Supplemental Methods

Maintenance of iPSC lines

The maintenance of all iPSC lines was performed on STO feeder cells in primate ES cell medium (ReproCell) supplemented with 4 ng/mL recombinant bFGF (Wako), as 5 previously reported.¹ The iPSC lines were differentiated after culturing on Matrigel-coated plates for one passage to remove feeder cells.

Lentiviral transduction

9 Wild-type ALAS2 cDNA was produced from bone marrow cells from a healthy donor 10 using the following primers: forward, 5'-CACCATGGTGACTGCAGCCATG-3', and 11 reverse, 5'-TCAGGCATAGGTGGTGAC-3', and subcloned into the pENTR-D-TOPO 12 vector (Thermo Fisher Scientific). ALAS2 was transferred from the entry clone into the pLenti6.3/TO/V5-DEST destination vectors (Thermo Fisher Scientific) using a gateway 14 LR reaction, according to the manufacturer's instructions. FACS-sorted HPCs on day 15 were transfected lentivirally using wild-type ALAS2 and a RetroNectin Plate (Takara) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

CFU assay

The CFU assay was performed based on a previous report.² Lineage assignment was determined by morphologic analysis, and some typical colonies (especially erythroid and mixed colonies) were picked up and assessed using May Grunwald-Giemsa staining.

Flow cytometry analysis and cell sorting

For the flow cytometry analysis or sorting of iPSC-derived hematopoietic cells, EBs were

dissociated using 0.25% trypsin followed by pipetting 10 to 20 times. The cells were subjected to flow cytometry analysis or cell sorting using FACS ARIA II (Becton-Dickinson). Dead cells were removed using 7-AAD (BD Pharmingen).

Antibodies

The antibodies CD34-PE (BD Biosciences, 348057), CD43-FITC (BD Biosciences, 555475), CD38-APC (BD Biosciences, 555462), Human Hematopoietic Lineage APC cocktail (eBioscience, 22-7776-72), CD235a-APC (BD Bioscience, 551336), CD71- FITC (BD Biosciences, 555536), and TRA1-60-PE (Stemgent, 09-0009) were used for FACS analysis and cell sorting. Glycophorin A MicroBeads, human (Miltenyi Biotec, 130-050-501) and CD34 MicroBead Kit, human (Miltenyi Biotec, 130-046-702) were used for the MACS. Histone H3K27me3 antibody (mAb) (Active Motif, 61017), Alexa Fluor 488 Mouse anti-Human TRA-1-60 Antigen (BD Biosciences, 560173), and Alexa Fluor 488 Mouse anti-SSEA-4 (BD Biosciences, 560308) were used for immunostaining.

RNA extraction and quantitative RT-PCR analysis

The cells were eluted and homogenized using QIAzol (Qiagen). RNA was extracted using the miRNeasy Micro Kit (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's protocol, and cDNA synthesis was performed using ReverTra Ace qPCR RT Master Mix with gDNA Remover (TOYOBO). The expression level of each gene was determined using TB Green Premix Ex Taq II (Takara) and the StepOne Real-Time PCR System (Applied Biosystems). Data were normalized to the expression level of GAPDH. The primers for the analysis are listed in supplemental Table 2.

Immunostaining

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Supplemental Table 1

Supplemental Figure 1. Changes of hematological and iron parameters in SA1 during pyridoxal phosphate hydrate administration.

Supplemental Figure 2. Changes of hematological and iron parameters in SA1 and SA2 during ALA administration.

Arrows indicate RBC transfusion days.

Supplemental Figure 3. Characteristics of XLSA patients and patient-derived iPSCs. (A) Representative immunofluorescence staining of SSEA-4 expression (top left) and TRA1-60 expression (top right) in MT1-iPSC3. The nuclei of all cells were stained with 12 DAPI (bottom). Magnification of the objective lens: \times 10. Scale bars, 200 µm. (B) Histological analysis of teratomas derived from MT1-iPSC1. Teratomas had tissues of all three germ layers, including pigment epithelium (ectoderm, top), cartilage (mesoderm, middle), and gut-like epithelium (endoderm, bottom). Magnification of the objective lens: 16×20 . Scale bars, 100 um. (C) Karyotype analysis of all XLSA patient-derived iPSC lines showed no abnormalities (46, XX). Representative data for MT1-iPSC1 are shown.

Supplemental Figure 4. Hematopoietic and erythroid differentiation capacity of WT and MT iPSC lines.

(A) Colony formation assay on day 14 of WT1-iPSC1, MT1-iPSC2, and MT1-iPSC2 22 transduced with EGFP or wild-type ALAS2. Each line was tested in three independent 23 experiments. (B) Percentages of CD235a+ erythroblasts derived from the SA3 iPSC lines. The data represent three independent experiments from two WT iPSC lines (WT3-iPSC1

and WT3-iPSC2) or two MT iPSC lines (MT3-iPSC1 and MT3-iPSC2). (C) Representative flow cytometry data showing the co-expression of CD235a and CD71 in erythroblasts differentiated using the feeder-free method. (D) Cell viability was assessed using the trypan blue exclusion test. Time course of erythroid differentiation of iPSC-derived HPCs using the feeder-free method. Each line was tested in three independent experiments. (E) Percentages of CD235a+ cells. Erythroblasts were differentiated from iPSC-derived HPCs using the OP9 co-culture method. Each line was tested in three independent experiments. (F) Cell viability was assessed using the trypan blue exclusion test. Time course of erythroid differentiation of iPSC-derived HPCs using the OP9 co-culture method is shown. Each line was tested in three independent experiments. (G) The expression level of ALAS2 in iPSC-derived erythroblasts derived from one control iPSC line, three WT iPSC lines, and four MT iPSC lines is shown. Each line was tested in three 13 independent experiments. The expression levels were normalized to that of GAPDH. All 14 data are presented as the mean \pm SEM. P-values were calculated using the unpaired, two-15 tailed Student's t-test. **** $P < 0.0001$; N.S., not significant.

Supplemental Figure 5. Improvement of erythroid differentiation capacity with ALA and AZA treatment.

(A) Schema of the protocol for erythroid differentiation with ALA administration. (B) Percentages of CD235a+ cells treated with DMSO or ALA. Each line was tested in three independent experiments. (C) Representative flow cytometry data of erythroblasts differentiated from MT1-iPSC2 using the feeder-free erythroid differentiation method with DMSO or ALA. (D) Pellets of erythroblasts derived from MT1-iPSC2. CD235a+ cells were sorted using FACS on day 34. (E) Representative flow cytometry data of

SA1

