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On the cover: The generation of pigmented hair involves the synchronized activation and differentiation of two distinct stem cell populations sharing the hair follicle niche: epithelial stem cells (EpSCs) that produce hair and melanocyte stem cells (McSCs) that differentiate into pigment-producing melanocytes. In this issue, Rabbani et al. (pp. 941–955) provide insight into the molecular pathways that mediate this coordination: proliferating EpSCs produce Wnt ligands, which then trigger differentiation of neighboring McSCs. The cover depicts an artistic rendering of several hair follicles imaged with fluorescent confocal microscopy. In the original image, shown below, McSCs are identified with tyrosine-related protein in blue, β -catenin (the key mediator of Wnt signaling) in red, and the proliferation marker Ki67 in green. Cover image generated on the iPhone4 with the application Percolator.

