

How a gene for fair skin spread across India

Cover Girl, Maybelline, are you listening? A new study of skin color in South Asians finds they have enormous diversity, with a color range that's three times larger than that for East Asians or Europeans. Pretty cool. Another cool bit of trivia: The gene that makes some South Asians fairer is the same gene that makes Europeans fairer than most of the world. Fair East Asians, on the other hand, owe their color to a different gene.

The study provides a glimpse into the movements of early humans, as they populated new lands and latitudes. For example, our trivia above tells us fair skin evolved in two separate events for Europeans/South Asians and East Asians.

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