

A systems biological study on the identification of safe and effective molecular targets for reduction of ultraviolet B-induced skin pigmentation

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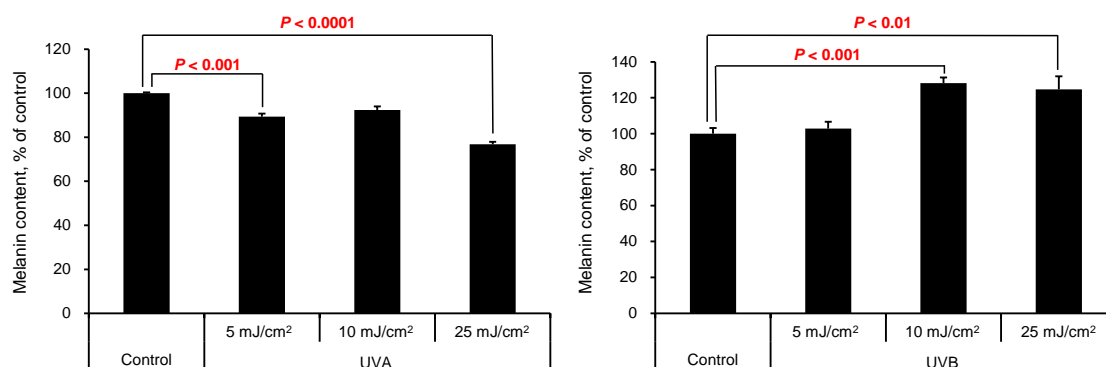
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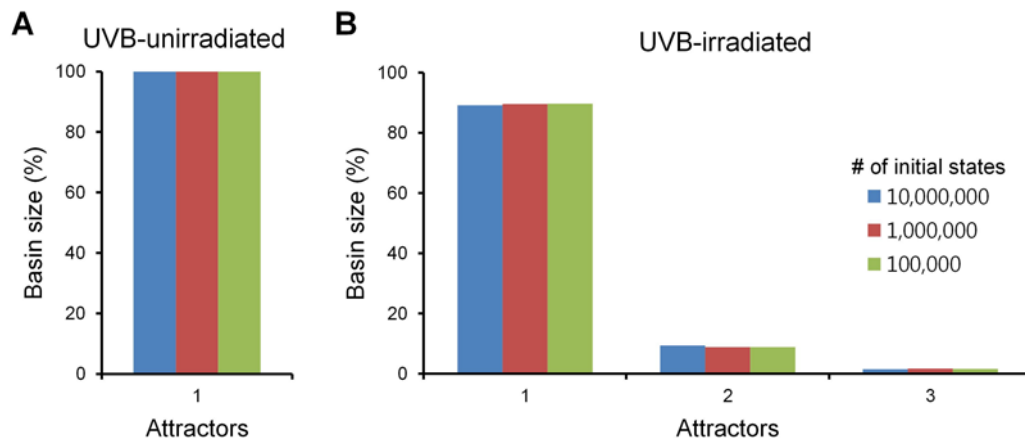
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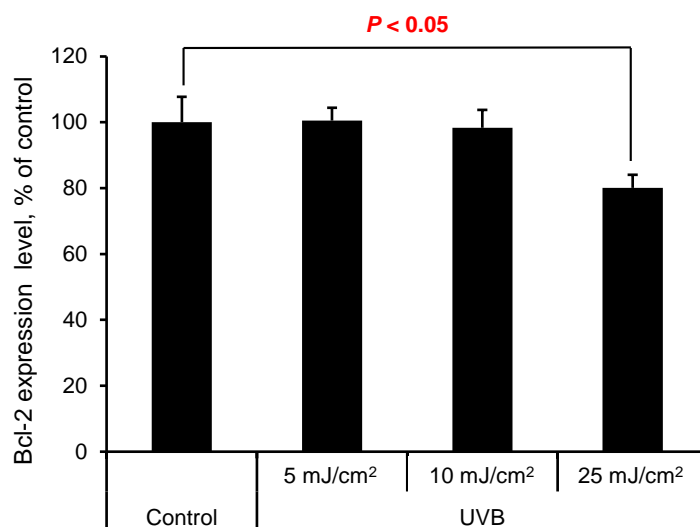
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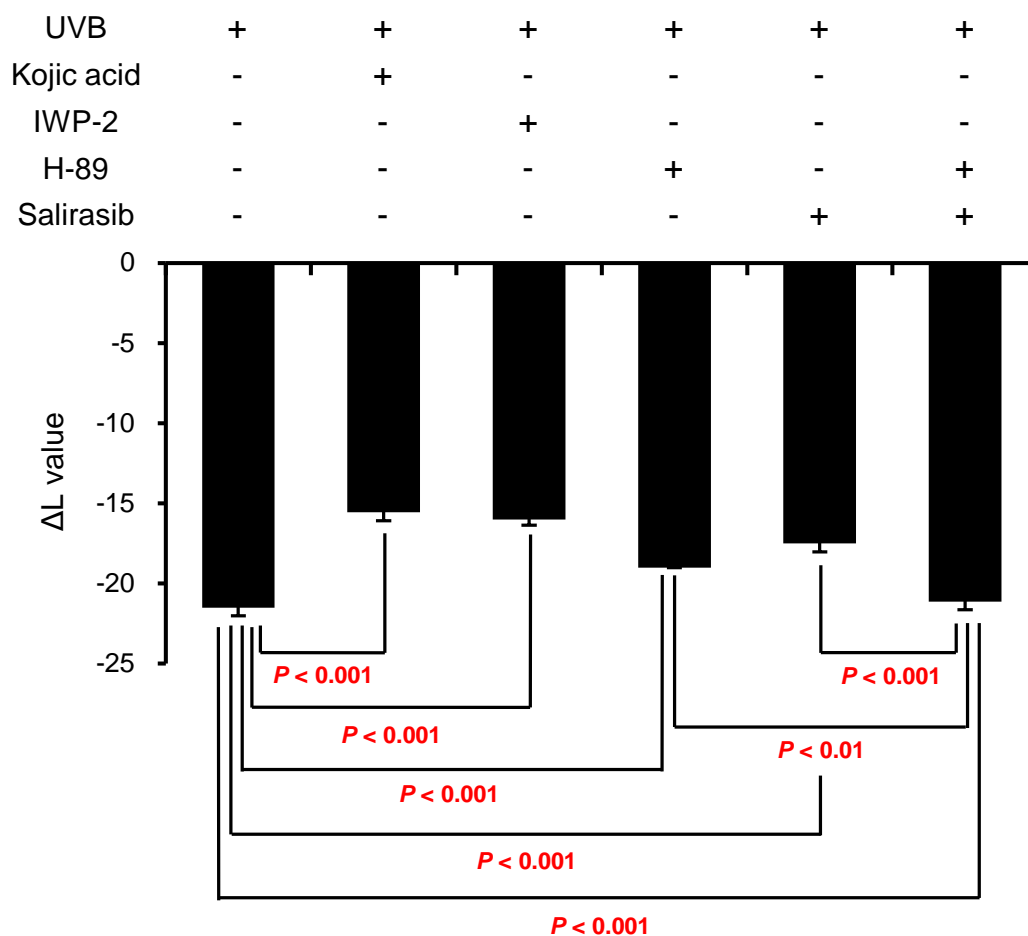
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Supplementary Figure S3. The effect of UVB irradiation on the Bcl-2 expression level in human melanocytes.

Graphs of the Bcl-2 expression level in normal human melanocytes exposed to UVB irradiation at the indicated doses. Human melanocytes were cultured in 6-well plate and exposed to the indicated doses of UVB. After incubation, the melanocytes were harvested and lysed. Bcl-2 expression level was measured by using human Bcl-2 ELISA kit (Abcam, Cambridge, U.K.). The data represent the means + SD of three biological replicates. *P*-values were determined by Student's *t* test; *P* < 0.05 was considered statistically significant.



Supplementary Figure S4. Effects of inhibition of beta-catenin, Ras, PKA, or a combination of Ras and PKA on the UVB-induced skin pigmentation.

Graphs of the ΔL values of the MelanoDerms exposed to IWP-2 (a beta-catenin inhibitor, 20 μM), H-89 (a PKA inhibitor, 10 μM), salirasib (a Ras inhibitor, 50 μM), or a combined treatment with H-89 (10 μM) and salirasib (50 μM) upon UVB irradiation (10 mJ/cm^2). MelanoDerms exposed to a combined treatment with H-89 and salirasib showed the ΔL value lower than those treated with either H-89 or salirasib alone. 1% kojic (70.37 mM) acid was used as a positive control. MelanoDerms were grown at the air-liquid interface and the maintenance medium was replenished every 2 days. After a 9-day of exposure to the chemicals, pigmentation of the skin equivalents was assessed by comparing the change in L^* value, a value of CIE 1976 (L^*, a^*, b^*) color space representing the brightness. The data represent the means + SD of at least three biological replicates. P -values were determined by Student's t test; $P < 0.05$ was considered statistically significant. See Table S4 for the simulation results of changes in UVB-induced melanin synthesis with respect to the inhibition of beta-catenin, Ras, PKA, or a combination of Ras and PKA.

II. Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table S1. The 113 links comprising the melanogenesis network.

Link index	Cellular type	Source	Interaction	Target	Reference
1	Extracellular Signal	UVB	+	ASK1	1-3
2	Extracellular Signal	UVB	+	EGFR	1
3	Extracellular Signal	UVB	+	IL-1	4
4	Extracellular Signal	UVB	-	PTEN	1,5,6
5	Keratinocytes	Melanin	-	IL-1	See the note [§] .
6	Keratinocytes	ERK	-	PTEN	6
7	Keratinocytes	Akt	-	PTEN	6
8	Keratinocytes	Melanin	+	PTEN	See the note [§] .
9	Keratinocytes	Melanin	-	EGFR	See the note [§] .
10	Keratinocytes	EGFR	+	PI3K	7
11	Keratinocytes	Akt	-	ASK1	8
12	Keratinocytes	Melanin	-	ASK1	See the note [§] .
13	Keratinocytes	EGFR	+	SG	9-11
14	Keratinocytes	ERK	-	SG	9,12
15	Keratinocytes	PI3K	+	PDK1	13,14
16	Keratinocytes	PTEN	-	PDK1	15
17	Keratinocytes	ASK1	+	MKK6	16
18	Keratinocytes	Akt	-	MKK4	17
19	Keratinocytes	ASK1	+	MKK4	16
20	Keratinocytes	SG	+	Ras	18
21	Keratinocytes	PDK1	+	Akt	14,19
22	Keratinocytes	MKK6	+	p38	20
23	Keratinocytes	MKK4	+	JNK	20
24	Keratinocytes	Akt	-	Raf	21
25	Keratinocytes	Ras	+	Raf	22
26	Keratinocytes	Akt	-	GSK3b	23
27	Keratinocytes	GSK3b	-	b-catenin	24
28	Keratinocytes	Raf	+	MEK	25-27
29	Keratinocytes	Akt	+	MDM2	28
30	Keratinocytes	GSK3b	-	NFAT	29,30
31	Keratinocytes	b-catenin	+	COX-2	31
32	Keratinocytes	GSK3b	-	COX-2	32
33	Keratinocytes	NFAT	+	COX-2	33
34	Keratinocytes	p38	+	COX-2	34
35	Keratinocytes	MEK	+	ERK	35,36
36	Keratinocytes	p38	-	ERK	37,38
37	Keratinocytes	ERK	+	p53	39

38	Keratinocytes	MDM2	-	p53	40
39	Keratinocytes	p38	+	p53	41
40	Keratinocytes	ERK	+	RSK	42,43
41	Keratinocytes	Akt	+	Bcl-2	44,45
42	Keratinocytes	ERK	+	Bcl-2	46
43	Keratinocytes	JNK	-	Bcl-2	47,48
44	Keratinocytes	b-catenin	+	Bcl-2	49
45	Keratinocytes	GSK3b	+	Bcl-2	50,51
46	Keratinocytes	p38	-	Bcl-2	52
47	Keratinocytes	p53	-	Bcl-2	53-55
48	Keratinocytes	RSK	+	Bcl-2	43,56,57
49	Keratinocytes	IL-1	+	ET-1	58
50	Keratinocytes	p53	+	ET-1	59,60
51	Keratinocytes	IL-1	+	SCF	61
52	Keratinocytes	p53	+	SCF	59
53	Keratinocytes	p53	+	a-MSH	59
54	Keratinocytes	COX-2	+	PGE2	62,63
55	Keratinocytes	IL-1	+	PGE2	62,63
56	Paracrine	ET-1	+	ETR	64
57	Paracrine	SCF	+	c-Kit	65,66
58	Paracrine	a-MSH	+	MC1R	67
59	Paracrine	PGE2	+	EP4	68
60	Melanocytes	ETR	+	PKC	64
61	Melanocytes	c-Kit	+	SG	69
62	Melanocytes	ERK	-	SG	9,12
63	Melanocytes	MC1R	+	AC	70,71
64	Melanocytes	Akt	-	ASK1	8
65	Melanocytes	PKC	+	PI3K	72
66	Melanocytes	Ras	+	PI3K	73
67	Melanocytes	cAMP	-	PI3K	74
68	Melanocytes	SG	+	Ras	18
69	Melanocytes	cAMP	+	Ras	75
70	Melanocytes	EP4	+	cAMP	68
71	Melanocytes	AC	+	cAMP	76
72	Melanocytes	PDE	-	cAMP	77,78
73	Melanocytes	ASK1	+	MKK4	16
74	Melanocytes	Akt	-	MKK4	17
75	Melanocytes	PI3K	+	PDK1	13,14
76	Melanocytes	PKC	+	Raf	79
77	Melanocytes	Ras	+	Raf	22,26
78	Melanocytes	cAMP	+	PKA	76

79	Melanocytes	ASK1	+	MKK6	16
80	Melanocytes	PDK1	+	Akt	14,19
81	Melanocytes	Raf	+	MEK	25-27
82	Melanocytes	PKA	+	PDE	80,81
83	Melanocytes	MKK6	+	p38	20
84	Melanocytes	Akt	-	GSK3b	23
85	Melanocytes	MEK	+	ERK	35,36
86	Melanocytes	p38	-	ERK	37
87	Melanocytes	p38	+	MSK	43,82
88	Melanocytes	ERK	+	MSK	43,82
89	Melanocytes	MKK4	+	JNK	20
90	Melanocytes	Akt	+	MDM2	28
91	Melanocytes	ERK	+	RSK	42,43
92	Melanocytes	p38	+	p53	41
93	Melanocytes	MDM2	-	p53	40
94	Melanocytes	MITFprotein	-	p53	83
95	Melanocytes	GSK3b	-	b-catenin	24
96	Melanocytes	PKA	+	CREB	76
97	Melanocytes	Akt	+	CREB	45,84
98	Melanocytes	MSK	+	CREB	43
99	Melanocytes	Akt	+	Bcl-2	44,45
100	Melanocytes	p38	-	Bcl-2	52
101	Melanocytes	ERK	+	Bcl-2	46
102	Melanocytes	JNK	-	Bcl-2	47,48
103	Melanocytes	RSK	+	Bcl-2	43,56,57
104	Keratinocytes	b-catenin	+	Bcl-2	49
105	Keratinocytes	GSK3b	+	Bcl-2	50,51
106	Melanocytes	p53	-	Bcl-2	53-55
107	Melanocytes	CREB	+	Bcl-2	45,85
108	Melanocytes	MITFprotein	+	Bcl-2	86
109	Melanocytes	b-catenin	+	MITFmRNA	87
110	Melanocytes	CREB	+	MITFmRNA	88
111	Melanocytes	ERK	+	MITFprotein	89-91
112	Melanocytes	MITFmRNA	+	MITFprotein	92
113	Melanocytes	MITFprotein	+	Melanin	92

[§]Links 5, 8, 9, and 12 were included to represent the photoprotective role of epidermal melanin against UVB irradiation.

IL-1, interleukin 1; PTEN, phosphatase and tensin homolog; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase; ASK1, apoptosis signal-regulating kinase 1; SG, the growth factor receptor-bound protein 2 (Grb2) and Son of Sevenless (SOS) complex; PDK1,

phosphoinositide-dependent kinase 1; MKK6, mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) 6; MKK4, mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) 4; JNK, c-Jun N-terminal kinase; GSK3b, Glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta; b-catenin, beta-catenin; ERK, extracellular signal-regulated kinase; MEK, MAPK/ERK kinase; MDM2, mouse double minute 2 homolog; NFAT, nuclear factor of activated T-cells; COX-2, cyclooxygenase (COX-2); RSK, ribosomal s6 kinase; ETR, endothelin receptor; MC1R, melanocortin 1 receptor; EP4, prostaglandin E receptor 4; PKC, protein kinase C; AC, adenylyl cyclase; cAMP, cyclic adenosine monophosphate; PKA, protein kinase A; PDE, phosphodiesterase; MSK, mitogen- and stress-activated kinase and CREB, cAMP response element-binding protein.

Supplementary Table S2. Logic tables of the Boolean network model.

Node index	Logic table			Remarks		
1	Melanin	UVB	IL-1_K	IL-1 activation in human keratinocytes is augmented by UVB irradiation.		
	0	0	0			
	0	1	1			
	1	0	0			
	1	1	0			
2	Melanin	UVB	Akt_K	ERK_K	PTEN_K	UVB irradiation inhibits PTEN function by promoting its phosphorylation. Phosphorylation of PTEN downregulates its lipid phosphatase function and protein stability. UVB induced ERK/AKT-dependent PTEN suppression promotes survival of epidermal keratinocytes.
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3	Melanin	UVB	EGFR_K	UVB irradiation induces phosphorylation of EGFR and increases its kinase activity.		
	0	0	0			
	0	1	1			
	1	0	0			
	1	1	0			
4	EGFR_K	PI3K_K	EGFR-mediated phosphorylation of Gab1 results in PI3K activation.			
	0	0				
	1	1				

	Melanin	UVB	Akt_K	ASK1_K	
5	0	0	0	0	<p>UVB irradiation induces ASK1 activation.</p> <p>Akt phosphorylates and negatively regulates ASK1 activity.</p>
	0	0	1	0	
	0	1	0	1	
	0	1	1	0	
	1	0	0	0	
	1	0	1	0	
	1	1	0	0	
	1	1	1	0	
	ERK_K	EGFR_K	SG_K		
6	0	0	0	<p>EGFR interacts with and activates SG complex, which in turn activates downstream Ras.</p> <p>Activated ERK phosphorylates Sos and promotes disassociation of the SG complex.</p>	
	0	1	1		
	1	0	0		
	1	1	0		
	PTEN_K	PI3K_K	PDK1_K		
7	0	0	0	<p>PI3K promotes the binding of PDK1 with PIP3, which in turn activates the downstream Akt kinase.</p> <p>PTEN acts as a phosphatase to dephosphorylate PIP3, resulting in the deactivation of PDK1.</p>	
	0	1	1		
	1	0	0		
	1	1	0		
	ASK1_K	MKK6_K			
8	0	0	<p>ASK1 phosphorylates and activates MKK6.</p>		
	1	1			
	ASK1_K	Akt_K	MKK4_K		
9	0	0	0	<p>ASK1 activates MKK4 upon UVB irradiation.</p> <p>Akt negatively regulates MKK4 activity by means of phosphorylation.</p>	
	0	1	0		
	1	0	1		
	1	1	0		
	SG_K	Ras_K			
10	0	0	<p>SG complex catalyzes the exchange of GDP with GTP and induces Ras activation.</p>		
	1	1			
	PDK1_K	Akt_K			
11	0	0	<p>Upon UVB irradiation, PDK1 phosphorylates Akt to promote its activation.</p>		
	1	1			

12	MKK6_K	p38_K	UVB-induced active MKK6 phosphorylates and activates p38.	
	0	0		
	1	1		
13	MKK4_K	JNK_K	Active MKK4 directly phosphorylates JNK and promotes its activation.	
	0	0		
	1	1		
14	Ras_K	Akt_K	Raf_K	Ras directly interacts with and activates Raf. Akt phosphorylates and inhibits Ser/Thr kinase Raf.
	0	0	0	
	0	1	0	
	1	0	1	
	1	1	0	
15	Akt_K	GSK3b_K	AKT phosphorylates and inhibits kinase activity of GSK3b.	
	0	1		
	1	0		
16	GSK3b_K	b-catenin_K	GSK3b phosphorylates b-catenin and promotes its degradation.	
	0	1		
	1	0		
17	Raf_K	MEK_K	Raf phosphorylates and promotes MEK activation.	
	0	0		
	1	1		
18	Akt_K	MDM2_K	Akt promotes nuclear localization and activation of MDM2 by means of phosphorylation.	
	0	0		
	1	1		
19	GSK3b_K	NFAT_K	NFAT phosphorylation by active GSK3b suppresses its nuclear translocation, which reduces its DNA binding activity.	
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	1	0		

	JNK_K	p53_K	p38_K	b-catenin_K	GSK3b_K	Akt_K	ERK_K	RSK_K	Bcl-2_K	
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Phosphorylation of BAD (a Bcl-2 antagonist) by Akt, ERK, or RSK is needed for the full activation of Bcl-2 protein.
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		IL-1_K	p53_K	ET-1_K	
		0	0	0	
25		0	1	1	IL-1 or p53 is needed for ET-1 expression and activation, hence forming an OR relation.
		1	0	1	
		1	1	1	

		IL-1_K	p53_K	SCF_K	
		0	0	0	
26		0	1	1	IL-1 or p53 is needed for SCF production and activation, hence forming an OR relation.
		1	0	1	
		1	1	1	

		p53_K	a-MSH_K	
		0	0	
27		1	1	p53 increases the transcriptional activity of a-MSH upon UVB irradiation.

		IL-1_K	COX2_K	PGE2_K	
		0	0	0	
28		0	1	0	COX-2 promotes PGE2 production in response to UVB irradiation in an IL-1 dependent manner.
		1	0	0	
		1	1	1	

		ET-1_K	ETR_M	
		0	0	
29		1	1	ET-1 interacts with and activates ETR.

30	SCF_K		c-Kit_M	SCF binds to and activates c-Kit.	
	0		0		
	1		1		
31	a-MSH_K		MC1R_M	Binding of a-MSH to the MC1R stimulates activation of MC1R and its downstream signaling proteins.	
	0		0		
	1		1		
32	PGE2_K		EP4_M	EP4 is a G protein-coupled receptor which activates cAMP signaling in response to PGE2 stimulation.	
	0		0		
	1		1		
33	ETR_M		PKC_M	ET-1 bound active ETR activates PKC.	
	0		0		
	1		1		
34	ERK_M	c-Kit_M	SG_M	c-Kit interacts with SG complex, which in turn activates downstream Ras. Activated ERK phosphorylates Sos and promotes disassociation of the SG complex.	
	0	0	0		
	0	1	1		
	1	0	0		
	1	1	0		
35	MC1R_M		AC_M	a-MSH-bound activated MC1R stimulates AC activation.	
	0		0		
	1		1		
36	Akt_M		ASK1_M	Akt phosphorylates and negatively regulates ASK1 activity.	
	0		1		
	1		0		
37	PKC_M	cAMP_M	Ras_M	PI3K_M	Ras interacts directly with the catalytic subunit of PI3K in a GTP-dependent manner. cAMP inhibits PI3K activation, which in turn inactivates downstream Akt kinase.
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	1	1	
	0	1	0	0	
	0	1	1	0	
	1	0	0	1	
	1	0	1	1	
	1	1	0	0	
1	1	1	0		

38	SG_M	cAMP_M	Ras_M	<p>SG complex catalyzes the exchange of GDP with GTP and induces Ras activation.</p> <p>SG does not participate in the cAMP-dependent Ras activation, hence forming an OR relation.</p>	
	0	0	0		
	0	1	1		
	1	0	1		
	1	1	1		
39	PDE_M	EP4_M	AC_M	cAMP_M	<p>The activation of EP4 or AC is required for the conversion of ATP to cAMP.</p> <p>PDE hydrolyzes and inhibits the cAMP activity, which is dominant to the positive regulators.</p>
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	0	0	1	1	
	0	1	0	1	
	0	1	1	1	
	1	0	0	0	
	1	0	1	0	
	1	1	0	0	
1	1	1	0		
40	ASK1_M	Akt_M	MKK4_M	<p>ASK1 activates MKK4.</p> <p>Akt negatively regulates MKK4 activity by means of phosphorylation.</p>	
	0	0	0		
	0	1	0		
	1	0	1		
41	PI3K_M	PDK1_M	<p>PI3K promotes the binding of PDK1 with PIP3, which in turn activates downstream kinases.</p>		
	0	0			
42	Ras_M	PKC_M	Raf_M	<p>Ras directly interacts with and activates Raf.</p> <p>Ras binding of Raf promotes conformational changes of Raf that relieve Raf autoinhibition.</p> <p>PKC phosphorylation rescues the inhibition of Raf by ERK.</p>	
	0	0	0		
	0	1	1		
	1	0	1		
43	cAMP_M	PKA_M	<p>cAMP activates PKA by binding to its regulatory subunits, causing their dissociation from catalytic subunits.</p>		
	0	0			
	1	1			

44	ASK1_M	MKK6_M	
	0	0	
	1	1	ASK1 phosphorylates and activates MKK6.
45	PDK1_M	Akt_M	
	0	0	
	1	1	PDK1 phosphorylates Akt to promote its activation.
46	Raf_M	MEK_M	
	0	0	
	1	1	Raf phosphorylates MEK, and promotes its activation.
47	PKA_M	PDE_M	
	0	0	
	1	1	Phosphorylation of PDE by PKA enhances its activity.
48	MKK6_M	p38_M	
	0	0	
	1	1	MKK6 phosphorylates and activates p38.
49	Akt_M	GSK3b_M	
	0	1	
	1	0	AKT inhibits kinase activity of GSK3b by phosphorylating GSK3b at serine 9.
50	MEK_M	p38_M	ERK_M
	0	0	
	0	1	
	1	0	
	1	1	MEK phosphorylates and activates ERK.
	1	1	When both MEK and p38 are activated, dephosphorylation of ERK occurs.
51	p38_M	ERK_M	MSK_M
	0	0	
	0	1	
	1	0	
	1	1	The MSK activation requires phosphorylation by ERK or p38.
	1	1	
52	MKK4_M	JNK_M	
	0	0	
	1	1	Active MKK4 phosphorylates JNK and promotes its activation.

53	Akt_M		MDM2_M		Akt promotes nuclear localization and activation of MDM2 by means of phosphorylation.				
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	1		1						
54	ERK_M		RSK_M		RSK is directly phosphorylated by ERK, which promotes its kinase activity.				
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	1		1						
55	MDM2_M		MITFprotein_M		p38_M		p53_M		p38 phosphorylates p53 protein at in response to UVB irradiation, leading to p53 activation. The nuclear localization of p53, which is necessary for its transcriptional activation, is inhibited by direct binding of p53 to MDM2.
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	1	0	1	1	0	0			
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56	GSK3b_M		b-catenin_M		GSK3b phosphorylates b-catenin and promotes its degradation.				
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	1		0						
57	Akt_M		PKA_M		MSK_M		CREB_M		Akt, PKA, or MSK stimulates CREB activity via a serine 133-dependent mechanism.
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CREB or MITF is required for the transcriptional activation of Bcl-2 gene.

Phosphorylation of BAD (a Bcl-2 antagonist) by Akt, ERK, or RSK is needed for the full activation of Bcl-2 protein.

Beta-catenin and GSK3-beta upregulates Bcl-2 expression level.

Bcl-2 activity is suppressed if any of its negative regulators is activated.

Hence, the activation condition for Bcl-2_M is

'AND(OR(MITFprotein_M, CREB_M), OR(Akt_M, ERK_M, RSK_M, b-catenin_M, GSK3b_M), NOT(OR(p53_M, JNK_M, p38_M)))'.

	MITFmRNA_M ERK_M		MITFprotein_M	
60	0	0	0	The phosphorylation of MITF at serine 73 by ERK results in upregulation of the MITF melanogenic function.
	0	1	0	
	1	0	0	
	1	1	1	
	MITFprotein_M		Melanin	
61	0		0	MITF promotes melanin synthesis by upregulating expression of melanogenic enzymes.
	1		1	

Blue and red boxes denote positive and negative regulators, respectively.

Supplementary Table S3. *In silico* node control analysis for the identification of appropriate strategies to reduce UVB-induced skin pigmentation.

Perturbed node	Δ Melanin (%)		Δ Bcl-2_K (%)		Δ Bcl-2_M (%)	
	Perturbation		Perturbation		Perturbation	
	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)	(-)	(+)
Akt_K	24.84	-57.02	-29.80	45.62	14.22	-70.77
a-MSH_K	37.27	-1.14	2.46	-0.75	17.23	-41.21
ASK1_K	-13.95	31.73	42.15	-100.00	-17.88	-11.96
b-catenin_K	0.00	-4.34	0.00	0.46	0.00	-5.86
COX-2_K	9.82	-27.99	-0.44	0.50	18.40	-44.35
EGFR_K	13.49	-57.03	-31.75	45.62	3.44	-70.77
ERK_K	-6.00	29.44	-2.67	-56.84	-6.40	-7.69
ET-1_K	-60.72	371.98	2.45	36.92	-71.30	178.15
GSK3b_K	-27.99	9.82	0.50	-0.44	-44.35	18.40
IL-1_K	-78.43	316.83	8.13	26.75	-71.61	151.76
JNK_K	0.00	0.00	0.00	-72.95	0.00	0.00
MDM2_K	10.24	-14.47	-4.44	11.13	5.82	-29.37
MEK_K	-6.00	30.85	-2.67	-46.15	-6.40	-5.97
MKK4_K	0.00	0.00	0.00	-72.95	0.00	0.00
MKK6_K	-13.95	31.73	28.74	-100.00	-17.88	-11.96
NFAT_K	0.00	-4.34	0.00	0.46	0.00	-5.86
p38_K	-13.95	30.43	28.74	-100.00	-17.88	-12.77
p53_K	-14.49	62.81	11.12	-70.93	-29.38	-3.30
PDK1_K	24.94	-57.01	-29.78	45.62	14.24	-70.76
PGE2_K	9.82	0.81	-0.44	-0.40	18.40	-40.30
PI3K_K	24.93	-57.03	-29.76	45.62	14.34	-70.78
PTEN_K	-10.43	24.93	13.28	-29.76	-11.58	14.34
RAF_K	-6.00	30.85	-2.67	-46.15	-6.40	-5.97
RAS_K	-6.00	-1.00	-2.67	-23.78	-6.40	-15.48
RSK_K	0.00	0.00	-5.35	6.17	0.00	0.00
SCF_K	-36.46	34.92	1.31	0.08	-34.08	29.66
SG_K	-6.00	-0.68	-2.67	-23.78	-6.40	-15.30
AC_M	37.35	1.19	2.45	-0.31	17.25	-40.40
Akt_M	-100.00	157.75	7.78	9.77	-100.00	189.53
ASK1_M	77.58	-100.00	-1.04	7.78	120.00	-100.00
b-catenin_M	-100.00	81.02	7.78	-2.07	-8.15	1.82
cAMP_M	51.07	-100.00	3.99	7.78	28.74	-100.00
c-kit_M	-36.46	34.92	1.31	0.08	-34.08	29.66
CREB_M	-100.00	6.97	7.78	0.18	-86.62	1.09
EP4_M	9.82	1.19	-0.44	-0.31	18.40	-40.40
ERK_M	-100.00	118.89	7.78	-3.56	-58.53	0.54

ETR_M	-60.72	372.69	2.45	37.08	-71.30	178.48
GSK3b_M	81.02	-100.00	-2.07	7.78	1.82	-13.75
JNK_M	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00
MC1R_M	37.35	0.81	2.45	-0.40	17.25	-40.30
MDM2_M	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-22.55	15.48
MEK_M	-100.00	9.19	7.78	0.52	-58.53	5.21
MITFmRNA_M	-100.00	95.71	7.78	-1.02	-23.75	1.58
MITFprotein_M	-100.00	402.49	7.78	45.62	-23.75	-100.00
MKK4_M	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00
MKK6_M	77.62	-100.00	-1.10	7.78	91.15	-100.00
MSK_M	-10.72	6.97	0.23	0.18	-7.26	1.09
p38_M	77.70	-100.00	-1.29	7.78	91.35	-100.00
p53_M	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.48	-100.00
PDE_M	-35.54	51.07	2.45	3.99	-27.01	28.74
PDK1_M	-100.00	157.75	7.78	9.77	-100.00	189.53
PI3K_M	-100.00	157.19	7.78	9.84	-100.00	189.53
PKA_M	-42.82	51.38	2.83	4.00	-34.06	31.92
PKC_M	-60.73	372.69	2.45	37.08	-71.30	178.48
RAF_M	-100.00	9.11	7.78	0.54	-58.53	5.30
RAS_M	-52.83	372.69	1.77	37.08	-49.26	178.48
RSK_M	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-15.61	17.09
SG_M	-36.46	372.69	1.31	37.08	-34.08	178.48

Node control analysis for the identification of appropriate strategies to reduce UVB-induced skin pigmentation. Each internal regulatory node was pinned to either '0' or '1' before Boolean model simulations were performed under UVB stimulation. The perturbation effect of the node control of each internal regulatory node was measured as described in the Materials and Methods. '-' and '+' denote inhibition and constitutive activation, respectively.

In the model, activation of MITFprotein_M requires activation of both ERK_M and MITFmRNA_M, and activation of MITFmRNA_M requires activation of both CREB_M and b-catenin_M. Therefore, in the model simulation, inhibition of either ERK_M or MITFmRNA_M results in inactivation of MITFprotein_M, which leads to 100% Melanin reduction. Similarly, inhibition of either CREB_M or b-catenin_M results in inactivation of MITFmRNA_M, which causes inactivation of MITFprotein_M and consequently 100% Melanin reduction. In conclusion, activation of Melanin node requires activation of ERK_M, CREB_M, beta-catenin_M, MITFmRNA_M, and MITFprotein_M nodes, and therefore inhibition of any of these nodes results in 100% Melanin reduction in the model simulation.

Supplementary Table S4. *In silico* analysis of changes in UVB-induced melanin synthesis with respect to the inhibition of beta-catenin, Ras, PKA, or a combination of Ras and PKA.

Node #1 perturbation	Node #2 perturbation	Δ Melanin (%)
beta-catenin inhibition	-	-100.00
Ras inhibition	-	-52.83
PKA inhibition	-	-42.82
Ras inhibition	PKA inhibition	-24.05

Inhibition of beta-catenin, Ras, or PKA can reduce the activity of node ‘melanin’ in response to UVB irradiation. Among these three intervention strategies, the most effective strategy was beta-catenin inhibition. The simultaneous inhibition of Ras and PKA was less effective in suppressing the melanin synthesis compared to the individual inhibition of any of these nodes. See Fig. S4 for the biochemical validation of the simulation results.

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