

# **Chemical prepattern and reaction-diffusion models for pigmentation (2D)**

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System of reacting and diffusing morphogens could generate a chemical pre-pattern within the developing integument via Turing instability

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형성 물질

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steady state  
stable - diffusion X  
unstable - diffusion

Subsequent coat pattern

↑ reflect

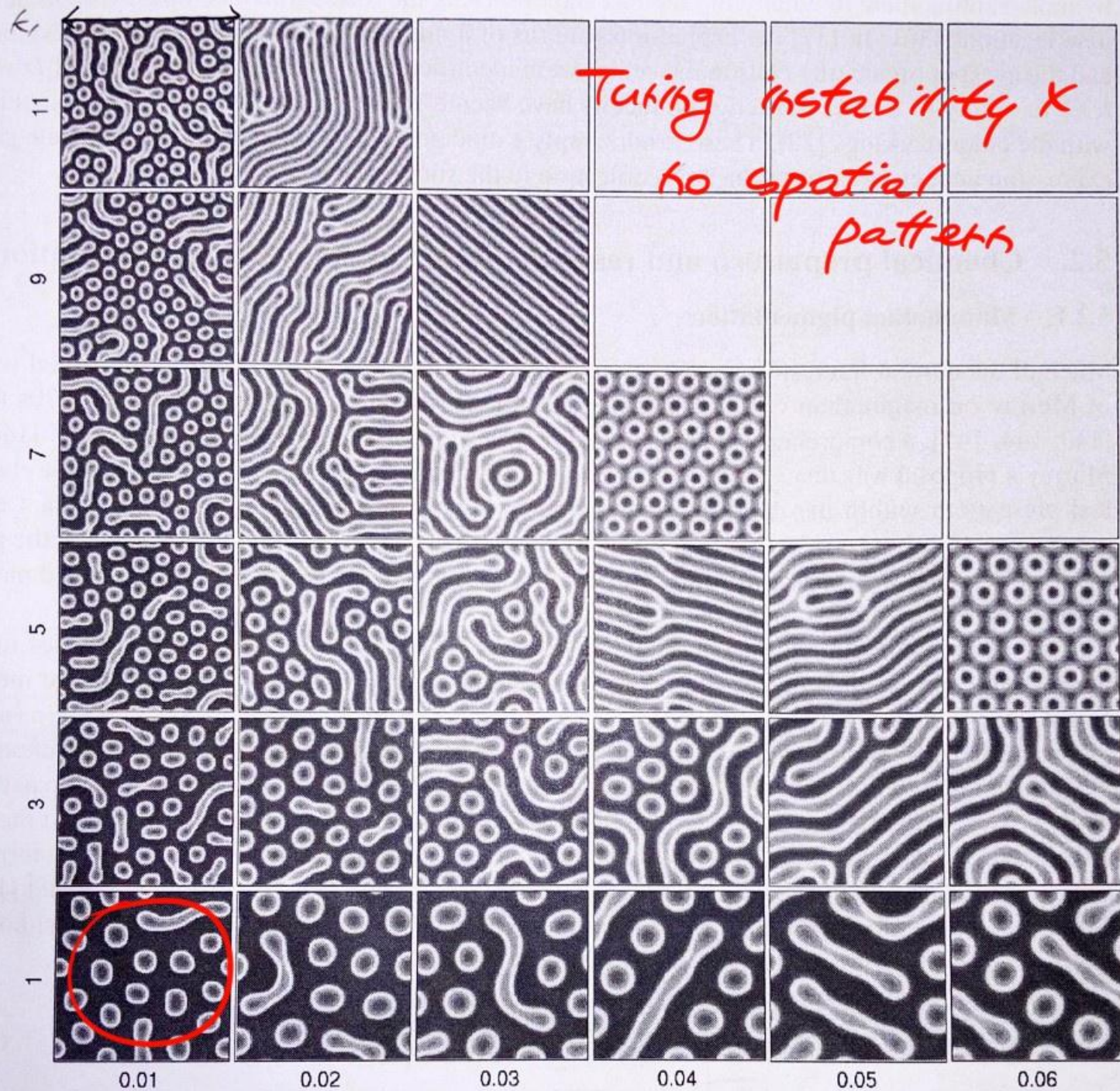
Chemical prepattern via differential response of the pigment cell precursors

(= melanoblast)

멜라닌 형성세포

Reaction-diffusion theory of pigmentation

→ Capacity to replicate observed pigment pattern through a single mechanism



% set the parameters (spatial discretization)

xright=10; nx=50;

yright=10; ny=floor(nx\*yright/xright);

h=xright/nx;

x=linspace(-0.5\*h,xright+0.5\*h,nx+2)';

y=linspace(-0.5\*h,yright+0.5\*h,ny+2);



% set the parameters (governing equation)

fix

Du=1;

Dv=0.06;

k1=1;

k2=11;

ubar=1+0.04\*k2^2;

vbar=0.2\*k2;

) steady state

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D_u \nabla^2 u + k_1 \left( v - \frac{uv}{1+v^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = D_v \nabla^2 v + k_2 - v - \frac{4uv}{1+v^2}$$

% set the parameters (time discretization)

dt=0.1\*h^2;

maxit=80000;

nn=1000;

% set the initial condition

u=ubar+0.1\*(2\*rand(nx+2,ny+2)-1);

v=vbar+0.1\*(2\*rand(nx+2,ny+2)-1);

nu=u; nv=v;

random  
perturbation

% numerical scheme

for it=1:maxit

% periodic boundary condition

u(2:end-1,1)=u(2:end-1,end-1);

u(2:end-1,end)=u(2:end-1,2);

u(1,:)=u(end-1,:);

u(end,:)=u(2,:);

v(2:end-1,1)=v(2:end-1,end-1);

v(2:end-1,end)=v(2:end-1,2);

v(1,:)=v(end-1,:);

v(end,:)=v(2,:);

% set the source terms

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F=u(2:end-1,2:end-1).*v(2:end-1,2:end-1) ...  
./(1+v(2:end-1,2:end-1).^2);  
f=k1*(v(2:end-1,2:end-1)-F);  
g=k2-v(2:end-1,2:end-1)-4*F;
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% solve the Eqs. (18) - (19)

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nu(2:end-1,2:end-1)=u(2:end-1,2:end-1)+dt*(f+Du*lap(u,h));  
nv(2:end-1,2:end-1)=v(2:end-1,2:end-1)+dt*(g+Dv*lap(v,h));
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function y=lap(s,h)
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y=(s(1:end-2,2:end-1)+s(3:end,2:end-1)+s(2:end-1,1:end-2) ...  
+s(2:end-1,3:end)-4*s(2:end-1,2:end-1))/h^2;
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$k_r$ 

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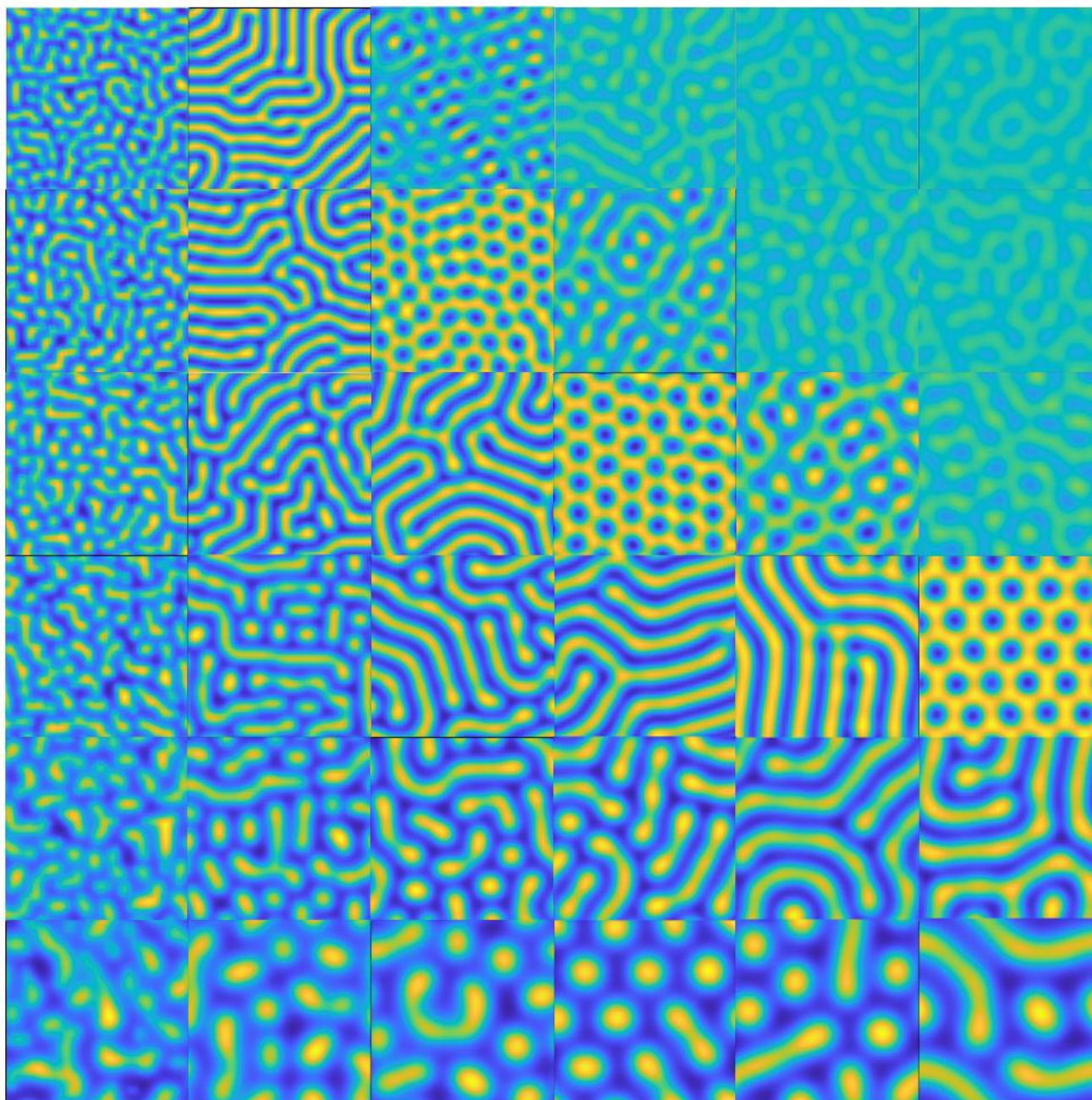
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0.01

0.02

0.03

0.04

0.05

0.06

 $D_r$