

**Biomimetic tissue models reveal the role of hyaluronan
in melanoma proliferation and invasion**

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Supplementary Table 1: Primer list

Gene	Gene Accession number	Start	Forward	End	Start	Reverse	End
<i>Rpl-p0</i>	NM_007475	512	GGACCCGAGAAGACCTCCTT	531	596	GCACATCACTCAGAATTTCAATGG	573
<i>Has1</i>	NM_008215	1107	CTATGCTACCAAGTATACCTCG	1128	1214	TCTCGGAAGTAAGATTTGGAC	1194
<i>Has2</i>	NM_008216.3	696	TGTACGGTGCCTTTTAGCC	715	873	TTCACAGATTGCAAACATTTCC	852
<i>Has3</i>	NM_008217	1250	CAAGTCTTACTTTCGGGAATGG	1271	1449	TAGCCTTGATAATGCCCACC	1430
<i>Ki67</i>	NM_001081117.2	9709	GATGCAAAAACCTCTGAAGGAGG	9730	9875	GGAGGTGAAAACCACACTGG	9856
<i>Hyal1</i>	NM_008317.5	1162	CCAAGGAATCATGCCAGG	1179	1339	GAGAACTGGCAGGGTTGAG	1320
<i>Hyal2</i>	NM_010489.2	1180	ATAGTCAACGTGTCCTGGGC	1199	1318	TATGGCCAGGCACTAGGC	1301

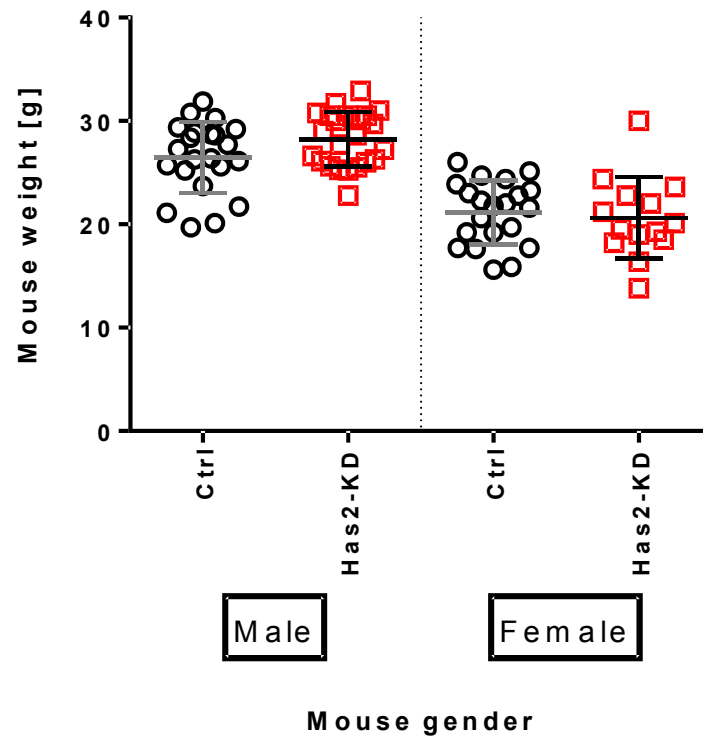


Figure S1: Weight of Ctrl and Has2-KD mice. The standard starting age for the 4OHT treatment was 8 weeks after birth and treatment lasted for 12 days. Weight of 4OHT-treated mice with ages between 7 and 35 weeks is shown. Both genders showed no weight specific effect due to *Has2*-KD. Different starting age of treatment did not result in any differences in body weight. Each dot represents an individual mouse.

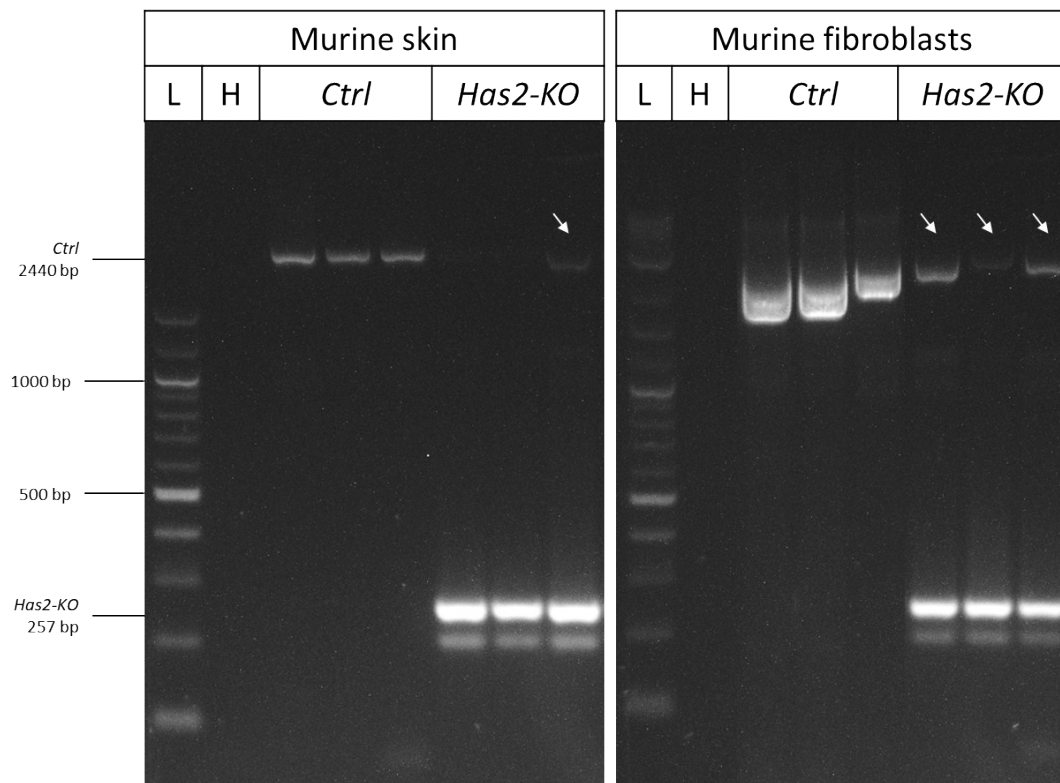


Figure S2: Incomplete deletion of *Has2*-Exon2. PCR amplification with flanking primers around *Has2*-Exon2 revealed successful but incomplete deletion in both full thickness skin samples and explanted fibroblasts. White arrows indicate undeleted alleles at 2440 bp in samples, where Cre-dependent excision clearly occurred (257 bp product). L=ladder, H=water.

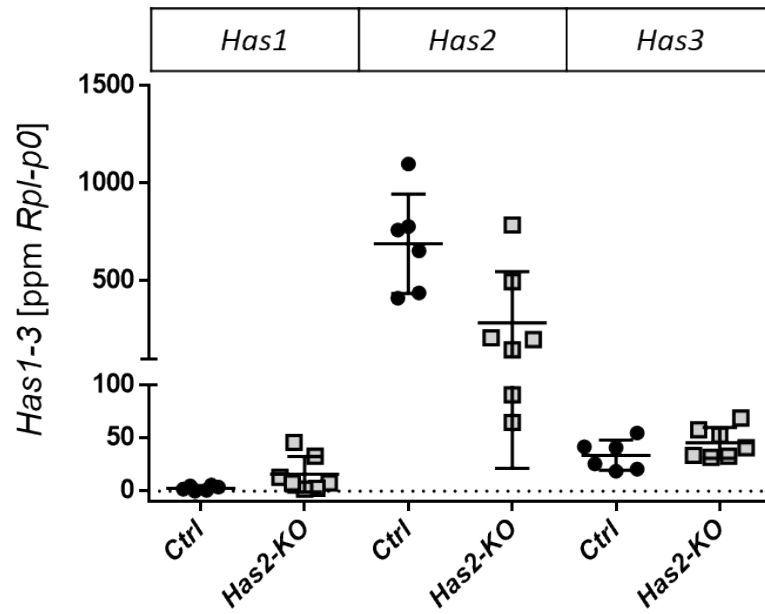
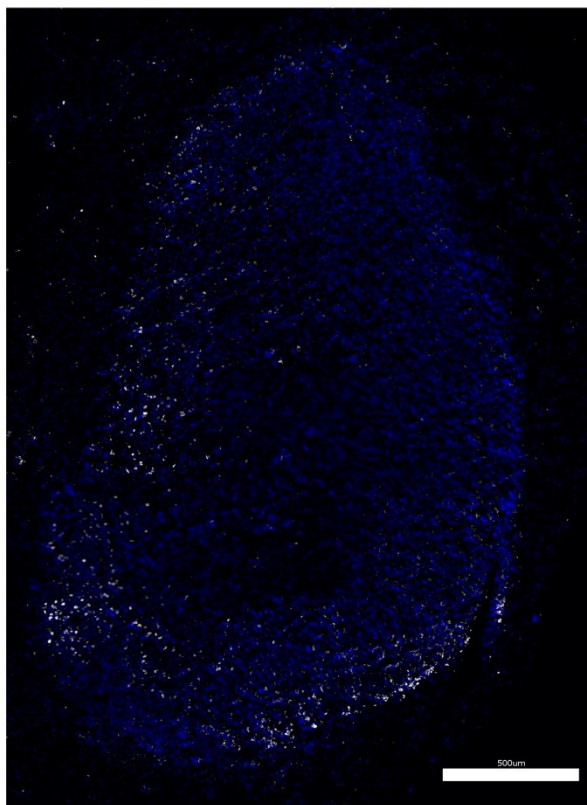


Figure S3: No compensation by Has isoenzymes. Full thickness skin samples were analyzed for all *Has* genes expression in RT-qPCR. Results were given as $n(HasX)$ parts per million $n(Rpl-p0)$. Compared to *Has2* gene expression, *Has1* and *Has3* expression were ~100-fold lower. While *Has2* expression was decreased by knockout induction, *Has1* and *Has3* expression kept their level. No compensatory upregulation was observed in these matched samples.

CTRL



Has2 KD

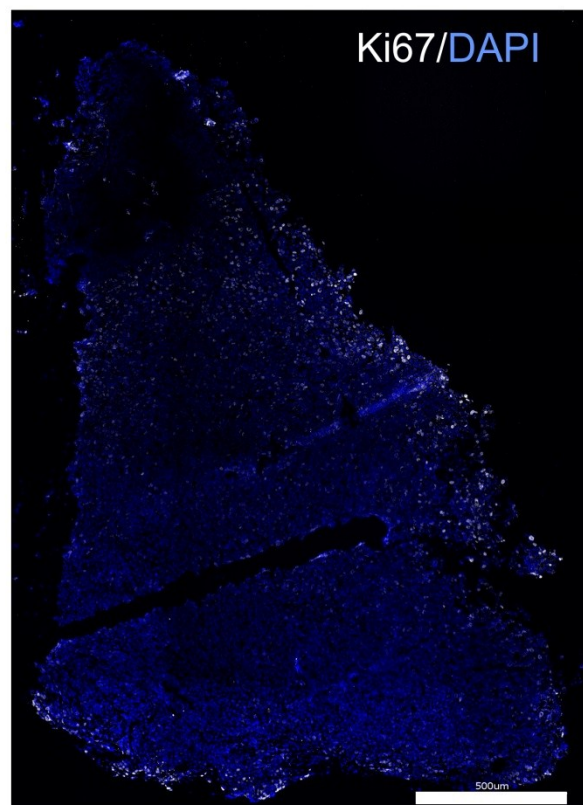


Figure S4: Overview of Ki67 expression in experimental tumors. Cryosections from tumors were stained with anti-Ki67 antibody (white) and DAPI (blue) as described in the methods section. Quantitation of the fluorescence signal was performed with Image J, see Figure 2. (scale bar: 500 μ m).

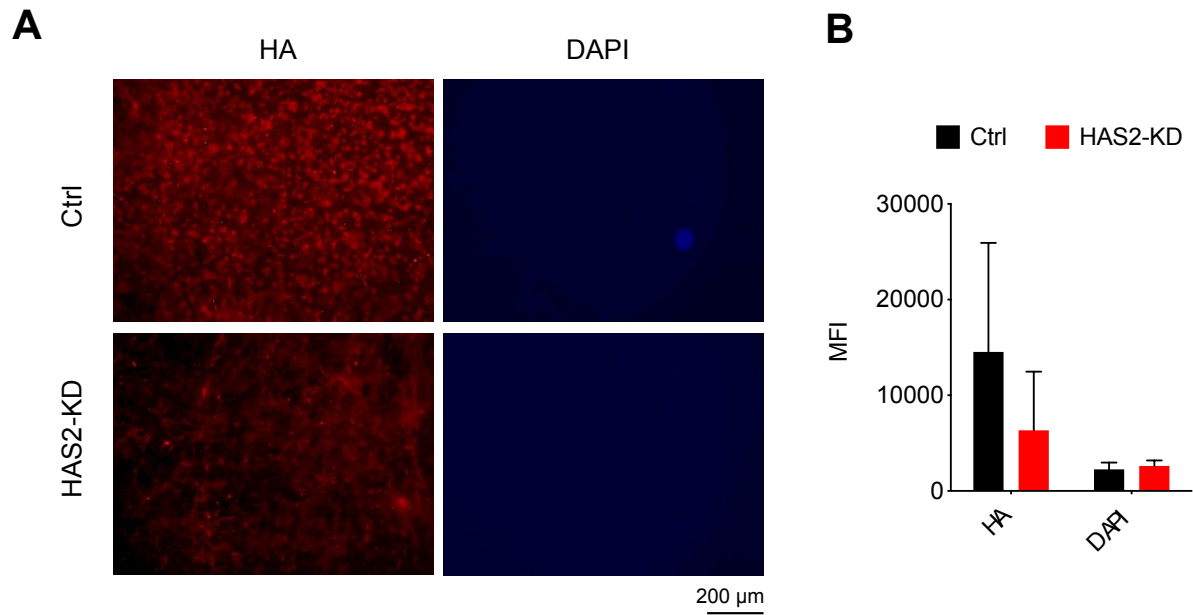


Figure S5: Efficiency of decellularization method. (A) FbECMs were stained with HAPB and DAPI, and visualized using fluorescence microscopy. (Scale bars:100 μ m) (B) Quantification of mean ($\pm$ SD) fluorescence signal intensity of HAPB and DAPI using ImageJ (n = 3). Difference in HAPB signal intensity could be observed in *Ctrl* and *Has2-KD* FbECM. Cells were fully removed as shown by absence of DAPI signal in (A).

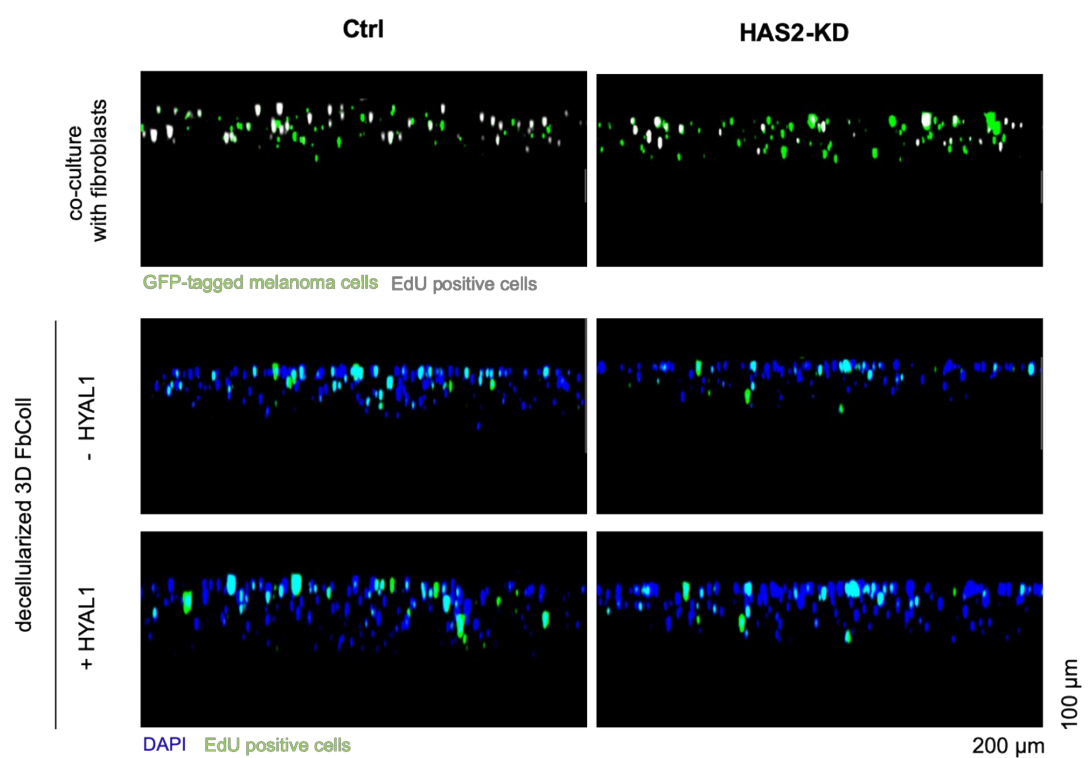


Figure S6: Representative fluorescence images of EdU assay. GFP-tagged melanoma cells stained with EdU and DAPI. For the analysis, GFP signal were used to distinguish fibroblasts and melanoma cells in the co-culture system. EdU positive cells were analyzed throughout the matrix thickness by counting cells using home-built MATLAB script.

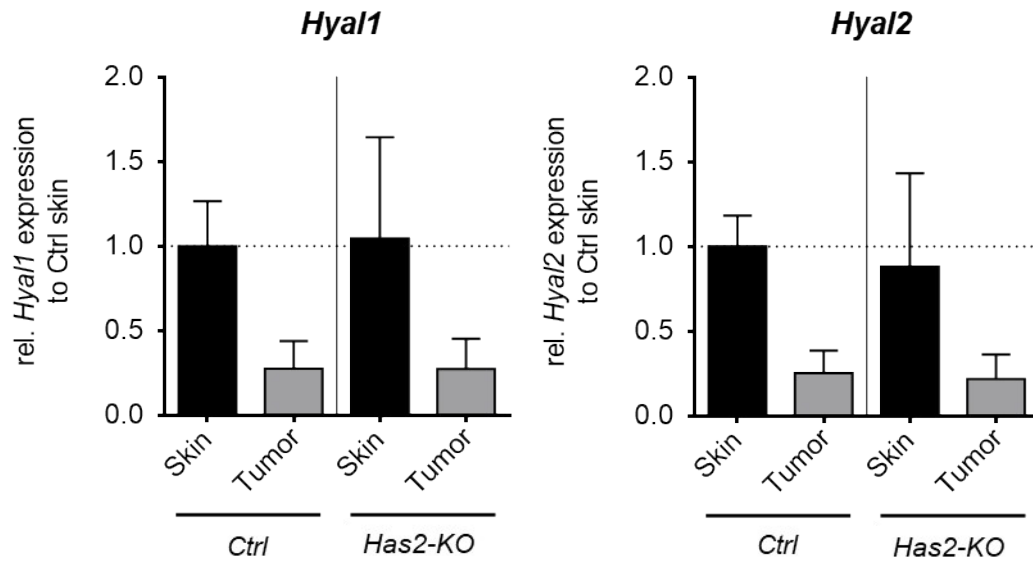


Figure S7: Hyaluronidase-1 and -2 gene expression in skin and tumor. Full thickness skin and tumor mass samples were analyzed for *Hyal1* and -2 gene expression with RT-qPCR. Results were first calculated as $n(HyalX)$ parts per million $n(Rpl-p0)$ and then normalized to mean skin *Ctrl* values. Knockdown of *Has2* showed no effects on *Hyal1* or *Hyal2* expression, neither in skin nor in tumor sample. Tumor tissue gene expressions per cell were at ~30% compared to skin samples, but readily detectable.