

## Supplementary Information

**Supplementary Table 1.** Identified candidate genes involved in longevity.

Pathway	Analysis	Genes	References
DNA damage signaling and repair	Pathway-based	<i>EXO1, POLB, NTLH1, RAD23B, RAD52, WRN</i>	[1]
	Single gene-based	<i>EXO1</i>	[2]
GH/insulin/IGF-1 signaling	Pathway-based	<i>AKT1, AKT3, FOXO3A, FOXO4, GHRHR, GHSR, IGF2, IGF2R, INS, <b>KL</b>, PIK3CA, SGK1, SGK2, YWHAG</i>	[1, 3-5]
	Single gene-based	<i>FOXO1, FOXO3A, <b>IGF1R, SIRT3</b></i>	[6-16]
Immune regulation	Pathway-based	<i>HSF2</i>	[17]
	Single gene-based	<i><b>HSPA1A, HSPA1L, HSPA14, HSPA1B, IL6, TLR4</b></i>	[15, 18-22]
Pro/antioxidant	Pathway-based	<i>GSR</i>	[1]
	Single gene-based	<i>GPX1, <b>PON1, SOD2</b></i>	[23-26]
Telomere maintenance	Pathway-based	<i>POT1</i>	[3]
	Single gene-based	<i>TERC, TERT</i>	[27, 28]
Lipoprotein metabolism	Single gene based	<i><b>APOE, CETP</b></i>	[15, 25, 29-33]
RNA editing	Single gene-based	<i>ADARB1, ADARB2</i>	[34]
Other	Single gene-based	<i>A2M, <b>ACE, LMNA</b></i>	[15, 25, 35-39]

Genes depicted in **bold** were previously reported in the review of Christensen and colleagues [40].

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