

**Table S3:** Parameters used in the microenvironment model.

Name	Value	Fit	Description
<i>Simulation Setup</i>			
<i>strip_width</i>	$1000 \times 10^{-6}$ m		Retinal strip width
<i>strip_height</i>	$5000 \times 10^{-6}$ m		Retinal strip height
<i>dx</i>	$5 \times 10^{-6}$ m		PDE lattice spacing
<i>dt</i>	$8.33 \times 10^{-2}$ s		PDE time step
<i>d<sub>cell-cell</sub></i>	$15 \times 10^{-6}$ m		Center-to-center spacing between cells
<i>r<sub>cell</sub></i>	$5 \times 10^{-6}$ m		Cell radius
<i>t<sub>sync</sub></i>	$1.0 \times 10^0$ s		Synchronization time between PDE and CME simulations
<i>PDE Model</i>			
<i>D</i>	$1 \times 10^{-10}$ m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>		T3 diffusion coefficient
<i>C<sub>hi</sub></i>	$1 \times 10^{-7}$ M		T3 dorsal concentration
<i>C<sub>lo</sub></i>	$1 \times 10^{-9}$ M		T3 ventral concentration
<i>CME Model - THRβ2 activity</i>			
<i>μ<sub>thrb</sub></i>	$1 \times 10^{-8}$ M		Mean of the cellular THRβ2 concentration
<i>σ<sub>thrb</sub><sup>2</sup></i>	$1.0 \cdot \mu_{thrb}$ M <sup>2</sup>		Variance of the cellular THRβ2 concentration
<i>k<sub>D</sub><sup>thrb</sup></i>	$1.51 \times 10^{-7}$ M	Y	THRβ2-T3 equilibrium dissociation constant
<i>k<sub>f</sub><sup>thrb</sup></i>	$1 \times 10^6$ M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>		THRβ2-T3 kinetic on rate
<i>k<sub>r</sub><sup>thrb</sup></i>	$k_D^{thrb} \cdot k_f^{thrb}$ s <sup>-1</sup>		THRβ2-T3 kinetic off rate
<i>CME Model - fate determination</i>			
<i>k<sub>f</sub><sup>fds</sup></i>	$10$ s <sup>-1</sup>		Forward rate for FD(S) regulation
<i>k<sub>lo</sub><sup>fds</sup></i>	$9.72 \times 10^{-4}$	Y	Lower limit for FD(S) regulation
<i>k<sub>hi</sub><sup>fds</sup></i>	$2.41 \times 10^{-1}$	Y	Upper limit for FD(S) regulation
<i>k<sub>m</sub><sup>fds</sup></i>	$4.37 \times 10^2$ molecules	Y	Midpoint of THRβ2* for FD(S) regulation
<i>h<sub>1</sub><sup>fds</sup></i>	$3.61 \times 10^0$	Y	Hill exponent for FD(S) regulation
<i>k<sub>r</sub><sup>fds</sup></i>	$100$ s <sup>-1</sup>		Reverse rate for FD(S) regulation
<i>k<sub>f</sub><sup>fdc</sup></i>	$10$ s <sup>-1</sup>		Forward rate for FD(C) regulation
<i>k<sub>r</sub><sup>fdc</sup></i>	$100$ s <sup>-1</sup>		Reverse rate for FD(C) regulation
<i>CME Model - opsin expression</i>			
<i>k<sub>deg</sub><sup>s</sup></i>	$0.01$ s <sup>-1</sup>		S-opsin degradation rate
<i>k<sub>deg</sub><sup>m</sup></i>	$0.01$ s <sup>-1</sup>		M-opsin degradation rate
<i>k<sub>eq</sub><sup>ss</sup></i>	$2 \times 10^{-10}$ M		FD(S) S-opsin equilibrium concentration
<i>k<sub>f</sub><sup>ss</sup></i>	$k_{eq}^{ss} \cdot k_{deg}^s$ M s <sup>-1</sup>		FD(S) S-opsin expression rate
<i>k<sub>eq</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$2 \times 10^{-10}$ M		FD(C) S-opsin equilibrium concentration
<i>k<sub>f</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$k_{eq}^{cs} \cdot k_{deg}^s$ M s <sup>-1</sup>		Forward rate for FD(C) S-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>lo1</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$3.05 \times 10^{-4}$	Y	Lower limit for FD(C) S-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>hi1</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$6.44 \times 10^{-1}$	Y	Upper limit for FD(C) S-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>m1</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$6.87 \times 10^2$ molecules	Y	Midpoint of THRβ2* for S-opsin expression
<i>h<sub>1</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$1.40 \times 10^1$	Y	Hill exponent for FD(C) S-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>lo2</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$1.09 \times 10^{-3}$	Y	Lower limit for FD(C) S-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>hi2</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$7.45 \times 10^{-1}$	Y	Upper limit for FD(C) S-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>m2</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$2.66 \times 10^3$ molecules	Y	Midpoint of THRβ2 for FD(C) S-opsin expression
<i>h<sub>2</sub><sup>cs</sup></i>	$1.39 \times 10^1$	Y	Hill exponent for FD(C) S-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>eq</sub><sup>cm</sup></i>	$2 \times 10^{-10}$ M		FD(C) M-opsin equilibrium concentration
<i>k<sub>f</sub><sup>cm</sup></i>	$k_{eq}^{cm} \cdot k_{deg}^m$ M s <sup>-1</sup>		Forward rate for FD(C) M-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>lo</sub><sup>cm</sup></i>	$2.34 \times 10^{-14}$	Y	Lower limit for FD(C) M-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>hi</sub><sup>cm</sup></i>	$1.26 \times 10^0$	Y	Upper limit for FD(C) M-opsin expression
<i>k<sub>m</sub><sup>cm</sup></i>	$6.17 \times 10^2$ molecules	Y	Midpoint of THRβ2* for FD(C) M-opsin expression
<i>h<sub>cm</sub></i>	$6.60 \times 10^{-1}$	Y	Hill exponent for FD(C) M-opsin expression