

Supplementary File 6: Parameters implemented in the model.

Sym.	Value	Units	Description	Reference
L	0.24	mm	Long range cell-cell (filopodia) interaction radius.	Long interactions are approximately the length of half of the adult stripe width [1].
S	0.4	mm	Short range cell-cell interaction radius.	Short range interactions are with neighbouring cells.
a_{MM}	0	None	Attraction bias M to M .	Melanocytes neither attract nor repulse other melanophores [2].
a_{MX}	0	None	Attraction bias M to X .	Melanocytes are repelled by xanthophores in the short range [2, 3].
a_{MI^d}	0	None	Attraction bias M to I^d .	Melanocytes and iridophores mutually repulse each other in the short range [4].
r_{MM}	0	None	Repulsion bias M to M .	Melanocytes neither attract nor repel other melanocytes [2].
r_{MX}	100	None	Repulsion bias M to X .	Melanocytes are repelled by xanthophores in the short range [2, 3].
r_{MI^d}	30	None	Repulsion bias M to I^d .	Melanocytes and iridophores mutually repel each other in the short range [4].
a_{XM}	10	None	Attraction bias X to M .	Xanthophores 'chase' melanocytes in the short range [3].
a_{XX}	0	None	Attraction bias X to X .	No known interaction between xanthophores.
a_{XI^d}	1000	None	Attraction bias X to I^d .	Iridophores attract xanthophores in the short range [4].
r_{XM}	5	None	Repulsion bias X to M .	Xanthophores 'chase' melanocytes in the short range [3].
a_{I^dX}	300	None	Attraction bias I^d to X .	Predict that xanthophores mutually promote the consolidation of dense iridophores in the interstripe.
$a_{I^dI^d}$	0	None	Attraction bias I^d to I^d .	No known interaction between dense iridophores.
r_{I^dM}	10	None	Repulsion bias I^d to M .	Melanocytes and iridophores mutually repel each other in the short range [4].
r_{I^dX}	0	None	Repulsion bias I^d to X .	Predict that xanthophores mutually promote the consolidation of dense iridophores in the interstripe.
$r_{I^dI^d}$	0	None	Repulsion bias I^d to I^d .	No known interaction between dense iridophores.
α	2.5	None	Scaling factor for melanocyte differentiation criteria.	Chosen so that melanocyte differentiation is only successful when there are more X and I^d in the long range than M .
β	3	None	Lower bound for melanocyte differentiation (minimum number of X and I^d in the long range).	Chosen so that melanocyte differentiation is only successful when there are some X and I^d in the long range.
γ	3	None	Scaling factor for melanocyte differentiation (numbers of X vs number of M in short range).	Chosen so that melanocyte differentiation is only successful when X does not outcompete M in the short range.
κ	3	None	Upper bound of I^d in the short range for melanocyte differentiation.	Chosen so that melanocyte differentiation is only successful when I^d is limited in the short range.
L_{sb}	12	None	Lower bound for xanthophore number in the long range to promote iridophore transition from dense to loose.	Optimised for stripe formation.
S_{sb}	9	None	Upper bound for xanthophore number in the short range to promote iridophore transition from dense to loose.	Optimised for stripe formation.
S_m	1	None	Lower bound for melanocyte number in the short range to promote iridophore transition from dense to loose.	Optimised for stripe formation.
$L_{\text{sr}2}$	16	None	Upper bound for xanthophore number in the long range to promote iridophore transition from loose to dense.	Optimised for stripe formation.
$S_{\text{sr}2}$	4	None	Lower bound for xanthophore number in the short range to promote iridophore transition from loose to dense.	Optimised for stripe formation.
S_{m2}	12	None	Lower bound for melanocyte number in the short range to promote iridophore transition from loose to dense.	Optimised for stripe formation.
σ	3	None	Scaling factor for melanocyte death (number of M compared to number of X).	Chosen so that M die when they are surrounded by X .
ω	3	None	Lower bound for number of I^d in the short range to promote M death.	Chosen so that M die when they are surrounded by I^d .
h	5	cell diameters	Aireneme length (used in determining set P).	Airenemes reach up to several cell diameters (>0.15 mm). [5]

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