

## *Supporting Information*

### **Inhibition mechanism of melanin formation based on antioxidant scavenging reactive oxygen species**

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### Reagents and Materials

L-Tyrosine (L-Tyr, 99%), L-DOPA (98%), 9, 10-Diphenyl-anthracene (DPA, 98%), Coumarin (98%) were obtained from Beijing InnoChem (Beijing, China). 1-Phenylthiourea (PTU) was purchased from Bide Pharmatech (Shanghai, China). Titanium dioxide, ascorbic acid (AA, 99%), gallic acid (GA, 99%), L-Glutathione (GSH, 99%), propyl gallate (PG), tyrosinase from mushroom, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), 2, 6-Di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (BHT) were obtained from Aladdin (Shanghai, China). Wild-type AB zebrafish used were from Institute of Hydrobiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences. The PBS buffer was made from sodium phosphate ( $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4/\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , 81:19 (molar ratio)) and sodium chloride, which were dissolved in deionized water at final concentration of 10 mM (pH 7.4).

### Instruments and characterization

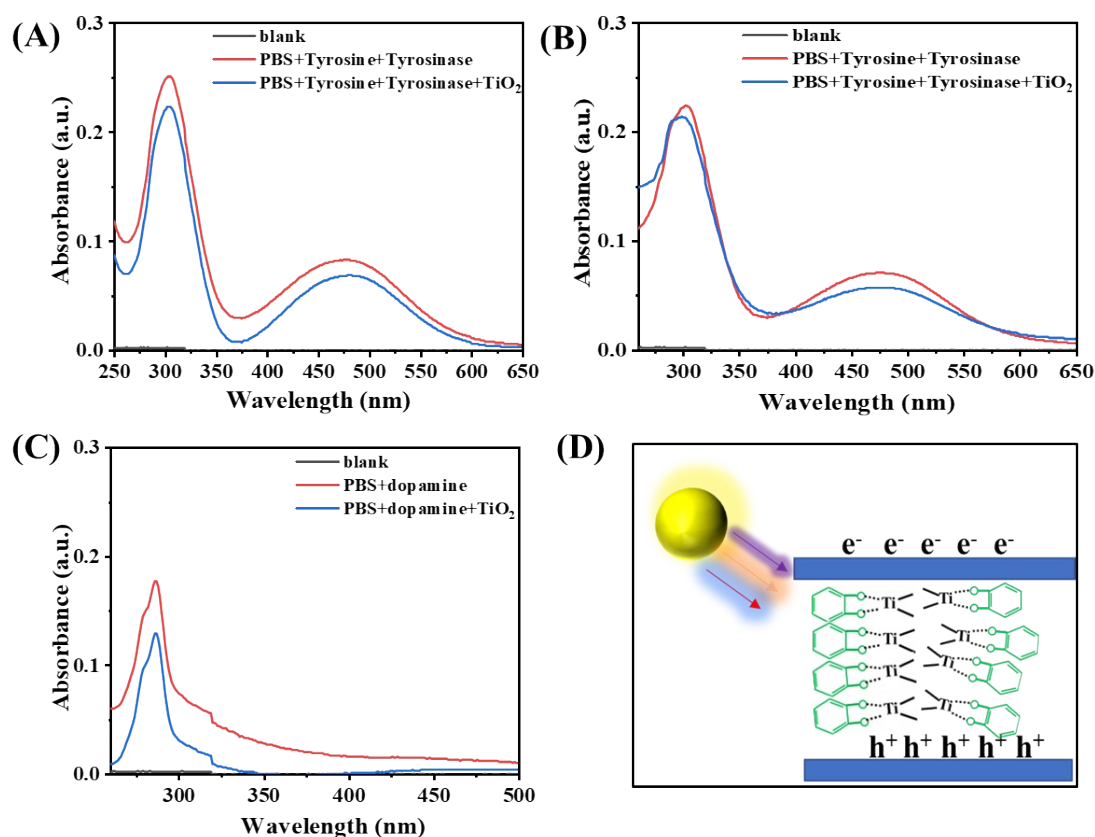
UV-1780 (Shimadzu, Japan), HPLC-L600 (Beijing Persee, China), F-4600 (Hitachi, Japan).

**Table S1.** Reagent list of standard Curve

| Number                            | 0   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Volume                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| $\text{NO}_2^-$ standard solution | 0   | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}$              | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0   |
| p-amino-benzenesulfonic acid      | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| $\alpha$ -naphthylamine           | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |

**Table S2.** HPLC investigations of standard L-DOPA and L-tyrosine catalysis system

| C ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) | Retention Time | Peak area  |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 0.006                  | 9.067          | 18503.8    |
| 0.008                  | 9.000          | 24305.6    |
| 0.01                   | 7.567          | 110175.3   |
| 0.05                   | 7.367          | 155774     |
| 0.1                    | 7.350          | 310305     |
| 0.2                    | 7.350          | 484700.5   |
| 0.4                    | 7.350          | 1128449.3  |
| 0.6                    | 7.367          | 1780525.6  |
| 0.8                    | 7.383          | 2361687.00 |
| 1.0                    | 7.400          | 2909640.3  |
| Sample                 | 8.517          | 19399.9    |

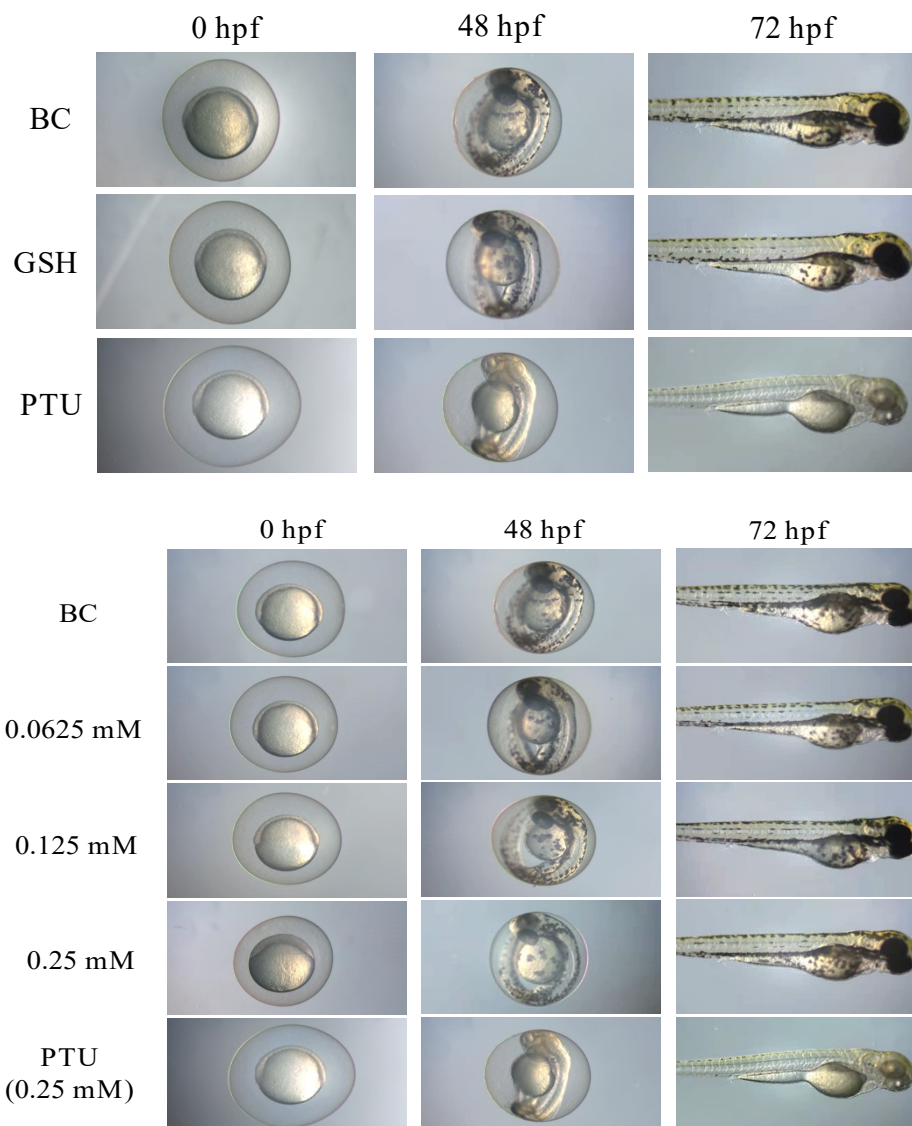


**Fig. S1.** Adsorption of L-DOPA by TiO<sub>2</sub>. (A) The adsorption by TiO<sub>2</sub> of the product in reaction system on the dark condition. (B) The adsorption by TiO<sub>2</sub> of the product in reaction system on the light condition. (C) The adsorption by TiO<sub>2</sub> of L-DOPA standard on the dark condition. (D) Mechanism diagram of dopa adsorption by TiO<sub>2</sub>.

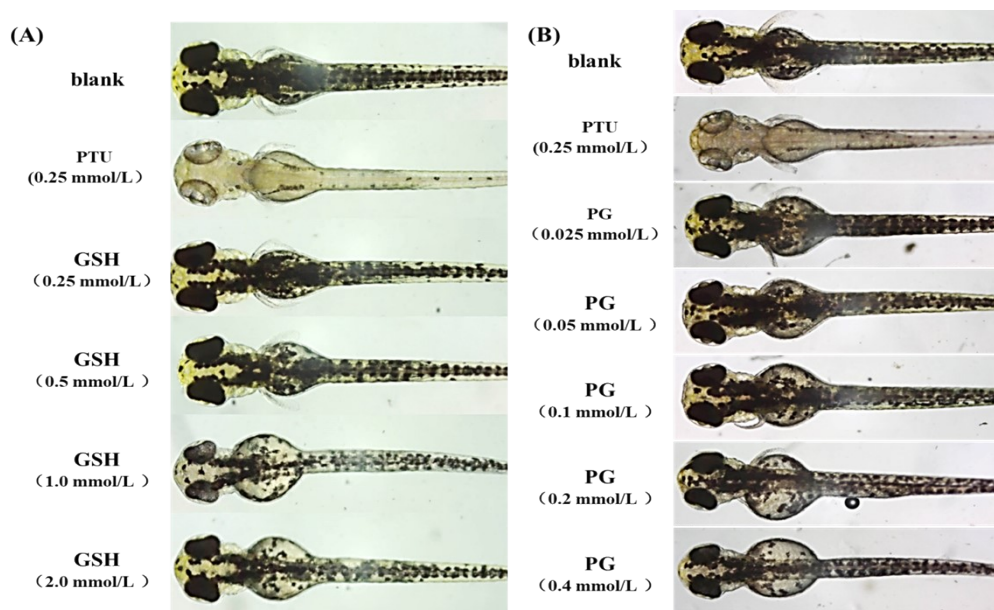
**Table. S3.** Effects of antioxidants GSH and PG on acute toxicity, developmental toxicity and teratogenicity of zebrafish embryos (Compared with the BC: \*p<0.05; \*\*p<0.01; \*\*\*p<0.001)

| GSH           | BC        | 2.5 mM    | 5 mM            | 10 mM          | 20 mM          | 40 mM          |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Survival rate | 100.0±0.0 | 100.0±0.0 | 83.3±5.5<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** |
|               | 100.0±0.0 | 100.0±0.0 | 83.3±5.5<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** |
|               | 100.0±0.0 | 100.0±0.0 | 83.3±5.5<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** | 0.0±0.0<br>*** |
| Hatching rate | 0.0±0.0   | 0.0±0.0   | 0.0±0.0         | 0.0±0.0        | 0.0±0.0        | 0.0±0.0        |
|               | 0.0±0.0   | 2.1±2.1   | 0.0±0.0         | 0.0±0.0        | 4.2±2.1        | 6.3±3.6        |

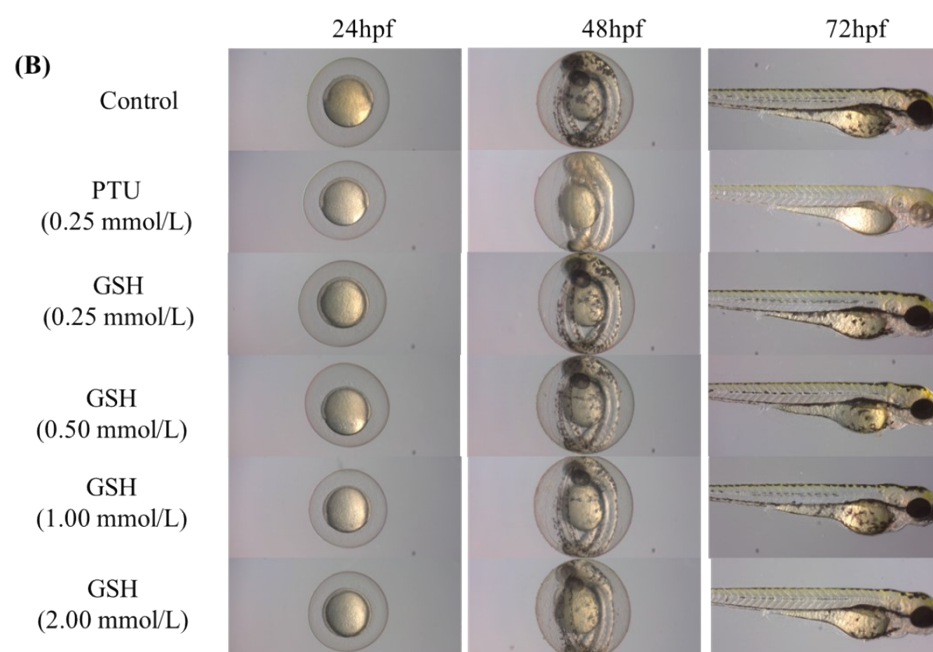
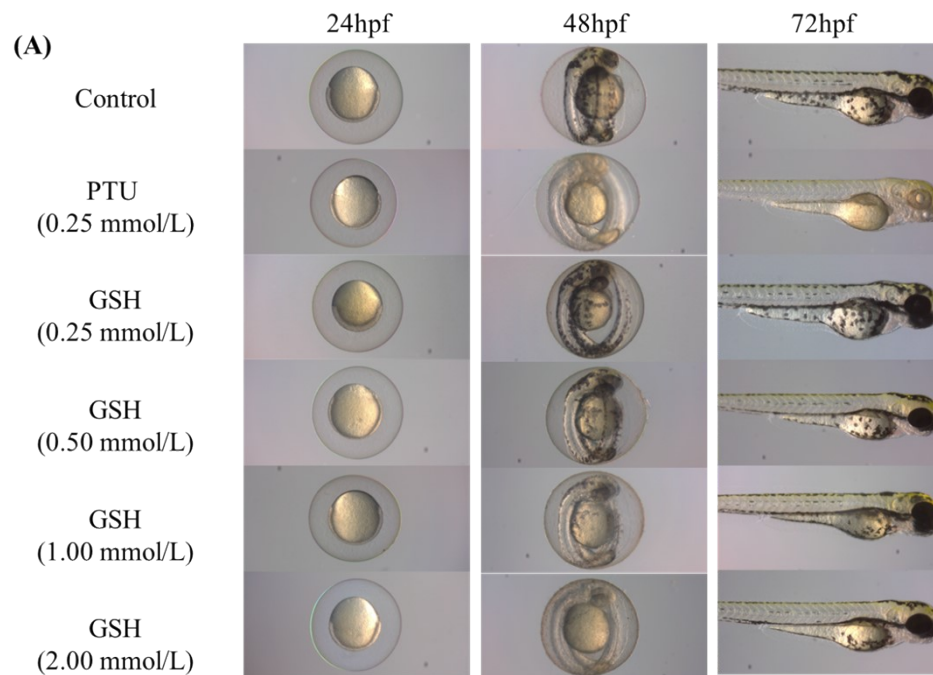
|                   |           |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                   |           |                 |                 |                  | *                | *                |
|                   | 95.8±4.2  | 100.0±0.0<br>*  | 0.0±0.0<br>***  | 0.0±0.0<br>***   | 0.0±0.0<br>***   | 0.0±0.0<br>***   |
|                   | 0.0±0.0   | 0.0±0.0         | 33.3±5.5<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** |
| Malformation rate | 0.0±0.0   | 2.1±2.1         | 16.7±5.5<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** |
|                   | 0.0±0.0   | 4.2±2.1         | 16.7±5.5<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** | 100.0±0.0<br>*** |
| PG                | BC        | 0.0625<br>mM    | 0.125<br>mM     | 0.25 mM          | 0.5 mM           | 1.0 mM           |
| Survial rate      | 100.0±0.0 | 100.0±0.0       | 100.0±0.0       | 97.9±2.1         | 100.0±0.0        | 95.8±4.2         |
|                   | 100.0±0.0 | 100.0±0.0       | 100.0±0.0       | 97.9±2.1         | 100.0±0.0        | 72.9±4.2<br>***  |
|                   | 100.0±0.0 | 100.0±0.0       | 100.0±0.0       | 97.9±2.1         | 100.0±0.0        | 72.9±5.5<br>***  |
| Hatching rate     | 0.0±0.0   | 0.0±0.0         | 0.0±0.0         | 0.0±0.0          | 0.0±0.0          | 0.0±0.0          |
|                   | 0.0±0.0   | 16.7±2.1<br>*** | 18.8±9.5<br>*** | 0.0±0.0          | 0.0±0.0<br>*     | 2.1±2.1          |
|                   | 95.8±4.2  | 100.0±0.0<br>*  | 100.0±0.0       | 97.9±2.1         | 20.8±12.7<br>*** | 14.6±5.5<br>***  |
| Malformation rate | 0.0±0.0   | 0.0±0.0         | 0.0±0.0         | 2.1±2.1          | 2.1±2.1          | 25.0±3.6<br>***  |
|                   | 0.0±0.0   | 2.1±2.1         | 0.0±0.0         | 8.3±2.1<br>**    | 2.1±2.1          | 37.5±6.3<br>***  |
|                   | 3.3±3.3   | 0.0±0.0<br>*    | 0.0±0.0         | 2.1±2.1          | 2.1±2.1          | 27.1±5.5<br>***  |

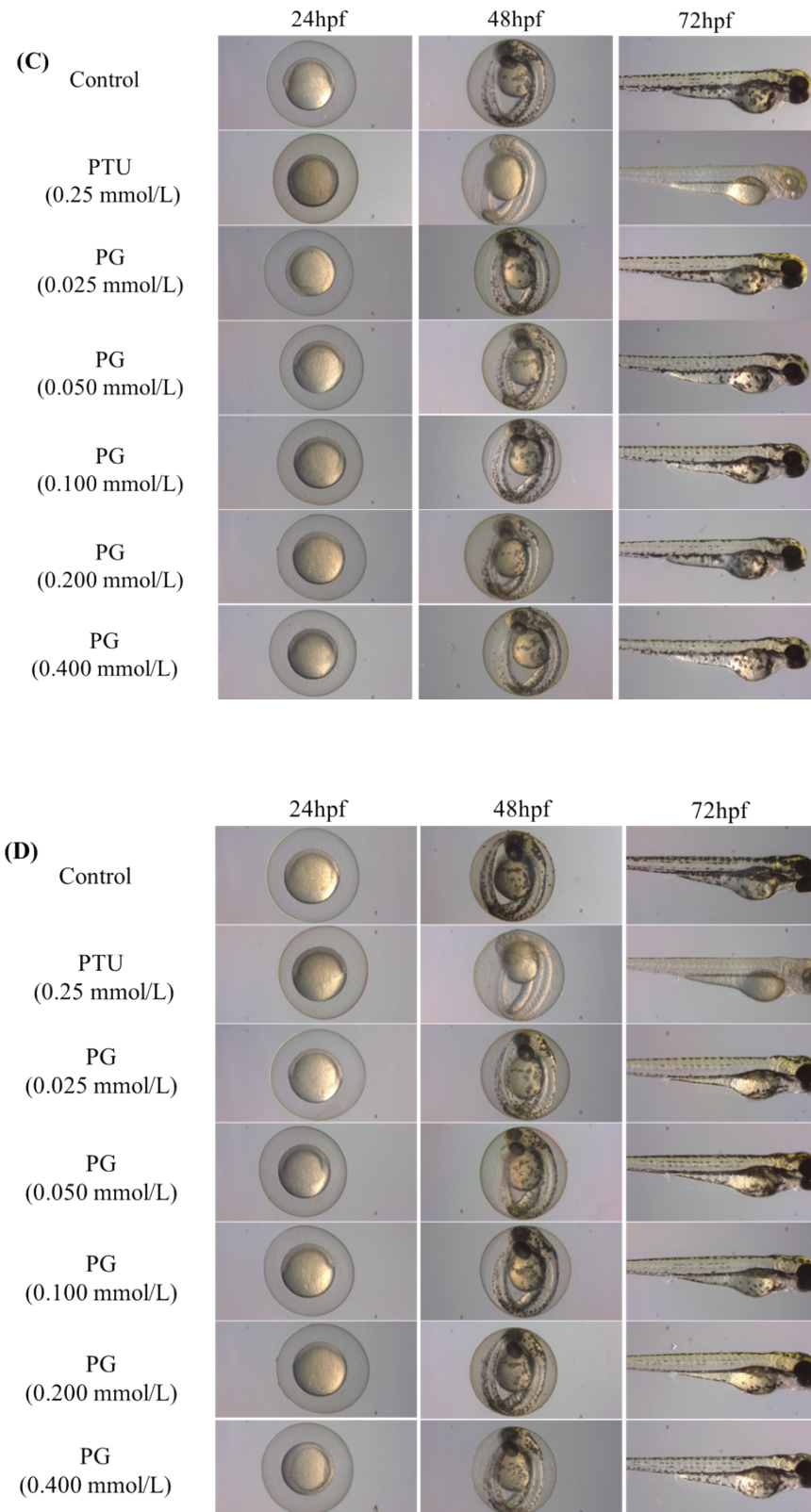


**Fig. S2.** Survival, hatching and malformation rate. (A) GSH solutions with different concentrations of survival, hatching and malformation rate. (B) PG solutions with different concentrations of survival, hatching and malformation rate.

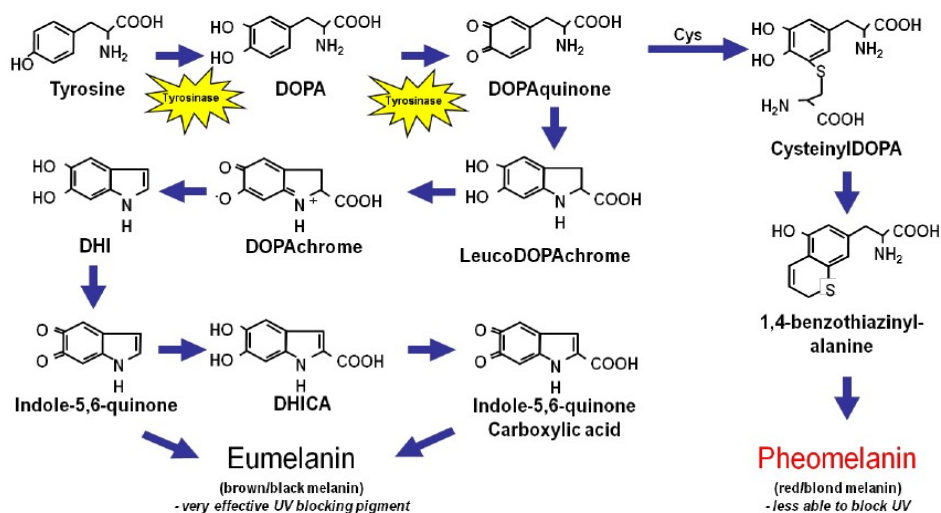


**Fig. S3.** Quantitative analysis of inhibition of melanin formation by GSH and PG in zebrafish. (A) GSH solutions with different concentrations were added into 8 hpf healthy embryos. (B) PG solutions with different concentrations were added into 8 hpf healthy embryos.



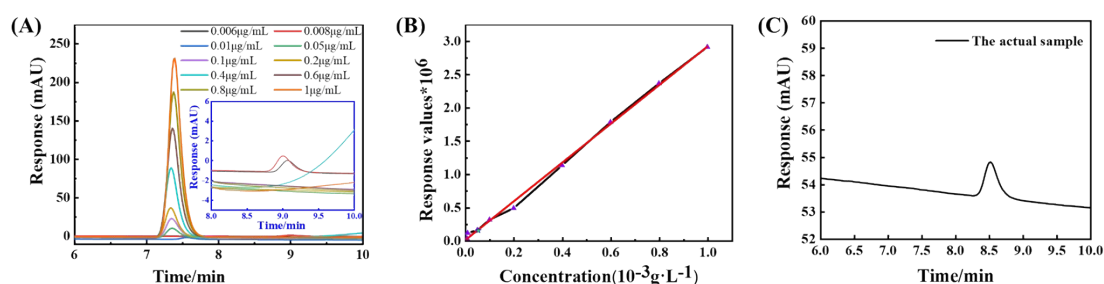


**Fig. S4.** Zebrafish melanin repair by itself at day-night. (A-B) GSH solutions with different concentrations were added in the light and dark. (C-D) PG solutions with different concentrations were added in the light and dark.

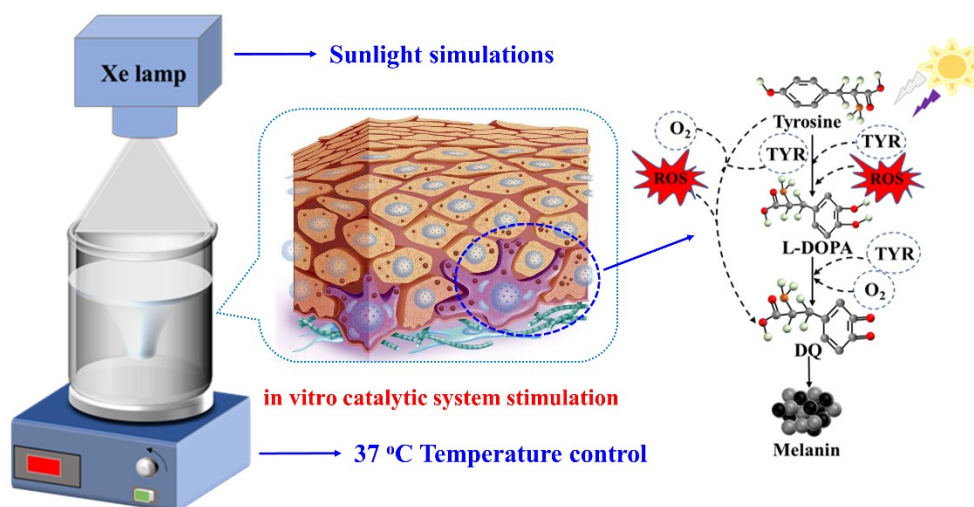


**Fig.S5.** Schematic representation of the melanogenesis pathway for eumelanin and Pheomelanin.

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**Fig. S6.** HPLC of standard curve of L-DOPA. (A) L-DOPA standard curve. (B) L-DOPA linear fitting curve. (C) The actual sample was detected by HPLC.



**Figure S7** In vitro simulation of melanin production

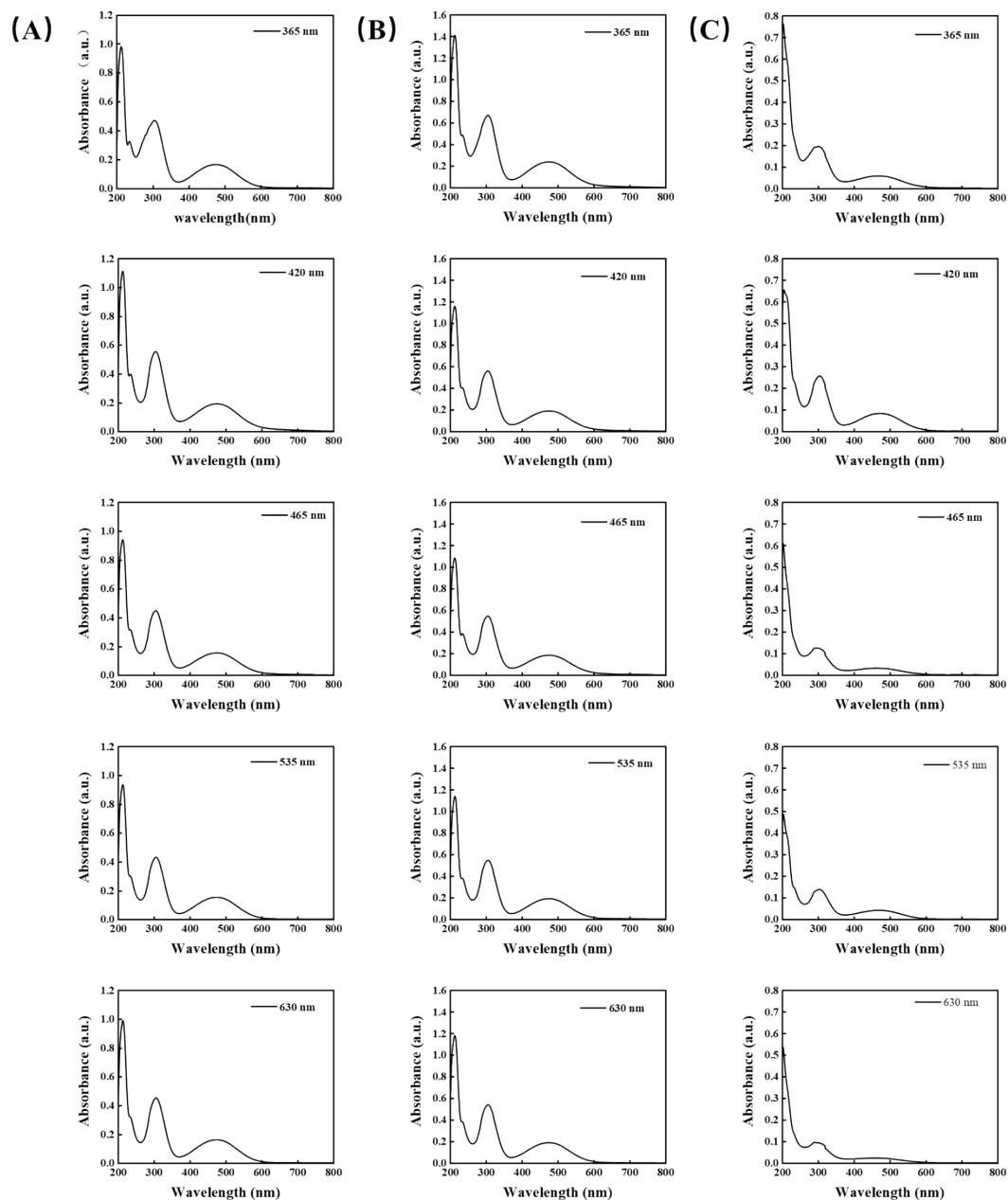
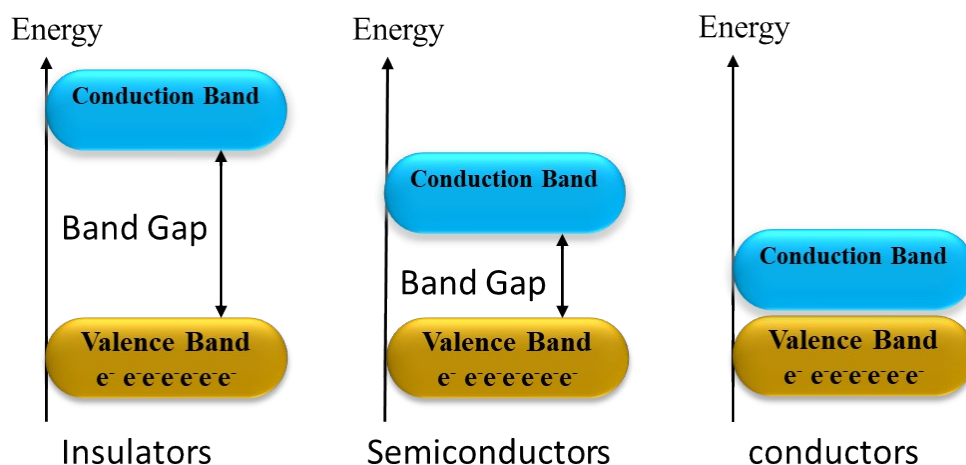
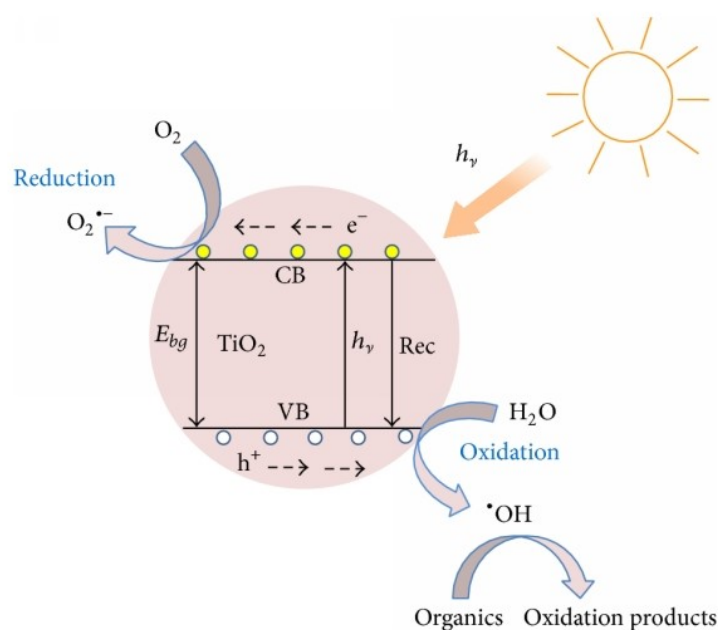


Figure S8 Effects of different wavelength light sources on melanin formation rate under air saturation, oxygen saturation and nitrogen saturation conditions. (A) Air saturation. (B)  $O_2$  saturation. (C)  $N_2$  saturation



**Fig.S9.** Schematic diagram showing different valence and conduction band for Metal, Semiconductor, and insulating materials.



**Fig.S10.** General mechanism of TiO<sub>2</sub> in solar photocatalysis process. ( $h^+$  = holes,  $e^-$  = electrons,  $O_2^{\bullet-}$  = superoxide anion radical,  $O_2$  = oxygen,  $\bullet OH$  = hydroxide radical,  $OH^-$  = hydroxide).

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