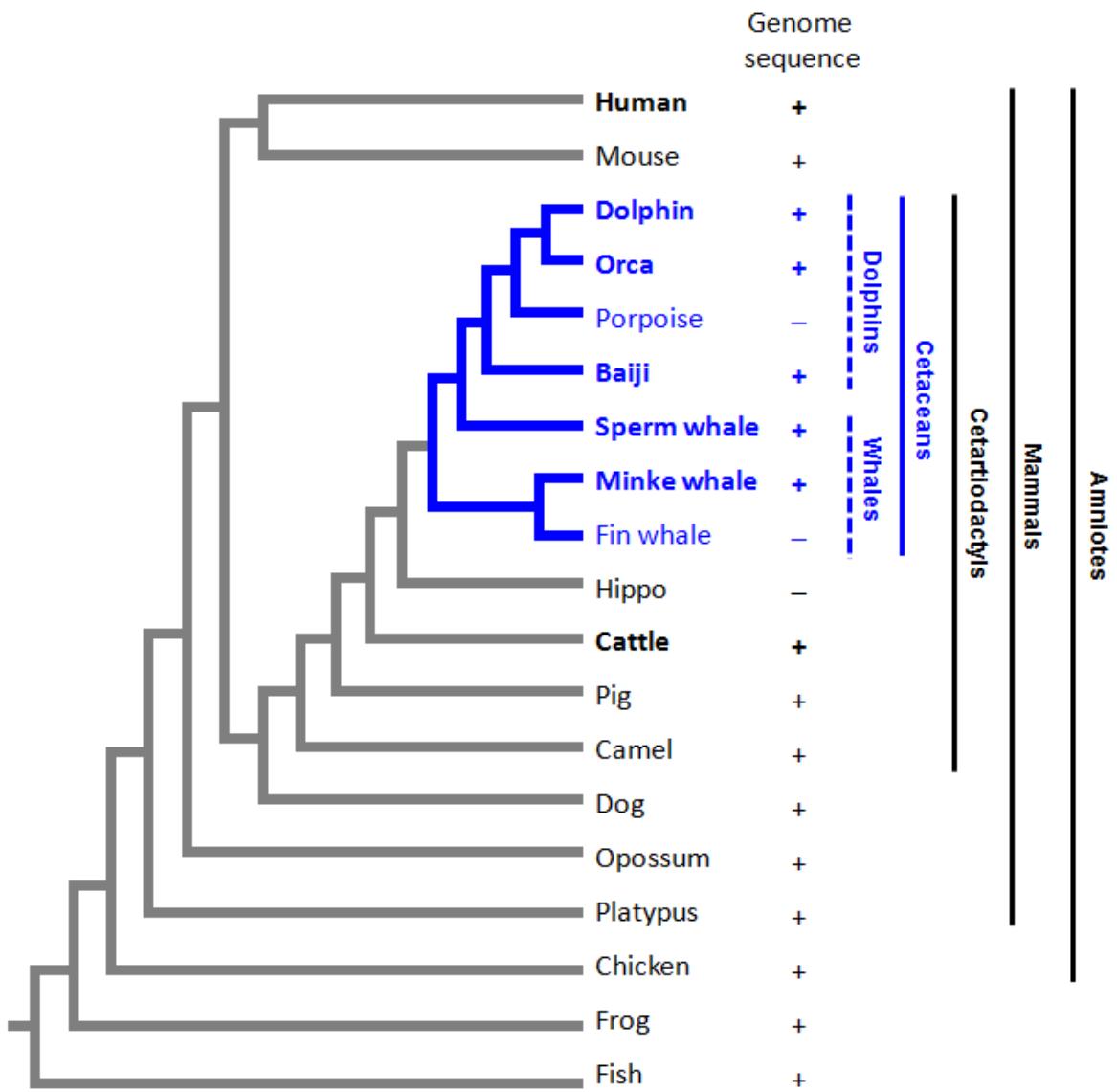
Comparative genomics reveals conservation of filaggrin and loss of caspase-14 in dolphins

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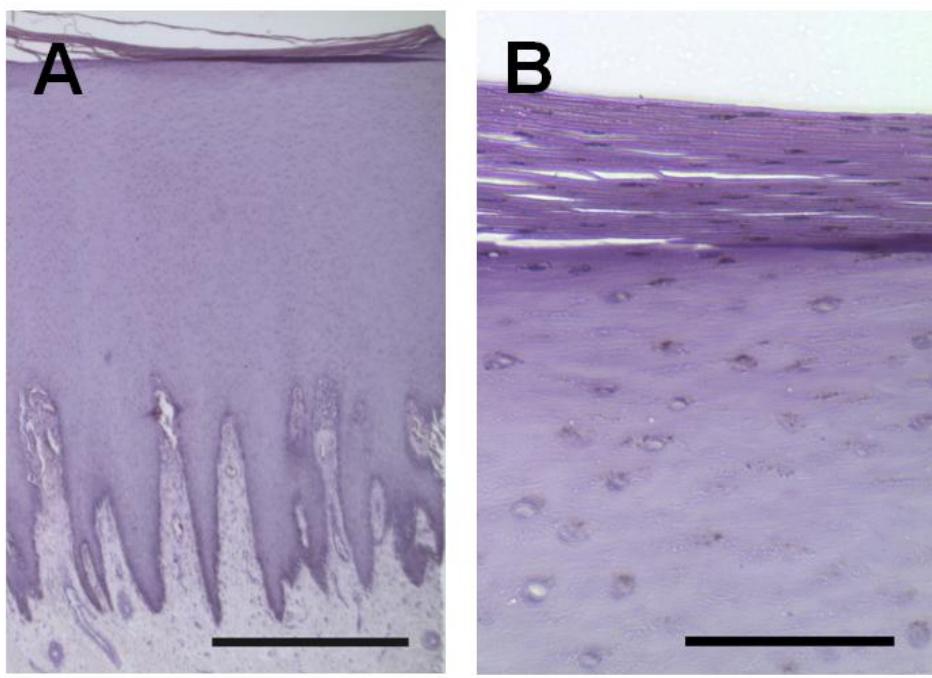
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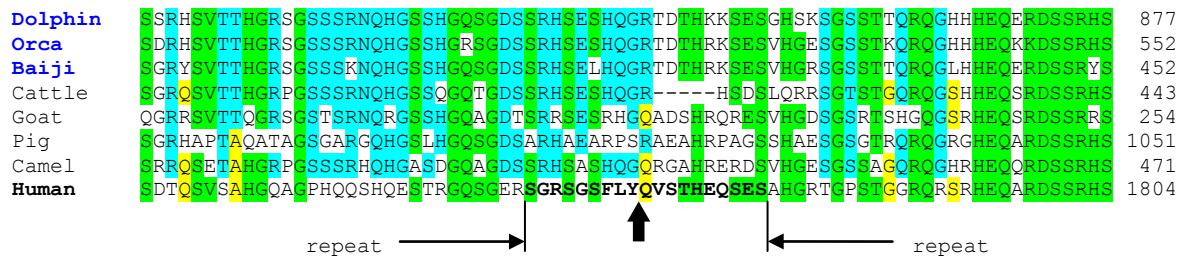
Suppl. Fig. S1. Phylogenetic tree of cetaceans and other vertebrates. The phylogenetic tree shows the relationship of the species mentioned in this study. Phylogenetic clades are indicated on the right. The species referred to as "dolphin" is the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*). The clade referred to as "dolphins" comprises the bottlenose dolphin and orca (oceanic dolphins) and baiji (river dolphin). The order of cetaceans is highlighted by blue color. The availability or absence of genome sequences in the GenBank database is indicated by + and –, respectively. The comparative genomics studies were focused on the species indicated with bold letters.



Suppl. Fig. S2. Histology of the bottlenose dolphin skin. Skin sections were stained with hematoxylin and eosin. (A) Section of the skin. The epidermis is several millimeters thick. Bar, 1000 μm . (B) Outermost part of the epidermis. Panels A and B are from different sections. Bar, 100 μm .

S100 domain	
Dolphin	MSTLLENITAIKIKLFHEYSKTDKETDTLSAKELKELLEAEFQPILNPDPPDAVDVMHILDVDHNHKIDFTTEFLMVFKLAQAYY-YTQRPNFKTLGKKQKKKNRY
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Baiji	MSTLLENITAIKIKLFHEYSKTDKETDTLSAKELKELLEAEFQPILNPDPPDAVDVMHILDVDHNHKIDFTTEFLMVFKLAQAYY-YTQRPNFKTLGKKQEKYRY
Cattle	MSTLLENINDI1KIFHKYSKTDKETDTLSAKELKELVEVEFRPILNPGPDTAEVFMYNLDRDHNNKIDFTTEFLMVFKVAQVYYSYTQRQLQRAGQKQKKCTY
Dolphin	HYE---DDTSEEKEERKRSSSH-RSDGKKEDRTEEEEE-GRSRHGSSSG-REGHR-----NRSGKKRHESSREKKRASSTELKERSHMSSVSPIREYEYGK
Orca	HYE---DDTSEEKEERKRSSSH-RSDGKKEDRTEEEEE-GRSRHGSSSG-REGHR-----NRSGKKRHESSREKKRASSTELKERSHMSSVSPIREYEYGK
Baiji	HYE---DDTSEEKEERKRSSSHGRSDGKKKDRTESPRGRGRHSSSCREGRGRDRTSGRNRCGKHHESREKKRASSTELKERSHMSSVSPIREYEYGK
Cattle	HYGDEEDDTEED-KEETERKYSHS-RSDGKTQDRSKSPRGRGKKRHSKGSKQRGDTPTSGLRHGCSSK-HESREKKRPSSTEPEKFRHMSSVSPTRGYEEK
partial repeat	
Dolphin	EEERGYENKDRGCEKWIGSEPKGSYQVCEETVTMDQSGCSTQVWISISKGDSDKEHQSQDSRGPVITHGRSPBSSRNQHGSSHDQSGDSPKHSESHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Orca	EEERGYENKDRGCEKWIGSEPKGSYQVCEETVTMDQSGCSTQVWISISKGDSDKEHQSQDSRGPVITHGRSPBSSRNQHGSSHDQSGDSPKHSESHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Baiji	EE-RGYENKSRGCEKWIGSEPKGSYQVCEETVTMDQSGCSTHRVSSISISKGDSDKEHQSQDSRGPVITHGRSPBSSRNQHGSSHDQSGDSPKHSESHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Cattle	EEEHGYENKGKTSAKICGSEYDDSYQVCEKDVTNFPQSHSKNYGNTIKGRDTECHFRDTERKSVYTHAISGSSSRNQNGSVQHTEDNSTHSESQE-TN---SES
repeat 1	
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Orca	VHGRSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGQSQDSEGSQEDSGRHSVTTGRSGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Baiji	VHGRSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGQSQDSEGSQEDSGRHSVTTGRSGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Cattle	VHRRS-RNTGQRQGSHHEQSRDSSRHSGTRHCGPSTGSGSQRHRESSVSQAQDSEGHQDSDRGPVTTGRSGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDTHRKSSES
repeat 2	
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Orca	GHSKSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGQSQDSEGSQEDSGRHSVTTGRSGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Baiji	VHGRSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGQSQDSEGSQEDSGRHSVTTGRSGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Cattle	LQRSSUTSTGQRQGSHHEQSRDSSRHSGTQQIQTGSGSRSRHDSSVSQAQDSEGHQDSDRGPVTTGRSGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDSSRHSESHQHSEA
repeat 3 + partial repeat	
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Baiji	VHERSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQSRDSSRHSGTGHQISAEESGNGRHRESSVSQAQDSEGHARDSGRHSETTHGRYGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRDSEYRHSETNQGRHNRK---
Cattle	-----HTRDSGRHSETTHGRPGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRDSSRHSESHQHSEA-----SES
repeat 4	
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Orca	XX
Baiji	XX
Cattle	GHRKSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGWSQDSEGSQEDSGRHSVTTGRSGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRDSSRHSESHQGRTDTHRKSSES
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repeat 5 + partial repeat	
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Orca	XX
Baiji	VHGESGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGWSQDSEGSQEDSGRHSVTTGRSGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRS-AYRKSES
Cattle	VHERSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQSRDSSRHSGTGHQTSAGSGNSGRHRESSVSQSSDREGHARDSGRQSVTTGRPGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRDSSRHSESHQHSEA
	-----HTRDSGRHSETTHGRPGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRDSSRHSESHQHSEA-----SES
repeats 6-10 + partial repeat	
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partial repeat	
Dolphin	GHSKSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGWSQDSEGHQDSDRQVTTGRPGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Orca	GHSKSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGWSQDSEGHQDSDRQVTTGRPGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDTHRKSSES
Baiji	GHRKSGSSTTQRQGHHEEQEKRDSRHSGTGHCHTDGSGKDRSSVGWSQDSEGHQDSDRQVTTGRPGSSSRNQHGSSHQGRTDTHRKSSES
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C-motif	
Dolphin	-----SIYG-IQY-NRQ-----
Orca	-----SIYG-IQY-NRQ-----
Baiji	-----SIYG-IQY-NRQ-----
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Dolphin	GSVSHDSSHMGARDRFYR-----SIYG-IQY-NRQ----- 988
Orca	GSVSHDSSHMGARDRFYR-----SIYG-IQY-NRQ----- 990
Baiji	GSVSHDSSHMGARDRFYR-----SIYG-IQY-NRQ----- 888
Cattle	ENFSHDSSHVEKRDKEPYRGELMRSNITVRNIHPGTYGHSNVISKOLGFGQ 1656

Suppl. Fig. S3. Alignment of amino acid sequences of filaggrin proteins. Amino acid sequences of filaggrin proteins of bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), orca (*Orcinus orca*), baiji (*Lipotes vexillifer*) and cattle (*Bos taurus*) were aligned. The S100A domain, sequence repeats, linker segments and a conserved sequence motif close to the C-terminus (C-motif) are indicated above the alignment. Red fonts indicate amino acid residues, that have been conserved in all species. Note that the sequence of cattle filaggrin contains more sequence repeats and partial repeats than filaggrin proteins of other species do. The sequences of several repeats of the cattle are written without alignment to counterparts of cetacean filaggrins. Yellow shading highlights amino acid residues conserved among different sequence repeats. Numbers of the last amino acid residue are shown on the right. Fig. 1A-C show segments of this alignment.



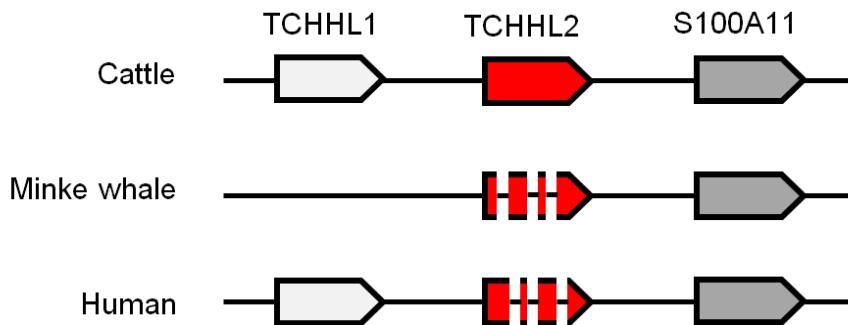
Suppl. Fig. S4. Amino acid sequence alignment of representative linker regions of filaggrin proteins from different species. Partial amino acid sequences of human profilaggrin and profilaggrin proteins of species from the mammalian order Cetartiodactyla (comprised of cetaceans and artiodactyla) are aligned. The borders between the linker peptide and the flanking filaggrin monomer repeats (22) are indicated in the human sequence. The vertical arrow indicates the site of human profilaggrin cleavage by saspase (17). Amino acid residues identities are indicated by color shading. Yellow shading indicates residues that are conserved in humans and at least 2 other species but not in cetaceans. Blue shading indicates residues that are conserved in at least 2 cetaceans and at least 2 other species but not in humans. Green shading indicates residues that are conserved in humans and cetaceans. The number of the last amino acid residue of each sequence is shown on the right. Genbank accession numbers: cattle filaggrin, XP_001255583.5; goat filaggrin, XP_005677634.1; pig filaggrin, XP_005663493.1; camel filaggrin, XP_006188973.1; human filaggrin, NP_002007.1. The sequences of filaggrins of the dolphin, orca and baiji are shown in Suppl. Figure S3.

Dolphin	CATAAAA-TCTCCAGTAT--ATGAGAATA <u>ATGTAAAGC</u> GAATTGGAA <u>CTTG</u> CAAGACAA <u>GTACAGATGAGGAC</u> ATGAAGA <u>AGTTGGGAA</u> GCAAACAC
Orca	CATAAAA-TCTCCAGTAT--ATGAGAATA <u>ATGTAAAGCT</u> AA <u>ATTGGAA</u> CTTGCAAGACAA <u>GTACAGATGAGGAC</u> ATGAAGA <u>AGTTGGGAA</u> GCAAACAC
Baiji	CATAAAA-TCTCCAGTAT--ATGAGAATA <u>ATGTAAAGCT</u> AA <u>ATTGGAA</u> CTTGCAAGACAA <u>GTACAGATGAGGAC</u> ATGAAGA <u>AGTTGGGAA</u> GCAAACAC
Cattle	CATGAAA-GCTAAC <u>CTTG</u> CACGAGA <u>ATGTAAACCT</u> AA <u>ACT-GTA</u> TTGGTAA <u>AAC</u> TGGTACACAGATGACTACGTGACCA <u>AGTTGGGAA</u> GTAACAG
Pig	CATAAAA <u>ATCACCA</u> ATAT--ATGGGA <u>ATGTAAACCT</u> AC <u>ATTGGAA</u> CTTAGTAA <u>AAC</u> A <u>GTACAGATGACTACGTGAGGAA</u> AGTTGGGAA <u>GTAACAC</u>
Camel	CATAAAA-TCCC <u>AA</u> ATAT--ATGGGA <u>ATGTAAACCT</u> AA <u>ATTGGAA</u> CTTG <u>GTAA</u> <u>AAC</u> A <u>GTACAGATGACTACGTGAGCG</u> AT <u>TTGGGAA</u> GTAACAC
Human	CATAAAA-TTCC <u>AA</u> AT----- <u>ATGTAAACCC</u> AA <u>ATTGGAA</u> CTTG <u>GTAA</u> <u>AAC</u> A <u>GTACAGATGACTACGTGAGGAA</u> CT <u>GGGAA</u> ACTAA <u>AC</u>

Dolphin	A---TTGCTAGAGAAAATA <u>AGGGTGGAGATATGGG</u> TGGATCTGGGTTGGTAGGA <u>ATGAATCA</u> <u>CACCAACCT</u> <u>ACAGAAGA</u> ---TGGCTCCTCCCTGGA
Orca	A---TTGCTAGAGAAAATA <u>ATAGGGTGGAGATATGGG</u> TGGATCTGGGTTGGTAGGA <u>ATGAATCA</u> <u>GACCAACCT</u> <u>ACAGAAGA</u> ---TGGCTCCTCCCTGGA
Baiji	A---TTGCTAGAGAAAATA <u>ATAGGGTGGAGATATGGG</u> TGGATCTGGGTTGGTAGGA <u>ATGAATCA</u> <u>CACCAACCT</u> <u>ACAGAAGA</u> ---TGGCTCCTCCCTGGA
Cattle	G---TCGCTAGAGAAAATA---GAGGTGGAGATATGGG <u>TGG</u> ATCTGAGTTGGTAGGA <u>ATGAATCA</u> <u>GTC</u> CCAT <u>CT</u> <u>ACAGAGGA</u> ---TGGCTCCTCCCTGGA
Pig	A---TAGCTACAGAAAATA---GAGGTGGAGATATGGG <u>TGG</u> ATCTGAGTTGGTAGGA <u>ATGAATCA</u> <u>GTC</u> CCAT <u>CT</u> <u>ACAGAGGA</u> ATGGCTCCTCCCTGGA
Camel	A---TTGCTAGAGAAAATA---GAGGTGGAGATATGGG <u>TGG</u> ATCTGAGTTGGTAGGA <u>ATGAATCA</u> <u>GACCAACCT</u> <u>ACAGAGTA</u> ---TGGCTCCTCCCTAAA
Human	AGGTGCTGGAGAAAATA---GAGGTGGAGATATGGG <u>TGG</u> ATCTAGGTTGGTAGGA <u>ATGAATCA</u> <u>GACCA</u> CCAT <u>CCC</u> <u>ACAGAGGG</u> ---TGGCTCCTCCCTGCA

Dolphin	TATA box TGGA-CCTGC <u>TATAAAA</u> AGGCCATTATCCCAGACTTCAGCACA <u>CAGCAAGCT</u> CC <u>T</u> CA <u>GGC</u> TC <u>AT</u> TT <u>CT</u> ACT <u>TTG</u> CT <u>T</u> CT <u>CTG</u> GT <u>GA</u> AG <u>GGAA</u> GG <u>AA</u> <u>GTAA</u> G
Orca	TGGA-CCTGC <u>TATAAAA</u> AGGCCATTATCCCAGACTTCAGCACA <u>CAGCAAGCT</u> CC <u>T</u> CA <u>GGC</u> TC <u>AT</u> TT <u>CT</u> ACT <u>TTG</u> CT <u>T</u> CT <u>CTG</u> GT <u>GA</u> AG <u>GGAA</u> GG <u>AA</u> <u>GTAA</u> G
Baiji	TGGA-CCTGC <u>TATAAAA</u> AGGCCATTATCCCAGACTTCAGCACA <u>CAGCAAGCT</u> CC <u>T</u> CA <u>GGC</u> TC <u>AT</u> TT <u>CT</u> ACT <u>TTG</u> CT <u>T</u> CT <u>CTG</u> GT <u>GA</u> AG <u>GGAA</u> GG <u>AA</u> <u>GTAA</u> G
Cattle	TGGA-CCTGC <u>TATAAAA</u> AGGCCATTATCCCAGACTTCAGCACA <u>CAGCAAGCT</u> CC <u>T</u> CA <u>GGC</u> TC <u>AT</u> TT <u>CT</u> ACT <u>TTG</u> CT <u>T</u> CT <u>CTG</u> GT <u>GA</u> AG <u>GGAA</u> GG <u>AA</u> <u>GTAA</u> G
Pig	TGGA-CCTGC <u>TATAAAA</u> AGGCCATTATCCCAGACTTCAGCACA <u>CAGCAAGCT</u> CC <u>T</u> CA <u>GGC</u> TC <u>AT</u> TT <u>CT</u> ACT <u>TTG</u> CT <u>T</u> CT <u>CTG</u> GT <u>GA</u> AG <u>GGAA</u> GG <u>AA</u> <u>GTAA</u> G
Camel	TG-A-CCTGC <u>TATAAAA</u> AGGCCATTATCCCAGACTTCAGCACA <u>CAGCAAGCT</u> CC <u>T</u> CA <u>GGC</u> TC <u>AT</u> TT <u>CT</u> ACT <u>TTG</u> CT <u>T</u> CT <u>CTG</u> GT <u>GA</u> AG <u>GGAA</u> GG <u>AA</u> <u>GTAA</u> G
Human	TGGGGCCTGC <u>TATAAAA</u> GGGCCATTATCTCAGGCTTCAGTACCC <u>CAGCAAGCT</u> CC <u>T</u> CA <u>GGC</u> TC <u>AT</u> TT <u>CT</u> ACT <u>TTG</u> CT <u>T</u> CT <u>CTG</u> GT <u>GA</u> AG <u>GGAA</u> GG <u>AA</u> <u>GTAA</u> G

Suppl. Fig. S5. Nucleotide sequence alignment of the proximal promotor of filaggrin genes. Nucleotides conserved in all species are highlighted by red color. The putative binding sites of the transcription factor AP1 and the TATA box are indicated by colored frames. The GT splice donor site at the start of intron 1 is underlined.

A**B**

	M T H R L L R S I I S I I D A F L P N A K S D G
Cattle	ATGACTCACCGTCTTCTGAGAACATCAGTATCATTGATGCTTCCCTAAATGCAAAGAGTGATGGA
Minke whale	ATGCCTCACTGTCTTCTGAGAACATCAGTATCATCAATGTTTCCACTCTTATGCAAAGAGTGATGGA
Human	ATGCTCCCTATCTCTGAGGAGCAGCATCAGTATCATCGACATTTCACAAGCACGCA---GAGTGATGGA

	D C Q S L N K T E L K K L L Q E E F G N A L E
Cattle	GACTGTCAGAGCCTGAACAAGACAGAACCTTAAGAAACTTCTCAAGAAGAGTTGAAATGCTCTGGAGGT
Minke whale	GACTGTCAGAGGCTGAACAAGACAGAACATTGAAGAACCTTCTCAACAGAGTTGAAATGCTCCGGAGGT
Human	GACTGGCAGAGGCTGAACAAGACAAAACTCAAGACACTTCTCAGACAAGAGTTGAAATGGCCTTGGAGGT

C

	E S N N S E T T G K I L Q Q L D Q D G D Q T I
Cattle	<u>AG</u> GAATCAAATAATTCTGAGACAA <u>CAGGAAAAA</u> TCTCCAGCAGCTGGATCAAGATGGTGACCAAACAA <u>ATT</u>
Minke whale	<u>AG</u> AAATCAAGTAATTCTGAGACAA <u>ATAA</u> AAAATCTCCACAGCTGGATCAAGATGGTGACAAAACAGTT
Human	<u>AG</u> AAAACA <u>ACTAATTCTGAGACAA</u> TAG <u>AAAAA</u> TCTCCACAGCTGGATCAAGATGGTCACAAAACAGTT

	D F S E L I L L M F A V T T A Y Y A H I K P L L
Cattle	GATTTCAGTGAATTAA <u>ATTTTGCT</u> CATGTTGCAGTGACAA <u>ACAGCCTACT</u> ATGCCCA <u>CATAAAAC</u> CTCTTCTC
Minke whale	GATTTCAGTGAATT <u>CTTTGCT</u> TGTGTT <u>CGGAGTGACAAA</u> ACCTATC <u>ATGCAAG</u> CATAAAACCTCTTCTC
Human	GATTTCAGTGAATT <u>CTTTGCT</u> GGTGCTTAC <u>AGTGACAAA</u> ACCTATC <u>ATGCATG</u> CATAAAAGCTCTTCTC

Suppl. Fig. S6. The trichohyalin-like 2 (TCHHL2) genes of whales and humans contain deleterious mutations. (A) Schematic depiction of the TCHHL2 gene locus of the cattle (*Bos taurus*), minke whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata scammoni*) and human (*Homo sapiens*). The direction of the genes is indicated. The TCHHL2 genes of the minke whale and human are interrupted by in-frame stop codons and frame shift mutations. (B, C) Nucleotide sequence alignments of the segments of the TCHHL2 gene. The conceptual translation of the cattle sequence is shown above the nucleotide sequences. (B) Alignment of sequences homologous to the coding sequence within exon 2 of cattle TCHHL2. (C) Alignment of sequences homologous to the start of exon 3 of cattle TCHHL2. Nucleotides conserved among the three species are highlighted by red letters. Nucleotide deletions causing reading frame shifts as well as an in-frame stop codon are highlighted by black shading and white font. Splice donor (GT) and acceptor sites (AG) at the ends of introns are underlined. The sequences of the deleteriously mutated remnant of the human TCHHL2 gene correspond to the nucleotide regions 152067724-152067586 and 152063663-152063523 of human genomic DNA (GenBank accession number NC_000001.11). Accession number for the amino acid sequence of the trichohyalin-like 2 protein in cattle: XP_005197796.1. The location of the TCHHL2 gene of the minke whale is indicated in Suppl. Table S1.

Human	MSNPRSLEEEKYDMMSGARALILCVTKAREGSEEDLDALEHMFRQLRFESTMKRDPTAEQFQEELKFQQAIDSR
Mouse	MSDPQPLQEERYDMMSGARIALTLCVTKAREGSEVDMEALERMFYIJKFESTMKRDPTAQFLEELDEFQQTIDNW
Cattle	MSSPQPLEEETYDMMSGARIALTLCVTKAREGSEADLDALERMFQQLGFESTMKRDPTAQFQEELKFQQAIDAR
Human	EDPVSCAFVVLMAHGREGLKGEDGEMVKLENLFEALNNKNCAALRAKPKVYIIQA CRGEQRDPGETVG -----
Mouse	EEPVSCAFVVLMAHGE EGL LKG EDEKMVRLEDLFEV LNNKNCKALRGKPKVYIIQA CRGEHRDPGEELRGNEELG
Cattle	EDFVSCAFVVLMAHGLEGR LKG K DEKMVELEDLFQALNNKNCRALRAKPKVYIVQACRGEQRDPGEPVT -----
Human	----- GDEIVMVI KDS PQT IPTYTDALHVYSTVEGYIA YRHDQKGSCFIQTLVDVFTRKRGHILELLTEVTRRM
Mouse	GDEELGGDE -VAVLKNN IQS IPTYTDLHIYSTVEGYLSYRHD EKGSGFIQTLTDVF IHK KGSILELTEEITRLM
Cattle	----- GGHLVMITENT PET IPTYTDLHV FSTIEGYIA YRHDQEGSYFIQTLVDVF INK KGPILELLTEVTRRM
Human	AEAE LVQEGKARKTNPEI Q STLRK R LYLQ
Mouse	ANTE VMQEGKPRKV N PEV Q STLRK K LYLQ
Cattle	AEAE MVQEGEAK KV NPEI Q STLRK Q LYLQ

Suppl. Fig. S7. Amino acid sequence alignment of caspase-14 proteins. The amino acid sequences of caspase-14 of human, mouse and cattle were aligned. Caspase-14 is absent in cetaceans. Amino acid residues conserved in all species are shown in red color. The cysteine residue in the catalytic center is highlighted by yellow shading. Amino acid residues after which the human caspase-14 proenzyme is proteolytically processed (Hibino T, Fujita E, Tsuji Y, Nakanishi J, Iwaki H, Katagiri C, Momoi T. 2010. Purification and characterization of active caspase-14 from human epidermis and development of the cleavage site-directed antibody. *J Cell Biochem* 109: 487-497) are indicated by blue shading. The latter residues are partly conserved in the mouse but not in the cattle. Accession numbers: human caspase-14, NP_036246.1; mouse caspase-14, NP_033939.1; cattle caspase-14, NP_001192772.1.

Dolphin MEGSPGI GGRSGS-----PKIPPAMEELQSLRQETLDLSSQELRSFRDHLKKV_EPRVSQVKLELEG_RSPSGLA
 Orca MEGSPGI GGRSGS-----PKIPPAMEELQSLRQETLDLSSQELRSFRDHLKKV_EPRVSQVKLELEG_RSPSGLA
 Baiji MEGSPGI GWRSGSDSSRAPPKIPPAMEELQSLRQETLDLSSQELRSFRDHLKKV_EPRVSQVKLELEG_RSPSGLA
 Sperm whale MEGSPGI GWRSGADSSRTPPKIPPAMEELQSLRQETLDLSSQELRSFRDHLKKV_EPRVSQVKLELEG_CSPSGLA
 Minke whale MEGSPGI GWRSGSDGSRAPPKIPPAMEELQSLRQETLDLSSQELRSFRDHLRKVEPRVSQVKLELEG_RSPSELA
 Cattle MEGSLGSGRRSGSDGQPAPPKISPTTEELQSLRQETLDLSSQELRSFRDHLKKV_EPPVSQVKLELEG_HSPSGLA

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 Minke whale KRNR_LGAHQDVLLMEDWLGQCQFENTLCIDPD_KMELLGKITSFRDGLN_EIKDDIGCCLVALMSHGEEGF_IKMDG
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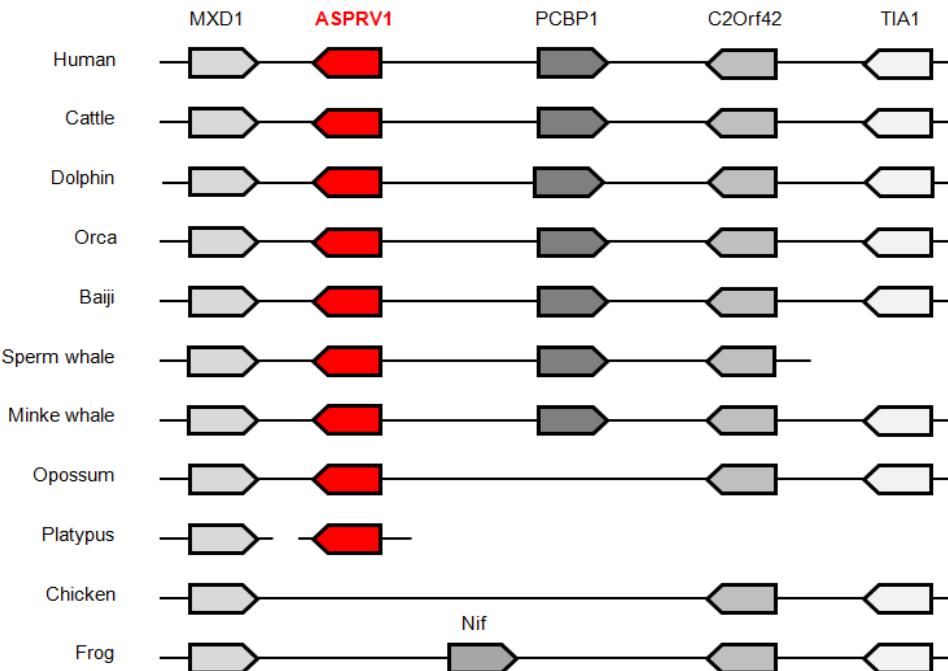
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 Minke whale VALRDPRTGSVM_IKAMTEVF_KQYGNKWHIA_DFFT_KVNNRVVHREFNL_RN_EPIKVSLVMESTLTKFVYF
 Cattle VALRDPRTGSVM_IKEMTEVF_KQYGNKWHIA_DFFT_IVNNRVVHDFNL_CNKP_PV_KSLVMESTLTKFVYF

Suppl. Fig. S8. Amino acid sequence alignment of caspase-15 proteins. The amino acid sequences of caspase-15 from cetaceans and cattle were aligned. Amino acid residues conserved in all species are shown in red color. Note that the gene encoding caspase-15 has been lost during the evolution of the human genome (39). The cysteine residue in the catalytic center is highlighted by yellow shading, aspartic acid residues after which pro-caspase-15 is cleaved by autoprocessing (43) are indicated by blue shading. Because of a gap in the genome sequence of the minke whale, the amino acid sequence of caspase-15 of this species could not be predicted completely. The missing amino acid residues are indicated by XXXXX. Note that several of the protein sequences have erroneously been termed “caspase-14-like” in the GenBank. Accession numbers: cattle caspase-15, AAY17561.1; orca caspase-15, XP_004277897.1; baiji caspase-15, XP_007468210.1; sperm whale caspase-15, XP_007119635.1; minke whale caspase-15, XP_007191619.1. Since the genome sequence of the dolphin appeared to be assembled incorrectly in the region of the *CASP15* gene, we amplified and sequenced parts of exon 1 (primers 5'-CCGAAGATCCCGCCGCCATG-3' and 5'-CAACCCTGGGAATCTCCGC_G-3') and exon 4 (5'-TCTGGGTTTCCTACTTGCAG-3' and 5'-TCAGCTAACGCGTCCGCTAATG-3') of genomic DNA from the dolphin. The resulting sequences have been submitted to the GenBank. Based on our experimental data, the following sequences correspond to exons of the *CASP15* gene of the dolphin: Exon 1, NW_004233528.1, nucl. 502-923 with corrections; exon 2, NW_004238427.1, nucl. 1431-1483; exon 3, NW_004218277.1, nucl. 15221-15072; exon 4, NW_004218277.1: 16020-15827 and nucl. 11158-11127 with corrections; exon 5, NW_004218277.1, nucl. 11535-11519; exon 6, NW_004212924.1, nucl. 40421-40312; exon 7, NW_004212924.1, nucl. 36859-36861.

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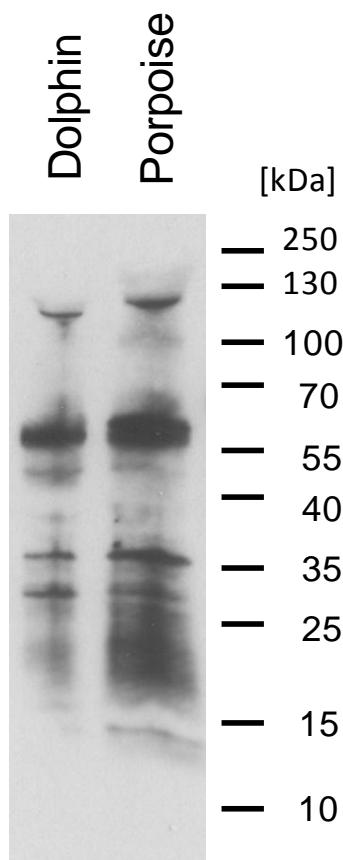
Suppl. Fig. S9. Nucleotide sequence alignment of exon 6 of the CASP16 gene of various species. Nucleotides identical in all species are shown in red. Mutations leading to in-frame stop codons or frame shifts are highlighted by black shading and white font. The amino acid sequence encoded by exon 6 of human CASP16 is shown above the nucleotide sequences. The cysteine residue homologous to the active center of other caspases is highlighted by yellow shading. Note that the genomic region corresponding to this exon is absent from the CASP16 pseudogene of the baiji (not shown). Splice acceptor (AG) and donor (GT) sites at the ends of the flanking introns are underlined.

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Dolphin	MAGSAARSWEGHREHAFVLEPFDGANVA	PHLWLNRFEVISDLSHWDHATKLRFLKESLRGDALEA
Orca	MAGSAARSWEGHREHAFVLEPFDGANVA	PHLWLNRFEVISDLSHWDHATKLRFLKESLRGDALEA
Baiji	MAGSAARSWEGRREDAFVLEPFDGANVA	PHLWLNXFEVISDLSHWDHATKLRFLRESLRGDALEA
Sperm whale	MAGSRARSQEGRRQYAFVLEPFDGANAAPHLWLH	RFEVISDLSHWDHATKLRFLKESLRGDALEEV
Minke whale	MAGSGARSREGRREHAFVLEPFDGANVA	PHLWLRYRFEVISDLSHWDHATKLRFLKESLRGDALEEV
Cattle	MAGSGVRSQE----	RAFVPEPFDGASVAPHLWLH
Human	MAGSGARSEEGRRHAFVPEPFDGANVV	PNLWLHSFEVINDLNHWDHITKLRFLKESLRGEALGV
Dolphin	YSGLSPEDQGEYGA	VKEALLKTTGGPGA
Orca	YSGLSPEDQGEYGA	VKEALLKTTGGPGA
Baiji	YSGLSPEDQGEYGA	VKEALLKTSGGPGA
Sperm whale	YSGLSPEDQGEYGA	VKETLLTKTSGGPGV
Minke whale	YSGLSPEDQGEYRAV	KETLLTFGGPGV
Cattle	FNGLSPEDQGNYEAV	KETLLTFGGPEAAHSHLPKEIV
Human	YNRLSPQDQGDYGT	VKEALLKAFAVGPGA
Dolphin	AQSVVHPRLWKEVTGGDL	DTLRPFENVVKVANGAE
Orca	AQSVVHPRLWKEVTG	DLDSIQLPFENVVKVANGAE
Baiji	AQSVVHPRLWKEVTG	NLDALRPFENVVKVANGAE
Sperm whale	AQSVVHPRLWEEVTNG	DLDALRPFEDVVKVANGAE
Minke whale	AQSVVHPSLWEEVT	DGDLDTLRPFENVVKVANGAE
Cattle	AQSVVHPSLWEEVT	DGEDLTLRPFENVVKVANGAE
Human	AQSVVHPNLWEEVT	DGDLDTLQPFENVVKVANGAE
Dolphin	EDAIIGTDLLQDHNA	VLDFEHRTCTLQGKKFRLLPV
Orca	EDAIIGTDLLQDHNA	VLDFEHRTCTLQGKKFRLLPV
Baiji	EEAIIGTDLLQDHNA	VLDFEHRTCTLKGMKKFRLLPV
Sperm whale	EEAIIGTDLLQDHNA	VLDFEHRTCTLRGKKFRLLPV
Minke whale	EDAIIGTDMLQDHDA	VLDFEHHTCTLKGRKKFRLLPV
Cattle	EEAIIGTDVLQDHNA	ILDFEHRTCTLKGRKKFRLLPV
Human	EEAIIGTDVLQDHNA	ILDFEHRTCTLKGRKKFRLLPV

Suppl. Fig. S10. Conservation of ASPRV1 (saspase). (A) Comparison of the aspartic peptidase retroviral-like 1 (ASPRV1) gene locus in vertebrates. Protein-coding genes at genomic loci flanked by *MXD1* and *TIA1* are shown for cetaceans, other mammals and 2 non-mammalian species. In the genome sequences of the sperm whale and the platypus, the current sequence assembly of this region is incomplete. “Dolphin” refers to *Tursiops truncatus*, and “frog” refers to *Xenopus tropicalis*. MXD1, MAX dimerization protein 1; ASPRV1, saspase; PCBP1, poly(rC) binding protein 1; C2Orf42,

chromosome 2 open reading frame 42; TIA1, TIA1 cytotoxic granule-associated RNA binding protein; Nif, low molecular weight neuronal intermediate filament. **(B)** Amino acid sequence alignment of saspase (*ASPRV1*) proteins. The open reading frames of *ASPRV1* genes were conceptually translated, and the sequences corresponding to the 28 kDa proform of saspase (44) were aligned. Amino acid residues, that are conserved in all species, are marked by red letters. The aspartic acid residue in the catalytic center is highlighted by yellow shading. Residues corresponding to the proenzyme processing sites, as determined by Matsui et al. (45), are indicated by blue shading. The position of an unknown amino acid residue, that corresponds to an undefined nucleotide in the nucleotide sequence in the *ASPRV1* gene of the baiji, is indicated by X.



Suppl. Fig. S11. Immunoblot analysis of epidermal protein extracts using an anti-filaggrin antibody. Proteins were extracted from the epidermis of a stranded dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) and a stranded harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) (tissue samples in ethanol, kindly provided by Rob Deaville, Zoological Society of London, London, UK). Immunoblot analysis was performed according to a published protocol with modifications (Fischer H, Rossiter H, Ghannadan M, et al. *Differentiation* 2005; **73**: 406-413). Tissue samples were lysed in a buffer containing 62.5 mM Tris/HCl (pH 6.8), 6 M urea, and 2% SDS, and boiled in the presence of 5% β-mercaptoethanol. The lysates were electrophoresed through an 8–18% gradient polyacrylamide gel containing SDS and blotted onto a nitrocellulose membrane. Blots were incubated with a rabbit polyclonal anti-filaggrin antibody (1:500) (Covance, Berkely, CA; catalog number: PRB-417P), followed by incubation with goat anti-rabbit-HRP (Bio-Rad, USA) and development with the enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) detection system. The predicted molecular weight of dolphin profilaggrin is 108.3 kDa. The identity of the bands remains to be determined as the epitope of the antibody is only partly conserved in dolphins, and unspecific binding of the antibody to other proteins is possible. Of note, filaggrin fragments in the size range of 17-30 kDa have been reported for epidermal lysates of caspase-14 knockout mice (21, 56). The positions of molecular weight marker bands are indicated on the right. kDa, kilo-Dalton.

Suppl. Table S1. S100 fused-type protein (SFTP) genes of cetaceans

Species	Gene	Accession nr. of genomic sequence	Exon 1 end	Exon 2 start	CDS start	Exon 2 end	Exon 3 start	CDS end	Protein encoded	Note
Dolphin	CRNN	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	FLG2	NW_004201070.1	n.d.	n.d.	14202	14339	15363	>15790	no	frameshift
	FLG	NW_004211506.1	21638	34353	34374	34511	35579	38407	yes	
	HRNR	NW_004211506.1	n.d.	n.d.	67642	67779	70056	73338	no	premature stop codons and frameshift in exon 3
	RPTN	NW_004203980.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	>55359	<54832	no	premature stop codons
	TCHH	NW_004220296.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	<26622	>27194	no	
	TCHHL1	NW_004199860.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	>214945	<214724	no	premature stop codon
	TCHHL2	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
Orca	CRNN	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	FLG2	NW_004438651	n.d.	n.d.	2264261	2264124	2263105	<2261150	no	premature stop codons in exon 3
	FLG	NW_004438651	2229026	2216289	2216268	2216131	2215312	2212566	yes	sequence gap in the middle of exon 3
	HRNR	NW_004438651	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	2184107	<2183688	no	premature stop codon
	RPTN	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	TCHH	NW_004438651	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	>2147857	<2147309	no	
Baiji	TCHHL1	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	TCHHL2	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	CRNN	NW_006787556.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1312295	>1311978	no	premature stop codon
	FLG2	NW_006787556.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1279072	>1277439	no	frameshift; premature stop codon
	FLG	NW_006787556.1	1245034	1219352	1219331	1219194	1218369	1215844	yes	
Sperm whale	HRNR	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	RPTN	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	TCHH	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	TCHHL1	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	TCHHL2	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	CRNN	NW_006718175.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	68985	>70620	no	frameshift; premature stop codon
	FLG2	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
Minke whale	FLG	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	HRNR	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	RPTN	NW_006717962.1	n.d.	n.d.	99953	99813	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	RPTN	NW_006717628.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	<38056	>38532	no	premature stop codons
	TCHH	NW_006716874.1	n.d.	n.d.	115803	115958	n.d.	n.d.	no	premature stop codon
	TCHHL1	NW_006712966.1	n.d.	n.d.	>463584	<463522	n.d.	n.d.	no	
	TCHHL2	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	no	

Notes: CRNN, cornulin; FLG-2, filaggrin-2; FLG, filaggrin; HRNR, hornerin; RPTN, repetin; TCHH, trichohyalin; TCHHL1, trichohyalin-like 1; TCHHL2, trichohyalin-like 2; n.r., number; n.d., not determined; CDS, coding sequence; ORF, open reading frame. Some genomic sequence scaffolds contain genes in negative orientation, that is the 5'-end of the gene has a higher nucleotide number (within the reference genomic sequence) than the 3'-end.

Suppl. Table S2. Interspecies amino acid sequence identity (%) of filaggrin repeats and linkers

	Human	Cattle	Baiji	Orca	Dolphin
Human	100.0	41.5	35.7	35.2	35.2
Cattle	41.5	100.0	70.5	72.0	72.0
Baiji	35.7	70.5	100.0	90.5	90.5
Orca	35.2	72.0	90.5	100.0	98.5
Dolphin	35.2	72.0	90.5	98.5	100.0

Note: Amino acid sequences corresponding to the following regions of profilaggrin from different species were aligned and the percentage of positions with pairwise sequence identity were calculated: human profilaggrin (NP_002007.1) residues 1669-1869, cattle profilaggrin (XP_001255583.5) residues 1669-1869, baiji profilaggrin residues 317-515, orca profilaggrin residues 308-506 and dolphin profilaggrin residues 308-506. The aligned sequences correspond in length to 1 repeat + linker of cattle and cetacean filaggrin and to a part of the human filaggrin repeat + linker. The human filaggrin repeats are longer than those cetartiodactyls. The segment of the human filaggrin repeat which does not have a counterpart in cetartiodactyls was not included in the determination of identity values. Species: human (*Homo sapiens*), cattle (*Bos taurus*), baiji (*Lipotes vexillifer*), orca (*Orcinus orca*) and dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*).