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Dartmouth Medical School: An SNP that Leads to Accelerated Skin Aging



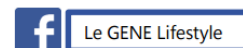
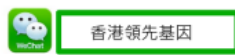
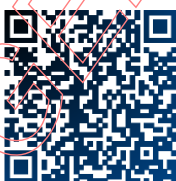
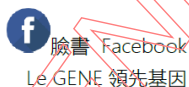
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In aged skin, it has been shown that the Matrix Metalloproteinases-1 (MMP-1) level is significantly elevated ($p < 0.02$). Level of MMP-1 is largely controlled by transcriptional regulation. A single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) at -1607bp in the MMP-1 promoter, where an additional guanine (G), 5'-GGA-3', was shown to display significantly higher transcription in normal fibroblasts than the wildtype 5'-GA-3' ($p < 0.05$), by creating a binding site for ETS-1 transcription factor. The GG (2G) allele was also found to be present in approximately 30% of the population but not a mutation ($p > 0.001$).

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