

# **AGING BIOLOGY UPDATE**

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## **Featured**

[Identification of a new mitochondrial microprotein, SHMOOSE, with activity in the central nervous system and association with Alzheimer's disease](#)

[Better transposon regulation in fertile, long-lived termite queens than in sterile workers](#)

## **Headline vs Study**

Headline: [Increasing longevity: Vigorous exercise 2 minutes a day may be enough](#)

Study: [Vigorous physical activity, incident heart disease, and cancer: how little is enough?](#)

Headline: ['Zombie cells' in the body tied to aging may actually help heal tissue damage](#)

Study: [Sentinel p16INK4a+ cells in the basement membrane form a reparative niche in the lung](#)

Headline: [New study reveals how the reproductive system can accelerate aging and worsen health](#)

Study: [Meiotic dysfunction accelerates somatic aging in \*Caenorhabditis elegans\*](#)

Headline: ["Unexpected" – scientists discover an anti-aging mechanism](#)

Study: [An intercellular transfer of telomeres rescues T cells from senescence and promotes long-term immunological memory](#)

Headline: [Drinking coffee linked to a longer lifespan](#)

Study: [The impact of coffee subtypes on incident cardiovascular disease, arrhythmias, and mortality: long-term outcomes from the UK Biobank](#)

## **Contrary or Null Findings**

[Short sleep associated with increased risk of chronic disease but not death](#)

[Three sets of ineffective criteria for prescribing drugs in older people](#)

[Treatment with metformin in Danish patients with Type 2 diabetes did not improve survival compared to the general population without diabetes](#)

[Wizard of Oz munchkins did not live longer than normal size contemporaries](#)

## **Energetics/Nutrition**

Impact of aging and oxidative stress on mechanisms related to muscle weakness in mice

Modest level of resistance exercise and all levels of vigorous physical-activity associate with lower mortality in 65+ year old US adults

Muscle-strengthening exercise beneficial to health with or without aerobic physical activity

Lipid hydroperoxides and oxylipins are mediators of denervation induced muscle atrophy

Obesity paradox and aging: Older overweight people have the lowest death rates

Metabolomics of healthy centenarians from Bama County, China

Review: A new therapeutic target for obesity and its complications

## **Basic Biology**

Early or late-life treatment with acarbose or rapamycin alters physical performance and cardiac structure in aging UM-HET3 mice

Blocking PD-L1-PD-1 improves senescence surveillance and aging phenotypes in human cells and mice

Intestine-specific removal of DAF-2 increases lifespan in *C. elegans* with little fitness cost

Lysosomal proteome contributes to senescent secretome

Age-associated changes in grip strength and tremors are ovarian somatic tissue-dependent, but germ cell and estradiol independent in 20-month-old CBA female mice

Continuous exposure to dim light during dark phase compromises immune response in aged female mice only

B cells from old, but not young, mice induce the generation of inflammatory T cells

9-month treatment with atorvastatin reduces cognitive decline in middle-aged male rats

Previous estradiol treatment alters interaction of brain IGF-1 signaling and estrogen synthesis enhancing cognition in a rat menopause model

Senescence-associated secretory phenotype and oral immune homeostasis

Partial reprogramming extends life and health in genetically short-lived mice

Review: Evaluating aging measures

Review: Lamin A to Z in normal aging

Review: Neutrophils and aging

Review: Role of inter-organelle communication in aging

Review: [Potential role of DEK in AD & age-related dementias](#)

Review: [Mitophagy in the aging nervous system](#)

Review: [The exposome and environmental determinants of age-related diseases](#)

Review: [Targeting small heat proteins in neurodegenerative diseases](#)

Review: [Role of DNA sensor IFI16 proteins in modulating aging hallmarks](#)

Review: [Sexual dimorphism in insulin signaling](#)

Review: [High-fat diet and female fertility in mammals across the lifespan](#)

Review: [SGLT-2 inhibitors and longevity](#)

## **Ecology & Evolution**

[A \$\beta\$  in Alzheimer's Disease: an evolutionary outcome of optimized innate immune defense?](#)

[Patterns and consequences of age-linked change in local relatedness in mammal societies](#)

[Step it up: evolution of human step counts and chronic disease](#)

Review: [Evolutionary approaches in aging research](#)

## **Novel Organisms/Comparative**

[Sweet are the uses of adversity: anoxia hormesis improves longevity in mealworm beetles](#)

[Stem cell pool is reinforced in aged brain of CR-fed compared to overfed zebrafish](#)

[Telomere rate of change but not telomere length correlated with lifespan and mass-independent lifespan in 30 bird species](#)

[Automated feeding system for the African killifish reveals effects of dietary restriction on lifespan](#)

[Longevity of a solitary mole-rat species: implications for understanding naked mole-rat longevity](#)

## **Epidemiology/Demography**

[Quality of life generally improving, but its complicated](#)

[Japan births at new low as population shrinks and ages](#)

[Getting better: age-related activity limitations declined in French >80 year-olds during 2008-2015](#)

[Social engagement in late life associates with reduced mortality in African Americans regardless of health](#)

[Combining analytical and machine learning tools to describe the aging process](#)

**Clinical**

[US Preventive Services Task Force recommends against hormone treatment for chronic conditions in postmenopausal persons](#)

[Morning influenza vaccination induces greater immune response than afternoon vaccinations](#)

[Healthy aging reflected in innate and adaptive immune parameters](#)

[Men and women differ in some, but not all, effectiveness measures in targeted clinical interventions in AD](#)

[Polypharmacy and dependency transitions: data from Newcastle 85+ study](#)

[Reproductive lifespan influences progression of Parkinson's disease in female, but not male, patients](#)

[Handgrip strength rather than chair stand test should be used to diagnose sarcopenia in geriatric rehabilitation inpatients](#)

**Caregiving**

[Structured student visits to nursing homes improves health of residents](#)

[Men are lonelier and less happy than women in nursing homes](#)

[Factors associated with gaps in care needed to maintain late life independence](#)

[Shaping policy to care for the caregivers](#)

**Policy/Ethics**

[Lies, damned lies and manipulated data](#)

[Aging, equality and human healthspan](#)

[National Academy of Medicine: Global roadmap for healthy longevity](#)

**Commentary**

[Menopausal hormone therapy for prevention of chronic conditions: when is enough, enough?](#)

[Early environmental adversity associated with accelerated epigenetic aging](#)

**Odd and Ends**

[Proceedings of a workshop on sex and gender differences in aging](#)

[Bird, but not dog and cat, ownership risky for older Europeans](#)

[But in Alabama, dog owners age better cognitively](#)

[Hygiene: Aging Japan upgrades men's restrooms with diapers](#)

[Who wants to live to 100 on a diet of lentil and broccoli slurry? Mostly rich men](#)

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