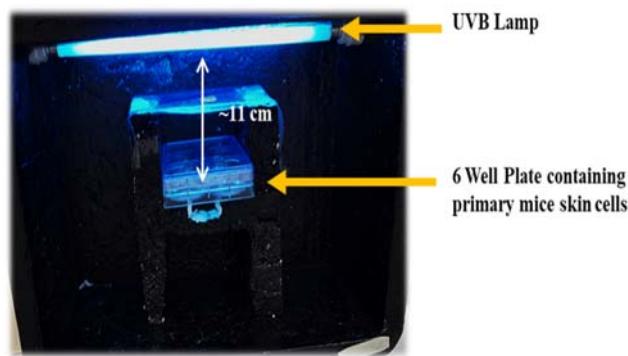
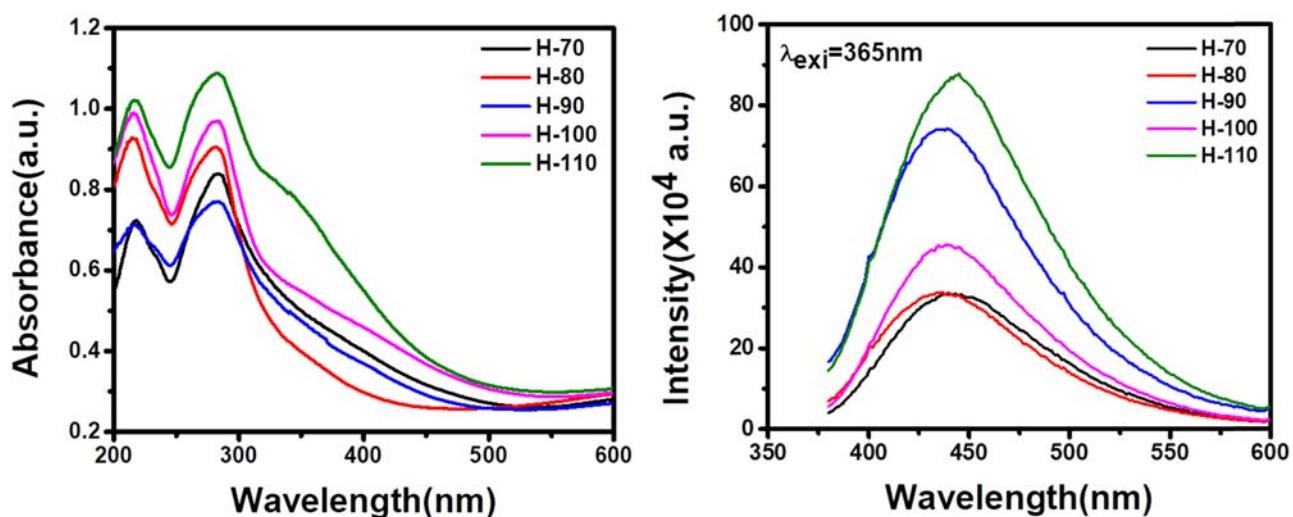


## Supplementary material



**Figure S1:** Setup for UVB radiation treatment.



**Figure S2:** (a) Absorbance spectrum of hydrogel phase of BSA protein (H-70 to H-110); (b) emission spectrum of the hydrogel at an excitation wavelength of 365 nm.

**Table S1:** Parameters used to fit the equation 1 for H-60 sample

Lorentz scale ( <i>C</i> )	Guinier scale ( <i>G</i> )	Radius of gyration ( <i>R<sub>g</sub></i> ) (Angstrom)	Fractal dimension ( <i>D</i> )	Correlation length ( <i>a1</i> ) (Angstrom)
0.75183	5.9978	59.821	1.755	220.39

**Table S2:** Parameters used to fit the equation 2 for H-70, H-90 and H-110 sample

Parameters	H70	H90	H110
Lorentz scale ( <i>C</i> )	85.1	0.07646	0.079
Porod scale ( <i>A</i> )	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.35 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.72 \times 10^{-5}$
Correlation length ( <i>a1</i> ) (Angstrom)	176.75	19.328	18.3
Porod exponent ( <i>n</i> )	1.75	2.3998	2.42
Lorentz exponent ( <i>m</i> )	3.26	3.63	3.72