

Supplemental Table 1. Association between summarized epigenetic measurements and hearing among those aged 60 years and above			
Epigenetic Measurement ^a	Estimates ^b	Model 4	
		95% CI	p-value
AgeAccelerationResidualHannum	0.08	-0.04 – 0.21	0.172
IEAA	0.07	-0.05 – 0.18	0.277
AgeAccelPheno	0.05	-0.07 – 0.18	0.385
AgeAccelGrim	0.18	0.04 – 0.33	0.011
DunedinPoAm	0.20	0.07 – 0.33	0.003

Linear regression was used for calculating the association between epigenetic measurements and hearing. Speech-frequency pure tone average at better ear was used for hearing measurement, and treated as the dependent variable in the linear regression.
Model 4: adjusted for sex, black, age, time difference between epigenetic and hearing measurements, hypertension, diabetes, congestive heart failure, peripheral arterial disease, and smoke (pack-years)

^a To measure epigenetic age acceleration, the chronological age-adjusted version was used. AgeAccelerationResidualHannum is the chronological age-adjusted version for the epigenetic clock proposed by Hannum et al. IEAA is the chronological age-adjusted version for the epigenetic clock proposed by Horvath et al. AgeAccelPheno is the chronological age-adjusted version for the epigenetic clock proposed by Levine et al. AgeAccelGrim is the chronological age-adjusted version for the epigenetic clock proposed by Lu et al. DunedinPoAm is the epigenetic score proposed by Belsky et al., which did not need additional adjustment for chronological age.

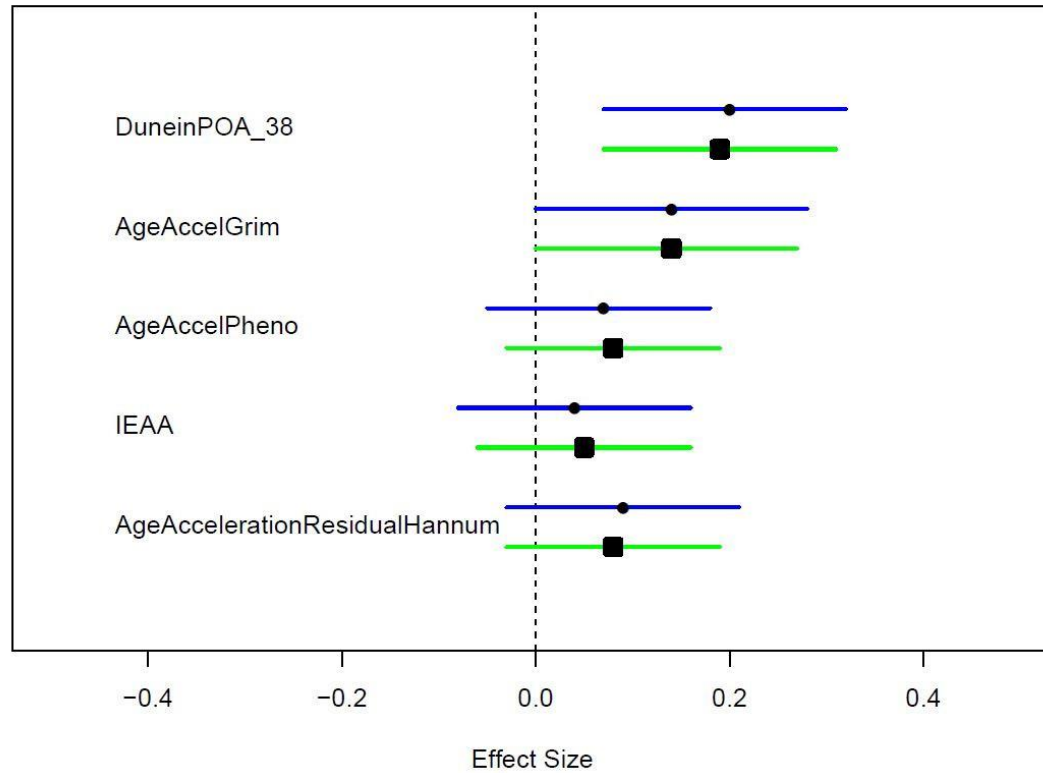
^b Estimates referred to the estimate of effect size.

Supplemental Figure 1. Effect sizes of epigenetic measurements on hearing using worse ear

Relationship between epigenetic age acceleration and hearing (worse ear)

Blue: BLSA participants ≥ 60 years old (n = 197)

Green: all BLSA participants (n = 236)



For this sensitivity analysis, the dependent variable is speech-frequency PTA at the worse ear instead of better ear. To measure epigenetic age acceleration, the chronological age-adjusted version was used. AgeAccelerationResidualHannum is the chronological age-adjusted version for the epigenetic clock proposed by Hannum et al. IEAA is the chronological age-adjusted version for the epigenetic clock proposed by Horvath et al. AgeAccelPheno is the chronological age-adjusted version for the epigenetic clock proposed by Levine et al. AgeAccelGrim is the chronological age-adjusted version for the epigenetic clock proposed by Lu et al. DunedinPoAm is the epigenetic score proposed by Belsky et al., which did not need additional adjustment for chronological age.