



Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro

Centro Biomédico

Instituto de Nutrição

Paula Normando dos Reis Costa

**Comprimento telomérico e sua associação com marcadores
socioeconômicos e polimorfismos genéticos relacionados ao metabolismo de
vitamina D: Estudo Pró-Saúde**

Rio de Janeiro

2018

Paula Normando dos Reis Costa

**Comprimento telomérico e sua associação com marcadores socioeconômicos e
polimorfismos genéticos relacionados ao metabolismo de vitamina D: Estudo Pró-Saúde**

Tese apresentada, como requisito parcial para obtenção de título de Doutor, ao Programa de Pós-Graduação em Alimentação, Nutrição e Saúde da Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. Linha de Pesquisa: Adaptações fisiológicas e metabólicas: Programação, nutrição e atividade física.

Orientadora: Prof.^a Dr.^a Flávia Fioruci Bezerra
Orientadora: Prof.^a Dr.^a Cíntia Santos-Rebouças

Rio de Janeiro

2018

CATALOGAÇÃO NA FONTE
UERJ / REDE SIRIUS / BIBLIOTECA CEH/A

N847	<p>Normando, Paula. Comprimento telomérico e sua associação com marcadores socioeconômicos e polimorfismos genéticos relacionados ao metabolismo de vitamina D: Estudo Pró-Saúde / Paula Normando. – 2018. 152 f.</p> <p>Orientadora: Flávia Fioruci Bezerra Orientadora: Cíntia Santos-Rebouças Tese (Doutorado) – Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. Instituto de Nutrição.</p> <p>1. Nutrição – Teses. 2. Envelhecimento – Teses. 3. Determinantes sociais em saúde – Teses. I. Bezerra, Flávia Fioruci. II. Santos-Rebouças, Cíntia III. Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. Instituto de Nutrição. IV. Título.</p>	CDU 612.3
------	--	-----------

Autorizo, apenas para fins acadêmicos e científicos, a reprodução total ou parcial desta tese, desde que citada a fonte.

Assinatura

Data

Paula Normando dos Reis Costa

Comprimento telomérico e sua associação com marcadores socioeconômicos e polimorfismos genéticos relacionados ao metabolismo de vitamina D: Estudo Pró-Saúde

Tese apresentada, como requisito parcial para obtenção de título de Doutor, ao Programa de Pós-Graduação em Alimentação, Nutrição e Saúde da Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. Linha de Pesquisa: Adaptações fisiológicas e metabólicas: Programação, nutrição e atividade física.

Aprovada em 7 de agosto de 2018.

Banca Examinadora:

Prof^a. Dr^a. Flávia Fioruci Bezerra (Orientadora)

Instituto de Nutrição – UERJ

Prof^a. Dr^a. Eliane Fialho de Oliveira

Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ

Prof^a. Dr^a. Valéria Troncoso Baltar

Universidade Federal Fluminense – UFF

Prof^a. Dr^a. Verônica Marques Zembrzuski

Fundação Oswaldo Cruz - FIOCRUZ

Prof^a. Dr^a. Josely Correa Koury

Instituto de Nutrição – UERJ

Rio de Janeiro

2018

DEDICATÓRIA

À professora Flávia Fioruci Bezerra, minha grande inspiração, que construiu esse sonho comigo ao longo de nove anos.

AGRADECIMENTOS

“Sou feita de retalhos. Pedacinhos coloridos de cada vida que passa pela minha e que vou costurando na alma. Nem sempre bonitos, nem sempre felizes, mas me acrescentam e me fazem ser quem eu sou.

Em cada encontro, em cada contato, vou ficando maior. Em cada retalho, uma vida, uma lição, um carinho, uma saudade, que me tornam mais pessoa, mais humano, mais completo.

E penso que é assim mesmo que a vida se faz: de pedaços de outras gentes que vão se tornando parte da gente também. E a melhor parte é que nunca estaremos prontos, finalizados. Haverá sempre um retalho novo para adicionar à alma. Portanto, obrigada a cada um de vocês, que fazem parte da minha vida e que me permitem engrandecer minha história com os retalhos deixados em mim. Que eu também possa deixar pedacinhos de mim pelos caminhos e que eles possam ser parte das suas histórias.

E que assim, de retalho em retalho, possamos nos tornar, um dia, um imenso bordado de nós.”.

Cora Coralina

À Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, por esses dez anos de acolhida, tornando-se a minha casa. Mesmo em seus momentos mais difíceis, me proporcionou muitos sorrisos, conquistas, amadurecimento e me permitiu encontrar pessoas que mudaram a minha vida.

À professora Flávia Fioruci Bezerra, por esses nove anos de caminhada. Divido com ela todas as conquistas, alegrias e elogios que a vida acadêmica me proporcionou até então. Sem ela, nada disso seria possível. Muito obrigada por me orientar, incentivar, me proporcionar tanto conhecimento e me fazer uma pessoa maior. Convivendo com ela, aprendi o que é ser um grande profissional: amar aquilo que se faz, respeitar todos que passam pelo nosso caminho, dedicar-se arduamente ao trabalho, e resistir mesmo nos momentos mais adversos. Espero um dia ser para algum aluno, um pouquinho do tanto que ela é para mim.

À professora Cíntia Santos-Rebouças, por aceitar fazer parte deste trabalho e ampliar meu conhecimento em Biologia Molecular, uma das minhas grandes paixões, sempre com muita disponibilidade e carinho.

Ao professor Eduardo Faerstein, que idealizou o trabalho com os telômeros e acreditou que eu poderia seguir à frente com este projeto. Muito obrigada por toda confiança, carinho e atenção que dedicou a mim nesses quatro anos.

À professora Elissa Epel, uma das grandes referências para a construção desse trabalho e que me recebeu de braços abertos na University of California San Francisco. Gratidão pela experiência incrível que vivi no estágio sanduíche.

Aos integrantes da equipe Pró-Saúde que me receberam de forma acolhedora, e a todos os participantes do estudo, que tornaram esse trabalho possível.

Ao professor Rodrigo T. Calado e a Dra. Bárbara Santana-Lemos (USP/Ribeirão Preto) que proporcionaram todo conhecimento necessário para que eu pudesse executar a avaliação do comprimento dos telômeros.

À professora Marta Citeli, por todo carinho de sempre comigo e por ter sido peça fundamental para que eu conseguisse executar a análise do comprimento dos telômeros.

Aos laboratórios para Estudos da Interação entre Nutrição e Genética (LEING – Instituto de Nutrição – UERJ), Toxicologia e Biologia Molecular (Instituto de Biologia Roberto Alcantara Gomes – UERJ) e Genética Humana do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz (FIOCRUZ).

Aos meus professores da Graduação no Instituto de Nutrição (UERJ) e do PPG Alimentação, Nutrição e Saúde, por todo o conhecimento e valores transmitidos.

Aos amigos do NENFE e do PPG Alimentação, Nutrição e Saúde, por estarem ao meu lado nessa jornada.

À Gabi, minha maior parceira nesses dez anos de UERJ. Quem esteve ao meu lado desde o primeiro dia da Graduação, que participou de todos os momentos, bons e ruins, e construiu esse sonho comigo. Parecia distante, mas o momento que tanto sonhávamos chegou. Ter você ao meu lado tornou essa caminhada mais bonita.

A todos os meus amigos, em especial aos maiores presentes que a UERJ me deu: Ana, Carolina, Ingrid, Marcella, Mariana e Tamiris.

À Julia e ao William, meus grandes amigos e pessoas fundamentais ao longo do Doutorado. Sempre presentes, com palavras de carinho e vibrando a cada conquista.

À Karine, amiga que chegou a tão pouco tempo mas teve importância muito grande nesse momento da minha vida. Elo de apoio fundamental no final dessa jornada, sempre garantido as melhores risadas.

À Anna Lúcia, também fundamental na reta final do Doutorado. Obrigada por todo carinho, atenção e por me fazer mais forte nesse momento.

À Fê (minha prima-irmã) e ao Anderson, por serem tão especiais e presentes na minha vida, sempre torcendo e apoiando minha trajetória. Vocês são grandes exemplos para mim.

À minha irmã Roberta, o maior presente que ganhei nessa vida. Minha grande amiga e companheira, que está sempre torcendo e rezando por mim. Sem o seu apoio nada seria possível. Tenho muito orgulho de ter uma pessoa tão iluminada ao meu lado, que tem um caminho brilhante pela frente. Amo você mais que tudo!

Aos meus pais, por permitirem tudo que conquistei até hoje. Sempre acreditando nos meus sonhos e no meu potencial. Sem vocês eu nada seria. Meus maiores exemplos de vida, e de que a educação e o conhecimento são fundamentais para qualquer conquista. Muito obrigada por todo amor e dedicação. Amo muito vocês e sou eternamente grata por ter vocês como pais.

Ninguém caminha sem aprender a caminhar, sem aprender a fazer o caminho caminhando, refazendo e retocando o sonho pelo qual se pôs a caminhar.

Paulo Freire

RESUMO

NORMANDO, P. *Comprimento telomérico e sua associação com marcadores socioeconômicos e polimorfismos genéticos determinantes do estado de vitamina D: Estudo Pró-Saúde.* 2018. 152 f. Tese (Doutorado em Alimentação, Nutrição e Saúde) - Instituto de Nutrição, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, 2018.

O comprimento dos telômeros na vida adulta é reconhecido como um preditor consistente do início precoce de doenças cardiovasculares e metabólicas. O conhecimento dos determinantes sociais e biológicos do comprimento telomérico é fundamental para avaliar o risco de envelhecimento biológico precoce. Nesta Tese são apresentados dois manuscritos originais que investigaram a associação entre o CTL e marcadores socioeconômicos e demográficos (artigo 1), e a associação entre o CTL e concentrações séricas de 25(OH)D e polimorfismos de nucleotídeo único (SNPs) relacionados ao metabolismo da vitamina D (artigo 2). Trata-se de um estudo transversal conduzido com parte de uma coorte de funcionários de uma Universidade no Estado do Rio de Janeiro – o Estudo Pró-Saúde ($n=470$; 51 ± 8 anos; 52% mulheres). Informações sobre raça/cor da pele, escolaridade, estado civil, renda familiar, tabagismo, prática de atividade física e diagnóstico de doença crônica foram autorrelatadas durante a entrevista. O CTL de cada amostra foi mensurado por reação em cadeia da polimerase quantitativa em Tempo Real (qPCR). As concentrações séricas de 25(OH)D foram avaliadas por imunoensaio por quimiluminescência. As genotipagens dos polimorfismos (rs12785878, rs10741657, rs6013897 e rs2282679) foram realizadas por PCR em Tempo Real. No primeiro artigo, após o ajuste pela idade e potenciais co-variáveis relacionadas à saúde, uma menor escolaridade foi associada a um menor CTL somente nos homens ($\beta = -0,05$; 95% IC: -0,09, -0,01). Homens e mulheres apresentaram a correlação esperada entre a idade mais avançada e CTL mais curto ($r = -0,19$, $P < 0,01$ e $r = -0,18$, $P < 0,01$, respectivamente). No entanto, nos homens com menor escolaridade houve um gradiente mais acentuado na relação inversa entre o CTL e a idade ($r = -0,31$, $P < 0,01$). No segundo artigo, a subdivisão em quatro categorias segundo as concentrações séricas de 25(OH)D não apresentaram associação com o CTL ($P = 0,19$). Após ajustes por co-variáveis, os participantes com o genótipo CC (gene *GC* - rs2282679) apresentaram CTL significativamente menor do que aqueles com genótipos AC e AA (média ± EP: $0,50 \pm 0,03$, $0,58 \pm 0,01$ e $0,57 \pm 0,01$, respectivamente, $P < 0,05$). Utilizando modelos ajustados de regressão multivariada, o genótipo CC (gene *GC* - rs2282679) se associou inversamente ao CTL ($\beta = -0,07$; 95% IC: -0,13, -0,01). Nos homens, aqueles com os genótipos AC e CC (gene *GC* - rs2282679) apresentaram maior chance de ter CTL abaixo da mediana (0,54), quando comparados àqueles com genótipo AA ($OR = 4,78$; 95% IC: 1,19, 19,17 e $OR = 4,61$; 95% IC: 1,18, 17,90, respectivamente). Nossos resultados sugerem que a escolaridade pode ser um importante fator socioeconômico capaz de afetar o CTL, especialmente entre os homens. Além disso, também sugerimos que o SNP rs2282679, envolvido na síntese da proteína ligante de vitamina D (DBP), pode modular o comprimento dos telômeros, e SNPs associados ao metabolismo da vitamina D podem indicar de maneira mais fidedigna a influência desta vitamina sobre o comprimento dos telômeros.

Palavras-chave: Telômeros. Envelhecimento. Determinantes sociais em saúde. Vitamina D.

SNP. Brasil.

ABSTRACT

NORMANDO, P. *Telomere length and its association with socioeconomic markers and genetic polymorphisms determinants of vitamin D status: Pró-Saúde Study.* 2018. 152 f. (Doutorado em Alimentação, Nutrição e Saúde) - Instituto de Nutrição, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, 2018.

Telomere length in adult life is a consistent predictor of earlier onset of cardiovascular and metabolic diseases. The knowledge of social and biological determinants of telomere length is critical to evaluate the risk of early biological aging. In this thesis we present two original manuscripts that investigated the association of LTL with socioeconomic and demographic markers (manuscript 1) and serum concentrations of 25(OH)D and single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) related to vitamin D metabolism (manuscript 2). This is a cross-sectional study conducted with part of a cohort of employees from a University in the State of Rio de Janeiro - the Pró-Saúde Study ($n = 470$; 51 ± 8 years; 52% women). Information on race/skin color, educational attainment, marital status, household income, smoking status, physical activity and medical diagnoses of chronic disease were self-reported during the interview. The LTL of each sample was measured by quantitative Real-Time polymerase chain reaction (qPCR). Serum concentrations of 25(OH)D were evaluated by chemiluminescence immunoassay. The polymorphisms genotyping (rs12785878, rs10741657, rs6013897 and rs2282679) was performed by Real-Time PCR. In the first manuscript, after adjustment for age and potential health-related covariates, lower educational attainment was associated with shorter LTL only in men ($\beta = -0.05$; 95% CI $-0.09, -0.01$). Both women and men showed the expected relationship between older age with shorter LTL ($r = -0.19$, $P < 0.01$ and $r = -0.18$, $P < 0.01$, respectively). However, there was a more pronounced gradient in the inverse relationship between LTL and age in men with lower educational attainment ($r = -0.31$, $P < 0.01$). In the second manuscript, categories of 25(OH)D serum concentrations were not associated with LTL ($P = 0.19$). After adjustments, participants with CC genotype (*GC* gene - rs2282679) had significantly shorter LTL than those with AC and AA genotypes (mean \pm SE: 0.50 ± 0.03 , 0.58 ± 0.01 and 0.57 ± 0.01 , respectively, $P < 0.05$). Using adjusted multivariate regression models, CC genotype (*GC* gene - rs2282679) was inversely associated with LTL ($\beta = -0.07$; 95% CI $-0.13, -0.01$). In men, those with AC and CC (*GC* gene - rs2282679) had higher odds ratio for LTL below the median (0.54), compared to those with AA genotype (OR= 4.78; 95% CI 1.19, 19.17, and OR=4.61; 95% CI 1.18, 17.90, respectively). Our results suggest that educational attainment may be an important socioeconomic marker that can affect LTL, especially among men. In addition, we also suggest that the SNP rs2282679, involved in the synthesis of vitamin D binding protein (DBP), can modulate LTL and SNPs associated with vitamin D metabolism may indicate more accurately the influence of this vitamin on telomere length.

Keywords: Telomere. Aging. Social determinants of health. Vitamin D. SNP. Brazil.

LISTA DE FIGURAS

Figura 1 - Telômeros, complexo proteico shelterina e formação da alça T	23
Figura 2 - Manutenção do comprimento dos telômeros através da telomerase	24
Figura 3 - Metabolismo da vitamina D.....	37
Figura 4 - Mecanismos de ação da vitamina D sobre o envelhecimento celular e comprimento dos telômeros. A vitamina D atua em vias envolvidas na regulação do crescimento e proliferação celular (TGF- β , NF- κ B, p53, p21, p27 e MYC), apoptose (hTERT, BCL-2, BCL-XL, BAX, BAK, BAD e p13), regulação de células tronco (Wnt) e do metabolismo mineral (Klotho-FGF-23)..	42

ARTIGO 1

Figure 1 - Association between LTL and age, according to educational attainment in women (A) and men (B): Pró-Saúde Study – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012-2013. Pearson's correlation analyses. A) High school or less, $r = -0.199$, $P = 0.04$, $n = 109$; College education or higher, $r = -0.134$, $P = 0.12$, $n = 134$; B) High school or less, $r = -0.308$, $P < 0.01$, $n = 96$; College education or higher, $r = -0.110$, $P = 0.21$, $n=131$	73
---	----

LISTA DE TABELAS

ARTIGO 1

Table 1 - General Characteristics of the Study Population, According to Sex: Pro-Saúde Study–Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012-2013.....	69
Table 2 - Mean Values of LTL by Socioeconomic, Demographic, Health and Health Behavioral Markers, According to Sex: Pro-Saúde Study – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012-2013.	70
Table 3 - Multivariate Associations Between LTL (T/S Ratio) and Socioeconomic and Demographic Markers: Pro-Saúde Study–Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012-2013	72

ARTIGO 2

Table 1 - General characteristics of the study population: Pro-Saúde Study–Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012-2013.	86
Table 2 - Association between 25(OH)D serum concentrations, SNPs in vitamin D pathway and LTL: Pró-Saúde Study – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,2012-2013.....	87
Table 3 - Logistic regression model for the association between shorter LTL (below the median) and <i>GC</i> gene - rs2282679: Pró-Saúde Study – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012-2013	88

LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

1,25(OH) ₂ D	1,25-di-hidroxivitamina D
1 α -OHase	1 α -hidroxilase
24-OHase	24-hidroxilase
25-OHase	25-hidroxilase
25(OH)D	25-hidroxivitamina D
BMI	Body mass index
CEP	Consubstanciado do Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa
CDK	Quinase dependente de ciclinas
CDKI	Inibidor de quinase dependente de ciclinas
CTL	Comprimento dos telômeros de leucócitos
CV	Coeficiente de Variação
DBP	Proteína ligante de vitamina D
EROs	Espécies reativas de oxigênio
FGF 23	Fator de crescimento de fibroblastos 23
FIOCRUZ	Fundação Oswaldo Cruz
GWAS	Genome-wide association studies
IBGE	Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística
IGF-1	Fator de crescimento semelhante à insulina 1
IL-2	Interleucina 2
IL-6	Interleucina 6
IL-8	Interleucina 8
IL-12	Interleucina 12
IMC	Índice de massa corporal
kb	Quilobase (do inglês, <i>kilobase</i>)
LEING	Laboratório para Estudos da Interação entre Nutrição e Genética
LTL	Leukocyte telomere length
LSD	Least significant difference (<i>post hoc</i> teste)
NF- κ B	Fator nuclear kappa B
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
pb	Pares de Base
PBMC	Células mononucleares do sangue periférico (do inglês <i>Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cell</i>)

PCR	Proteína C reativa
PNA	Ácido nucleico marcado
POT 1	Proteína protetora dos telômeros
PTH	Paratormônio
qPCR	Reacão em cadeia da polimerase quantitativa
RAP1	Repressor/ativador de proteína 1
ROS	Reactive oxygen species
RXRA	Receptor de ácido retinóico alfa
SD	Standard deviation
SE	Standard error
SNP	Polimorfismos de nucleotídeo único
TGF- β	Fator de crescimento transformante β
TIN2	Proteína de interação nuclear-TRF1 2
TNF- α	Fator de necrose tumoral
TPP1	Proteína de interação-TIN2 1
TRF	Fragmento de restrição terminal (em inglês <i>terminal restriction fragment</i>)
TRF1	Fator de repetição telomérica de ligação 1
TRF2	Fator de repetição telomérica de ligação 2
UCSF	Universidade da Califórnia San Francisco
UERJ	Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
UVB	Radiação ultravioleta B
VDR	Receptor de vitamina D
VDRE	Elementos de resposta à vitamina D (do inglês <i>vitamin D response element</i>)

SUMÁRIO

APRESENTAÇÃO	18
INTRODUÇÃO	20
1 REVISÃO BIBLIOGRÁGICA	22
1.1 Telômeros	22
1.1.1 Conceitos Gerais.....	22
1.1.2 Associações com o comprimento dos telômeros.....	26
1.1.2.1 Idade e mortalidade	26
1.1.2.2 Sexo.....	27
1.1.2.3 Indicadores demográficos, socioeconômicos e comportamentais.....	28
1.1.2.4 Doenças e marcadores inflamatórios.....	31
1.1.3 Determinação do comprimento dos telômeros	34
1.2 Vitamina D	35
1.2.1 Metabolismo.....	35
1.2.2 Avaliação do estado de vitamina D.....	37
1.2.3 Polimorfismos relacionados ao metabolismo de vitamina D	39
1.3 Comprimento dos telômeros e vitamina D	41
1.3.1 Mecanismos de ação da vitamina D sobre o envelhecimento celular e comprimento dos telômeros	41
1.3.2 Associações entre o telômeros e vitamina D.....	44
2 HIPÓTESES	47
3 OBJETIVOS	48
3.1 Geral	48
3.2 Específicos	48
4 MÉTODOS.....	49
4.1 População e desenho do estudo	49
4.2 Comprimento dos telômeros de leucócitos (CTL)	49
4.3 Variáveis socioeconômicas, demográficas e de saúde	51
4.4 Determinação das concentrações séricas de 25(OH)D	53
4.5 Determinação dos polimorfismos associados ao metabolismo de vitamina D	53
5 RESULTADOS.....	55
5.1 ARTIGO 1: Educational attainment moderates the relationship between telomere length and age in men: the Pro-Saúde Study	55

5.2	ARTIGO 2: Association between single nucleotide polymorphism in vitamin D metabolic pathway gene and leukocyte telomere length in Brazilian adults: the Pro-Saúde Study.....	74
	CONCLUSÕES E PERSPECTIVAS	89
	APÊNDICE A - Recorte do Manual de Operações - Dentre as avaliações que constam no Manual de Operações completo, estão aqui detalhadas somente aquelas utilizadas neste estudo.....	106
	APÊNDICE B - Recorte do questionário Pró-Saúde - Dentre as avaliações que constam no questionário completo, estão aqui detalhadas somente aquelas utilizadas neste estudo.....	114
	APÊNDICE C - Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido	119
	APÊNDICE D - Sintaxe das análises estatísticas referentes a criação e categorização de variáveis.....	121
	APÊNDICE E - Sintaxe das análises estatísticas do artigo 1	125
	APÊNDICE F - Sintaxe das análises estatísticas do artigo 2.....	144

REFERÊNCIAS

- ADAMS, J.S.; HEWISON, M. Extrarenal expression of the 25-hydroxyvitamin D-1-hydroxylase. *Arch Biochem Biophys.* 2012;523(1):95-102.
- ADLER, N. et al. Educational attainment and late life telomere length in the Health, Aging and Body Composition Study. *Brain Behav Immun.* 2013;27(1):15-21.
- AHN J., et al. Genome-wide association study of circulating vitamin D levels. *Hum Mol Genet.* 2010; 19(13):2739-45.
- ALOIA, J.F. African Americans, 25-hydroxyvitamin D, and osteoporosis: a paradox. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2008;88(2):545S-550S.
- ALTER, B.P. et al. Cancer in dyskeratosis congenita. *Blood.* 2009;113(26):6549-57.
- ARABI, A.; EL RASSI, R.; EL-HAJJ FULEIHAN, G. Hypovitaminosis D in developing countries-prevalence, risk factors and outcomes. *Nat Rev Endocrinol.* 2010;6(10):550-61.
- ARAI, Y. et al. Inflammation, But Not Telomere Length, Predicts Successful Ageing at Extreme Old Age: A Longitudinal Study of Semi-supercentenarians. *EBioMedicine.* 2015;2(10):1549-58.
- ARAÚJO, M.L. et al. Is the telomere length associated with neurocognitive disabilities in HIV-1-infected subjects? *Rev Inst Med Trop Sao Paulo.* 2018;60:e16.
- ARMANIOS, M.; BLACKBURN, E.H. The telomere syndromes. *Nat Rev Genet.* 2012;13(10):693-704.
- ASTRUP, A.S. et al. Telomere length predicts all-cause mortality in patients with type 1 diabetes. *Diabetologia.* 2010;53(1):45-8.
- AUBERT, G. et al. Collapse of telomere homeostasis in hematopoietic cells caused by heterozygous mutations in telomerase genes. *PLoS Genet.* 2012;8(5):e1002696.
- AUBERT, G.; HILLS, M.; LANSDORP, P.M. Telomere length measurement-caveats and a critical assessment of the available technologies and tools. *Mutat Res.* 2012;730(1-2):59-67.
- AVIV, A. Telomeres and human aging: facts and fibs. *Sci Aging Knowledge Environ.* 2004;2004(51):pe43.
- BAIRD, D.M. New developments in telomere length analysis. *Exp Gerontol.* 2005;40(5):363-8.
- BAIRD, D.M. Telomeres. *Exp Gerontol.* 2006;41:1223–1227.
- BAKAYSA, S.L. et al. Telomere length predicts survival independent of genetic influences. *Anging Cell.* 2007;6(6):769-74.

BARRETT, J.H. et al. Telomere length and common disease: study design and analytical challenges. *Hum Genet.* 2015;134(7):679-89.

BARRY, E.L. et al., Genetic variants in CYP2R1, CYP24A1, and VDR modify the efficacy of vitamin D₃ supplementation for increasing serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels in a randomized controlled trial. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2014;99(10):E2133– E2137.

BATAI, k. et al. Common vitamin D pathway gene variants reveal contrasting effects on serum vitamin D levels in African Americans and European Americans. *Hum Genet.* 2014;13(11): 1395–1405.

BATSIS, J.A., et al. Association of adiposity, telomere length and mortality: data from the NHANES 1999-2002. *Int J Obes (Lond).* 2018;42(2):198-204.

BATT, G.D. et al. Socioeconomic status and telomere length: the West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study. *J Epidemiol Community Health.* 2009;63(10):839-41.

BAYNE, S. et al. Potential roles for estrogen regulation of telomerase activity in aging. *Ann N Y Acad Sci.* 2007;1114:48-55.

BENETOS, A. et al. Telomere length as an indicator of biological aging: the gender effect and relation with pulse pressure and pulse wave velocity. *Hypertension.* 2001;37(2 Pt2):381-5.

BENETTI, R et al. Telomere length regulates the epigenetic status of mammalian telomeres and subtelomeres. *Nat Genet.* 2007; 39:243–250.

BIKLE, D.D. et al. Assessment of the free fraction of 25-hydroxyvitamin D in serum and its regulation by albumin and the vitamin D-binding protein. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 1986;63(4):954-9.

BISCHOFF-FERRARI, H.A. et al. Estimation of optimal serum concentrations of 25-hydroxyvitamin D for multiple health outcomes. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2006;84(1):18-28.

BLACKBURN, E.H.; GREIDER, C.W.; SZOSTAK, J.W. Telomeres and telomerase: the path from maize, Tetrahymena and yeast to human cancer and aging. *Nat Med.* 2006; 12(10):1133-8.

BLACKBURN, E.H.; EPEL, E.S.; LIN, J. Human telomere biology: A contributory and interactive factor in aging, disease risks, and protection. *Science.* 2015;350(6265):1193-8.

BLASCO, M.A. Telomeres and human disease: ageing, cancer and beyond. *Nat Rev Gent.* 2005;6(8):611-22.

BOJESEN, S.E. Telomeres and human health. *J Inter Med.* 2013;274(5):399-413.

BOUILLOU, R. Genetic and Racial Differences in the Vitamin D Endocrine System. *Endocrinol Metab Clin North Am.* 2017;46(4):1119-1135.

- BROER, L. et al. Association of adiponectin and leptin with relative telomere length in seven independent cohorts including 11,448 participants. *Eur J Epidemiol.* 2014;29(9):629-38.
- BROUILLETTE, S. et al. White cell telomere length and risk of premature myocardial infarction. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol.* 2003;23(5):842-6.
- BUELL, J.S.; DAWSON-HUGHES, B. Vitamin D and neurocognitive dysfunction: preventing "D"ecline? *Mol Aspects Med.* 2008;29(6):415-22.
- CALADO, R.T. et al. Short telomeres result in chromosomal instability in hematopoietic cells and precede malignant evolution in human aplastic anemia. *Leukemia.* 2012; 26(4):700-7.
- CALTON, E.K. et al. The Impact of Vitamin D Levels on Inflammatory Status: A Systematic Review of Immune Cell Studies. *PLoS One.* 2015;10(11):e0141770.
- CASSIDY, A. et al. Associations between diet, lifestyle factors, and telomere length in women. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2010;91(5):1273-80.
- CARROLL, J.E. et al. Socioeconomic factors and leukocyte telomere length in a multi-ethnic sample: findings from the multi-ethnic study of atherosclerosis (MESA). *Brain Behav Immun.* 2013;28:108-14.
- CASHMAN, K.D. et al. Vitamin D deficiency in Europe: pandemic? *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2016;103(4):1033-44.
- CAULEY, J.A. et al. Bone mineral density and the risk of incident nonspinal fractures in black and white women. *JAMA.* 2005;293(17):2102–8.
- CAWTHON, R.M. Telomere measurement by quantitative PCR. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 2002; 30(10):e47.
- CAWTHON, R.M. et al. Association between telomere length in blood and mortality in people aged 60 years or older. *Lancet.* 2003; 361:393–395
- CESARE, A.J.; REDDEL, R.R. Alternative lengthening of telomeres: models, mechanisms and implications. *Nat Rev Genet.* 2010;11(5):319-30.
- CHEN, W. et al. Longitudinal versus cross-sectional evaluations of leukocyte telomere length dynamics: age-dependent telomere shortening is the rule. *J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci.* 2011;66(3):312-9.
- CHERKAS, L.F. et al. The effects of social status on biological aging as measured by white-blood-cell telomere length. *Aging Cell.* 2006; 5(5):361-5.
- CHERKAS, L.F. et al. The association between physical activity in leisure time and leukocyte telomere length. *Arch Intern Med.* 2008;168(2):154-8.
- CHOR, D. et al. Social inequalities in BMI trajectories: 8 year follow-up of the Pró-Saúde Study in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. *Public Health Nutrition.* 2015;18(17):3183-91.

- CHUN, R.F. et al. Vitamin D and DBP: the free hormone hypothesis revisited. *J Steroid Biochem Mol Biol.* 2014;1444 Pt A:132-27.
- CODD, V. et al. Common variants near TERC are associated with mean telomere length. *Nat Genet.* 2010;42(3):197-9.
- COOPER, J.D. et al. Inherited variation in vitamin D genes is associated with predisposition to autoimmune disease type 1 diabetes. *Diabetes.* 2011;60(5):1624–1631.
- COSTA, D.S. et al. Telomere length is highly inherited and associated with hyperactivity-impulsivity in children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. *Front Mol Neurosci.* 2015; 8:28.
- COURTENAY, W.H.; KEELING, R.P. Men, gender, and health: toward an interdisciplinary approach.. *J Am Coll Health.* 2000; 48(6):243-6.
- CROUSS-BOU, M. et al. Mediterranean diet and telomere length in Nurses' Health Study: population based cohort study. *BMJ.* 2014; 2;349:g6674.
- DANIALI, L. et al. Telomeres shorten at equivalent rates in somatic tissues of adults. *Nat Commun.* 2013;4:1597.
- DEEB, K.K.; TRUMP, D.L.; JOHNSON, C.S. Vitamin D signalling pathways in cancer: potential for anticancer therapeutics. *Nat Rev Cancer.* 2007;7(9):684-700.
- DEL BINO, S. et al. Relationship between skin response to ultraviolet exposure and skin color type. *Pigment Cell Res.* 2006;19(6):606-14.
- DELANGHE, J.R. et al. Behind the scenes of vitamin D binding protein: more than vitamin D binding. *Best Pract Res Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2015;29(5):773-86.
- DENHAM, J. et al. Longer leukocyte telomeres are associated with ultra-endurance exercise independent of cardiovascular risk factors. *PLoS One.* 2013;8(7):e69377.
- DINA, C. et al. Variation in FTO contributes to childhood obesity and severe adult obesity. *Nat Genet.* 2007;39(6):724–726.
- DIAZ, V.A. et al. Telomere length and adiposity in a racially diverse sample. *Int J Obes.* 2010;34(2):261-5.
- DONAIRE, F.S. et al. Telomere biology and telomerase mutations in cirrhotic patients with hepatocellular carcinoma. *PLoS One.* 2017;16;12(8):e0183287.
- DRURY, S.S. et al. Setting the trajectory: racial disparities in newborn telomere length. *J Pediatr.* 2015;166(5):1181-6.
- ELOI, M. et al. Vitamin D deficiency and seasonal variation over the years in São Paulo, Brazil. *Osteoporos Int.* 2016.

- ENGELMAN, C.D. et al. Genetic and environmental determinants of 25-hydroxyvitamin D and 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D levels in His-panic and African Americans. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2008;93(9):3381–8. [SEP]
- FAERSTEIN, E. et al. Estudo Pró-Saúde: características gerais e aspectos metodológicos. *Revista Brasileira de Epidemiologia.* 2005;8(4):454-66.
- FAERSTEIN, E. et al. Race and perceived racism, education, and hypertension among Brazilian civil servants: the Pró-Saúde Study. *Revista Brasileira de Epidemiologia.* 2014;17:81-87.
- FITZPATRICK, A.L. et al. Leukocyte telomere length and cardiovascular disease in the cardiovascular health study. *Am J Epidemiol.* 2007;165(1):14-21.
- FALL, T.; INGELSSON, E. Genome-wide association studies of obesity and metabolic syndrome. *Mol Cell Endocrinol.* 2014;382(1):740-757.
- FITZPATRICK, A.L. et al. Leukocyte telomere length and mortality in the Cardiovascular Health Study. 2011;66(4):421-9.
- FRAGA, M.F. et al. Cross-talk between aging and cancer: the epigenetic language. *Ann N Y Acad Sci.* 2007;1100:60-74.
- FRASER, D.R. Vitamin D-deficiency in Asia. *J Steroid Biochem Mol Biol.* 2004;89-90(1-5):491-5.
- FRAYLING, T.M. et al. A common variant in the FTO gene is associated with body mass index and predisposes to childhood and adult obesity. *Science.* 2007;316(5826):889–894.
- FRIEDRICH, U. et al. Telomere length in different tissues of elderly patients. *Mech Ageing Dev.* 2000;119(3):89-99.
- GERONIMUS, A.T. et al. "Weathering" and age patterns of allostatic load scores among blacks and whites in the United States. *Am J Public Health.* 2006;96(5):826-33.
- GERONIMUS, A.T. et al. Do US Black Women Experience Stress-Related Accelerated Biological Aging?: A Novel Theory and First Population-Based Test of Black-White Differences in Telomere Length. *Hum Nat.* 2010;21(1):19-38.
- GINDE, A.A. et al. Prospective study of serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D level, cardiovascular disease mortality, and all-cause mortality in older U.S. adults. *J Am Geriatr Soc.* 2009;57(9):1595-603.
- GUESSOUS, I. Role of Vitamin D deficiency in extraskeletal complications: predictor of health outcome or marker of health status? *Biomed Res Int.* 2015; 563403.
- GUIMARAES, J.M.N. et al. Association between self-rated health and mortality: 10 years follow-up to the Pro-Saúde cohort study. *BMC Public Health (Online).* 2012;12:676.
- GUIMARÃES, J.M. et al. Early socioeconomic position and self-rated health among civil servants in Brazil: a cross-sectional analysis from the Pró-Saúde cohort study. *BMJ Open.* 2014; 4(11):e005321.

GUTIÉRREZ, O.M. et al. Racial differences in the relationship between vitamin D, bone mineral density, and parathyroid hormone in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. *Osteoporos Int.* 2011;22(6):1745-53.

GUTIERREZ-RODRIGUES, F. et al. Direct comparison of flow-FISH and qPCR as diagnostic tests for telomere length measurement in humans. *PLoS One.* 2014;9(11):e113747.

HARDIKAR, S. et al. Obesity and inflammation markers in relation to leukocyte telomere length in a cross-sectional study of persons with Barrett's esophagus. *BMC Obes.* 2015;32:doi: 10.1186/s40608-015-0063-3. eCollection 2015.

HASLAM, D.W.; James, W.P. Obesity. *Lancet.* 2005;366(9492):1197-209.

HAYCOCK, P.C. et al. Leucocyte telomere length and risk of cardiovascular disease: systematic review and meta-analysis. *BMJ.* 2014;349:g4227.

HAYFLICK, L. Living forever and dying in the attempt. *Exp Gerontol.* 2003;38:1231–1241.

HERRMANN, M. et al. Assessment of vitamin D status - a changing landscape. *Clin Chem Lab Med.* 2016;doi: 10.1515/cclm-2016-0264.

HERRMANN, M., et al. Telomere biology and age-related diseases. *Clin Chem Lab Med.* 2018. doi: 10.1515/cclm-2017-0870.

HJELMBORG, J.B. et al. The heritability of leucocyte telomere length dynamics. *J Med Genet.* 2015;52(5):297-302.

HOLICK, M.F. Vitamin D deficiency. *N Engl J Med.* 2007;357(3):266-81.

HOLICK, M.F. Vitamin D: a D-Lightful health perspective. *Nutr Rev.* 2008;66(10 Suppl 2):S182-94.

HOLICK, M.F. et al. Evaluation, treatment, and prevention of vitamin D deficiency: an Endocrine Society clinical practice guideline. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2011; 96(7):1911-30.

HOLICK, M.F. Bioavailability of vitamin D and its metabolites in black and white adults. *N Engl J Med.* 2013;369(21):2047-8.

HOUBEN, J.M. et al. Telomere length and mortality in elderly men: the Zutphen Elderly Study. *J Gerontol Biol Sci Med Sci.* 2011;66(1):38-44.

HOSSEIN-NEZHAD, A.; HOLICK, M.F. Vitamin D for health: a global perspective. *Mayo Clin Proc.* 2013;88:720–755.

HUNT, S.C. et al. Leukocyte telomeres are longer in African Americans than in whites: the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Family Heart Study and the Bogalusa Heart Study. *Aging Cell.* 2008;7(4):451-8.

HUZEN, J. et al. The emerging role of telomere biology in cardiovascular disease. *Front Biosci.* 2010;15:35-45.

- INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE. Reference Intakes for Calcium and Vitamin D. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, 2011.
- IP, P. et al. Prenatal Tobacco Exposure Shortens Telomere Length in Children. *Nicotine Tob Res.* 2017;19(1):111-118.
- JEANCLOS, E. et al. Telomere length inversely correlates with pulse pressure and is highly familial. *Hypertension.* 2002;36(2):195-200.
- JIANG, X. et al. Genome-wide association study in 79,366 European-ancestry individuals informs the genetic architecture of 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels. *Nat Commun.* 2018; 9(1):260.
- JOLLIFFE, D.A. et al. Single nucleotide polymorphisms in the vitamin D pathway associating with circulating concentrations of vitamin D metabolites and non-skeletal health outcomes: Review of genetic association studies. *J Steroid Biochem Mol Biol.* 2016;164:18-29.
- JULIN, B. et al. Plasma vitamin D biomarkers and leukocyte telomere length in men. *Eur J Nutr.* 2015; doi: 10.1007/s00394-015-1095-7.
- KAHL, V.F. et al. Telomere measurement in individuals occupationally exposed to pesticide mixtures in tobacco fields. *Environ Mol Mutagen.* 2016; 57(1):74-84.
- KALKWARF, H.J. et al. The bone mineral density in childhood study: bone mineral content and density according to age, sex, and race. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2007;92(6):2087–99.
- KARMEN, D.L.; TANGPRICHA, V. Vitamin D and molecular actions on the immune system: modulation of innate and autoimmunity. *J Mol Med.* 2010;88(5):441-50.
- KAROHL, C. et al. Heritability and seasonal variability of vitamin D concentrations in male twins. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2010;92(6):1393-8.
- KIRWAN, M. et al. Exogenous TERC alone can enhance proliferative potential, telomerase activity and telomere length in lymphocytes from dyskeratosis congenita patients. *Br J Haematol.* 2009;144(5):771-81.
- KURO-O, M. Klotho as a regulator of oxidative stress and senescence. *Biol Chem.* 2008;389(3):233-41.
- KWAK, S.Y. et al. Association among genetic variants in the vitamin D pathway and circulating 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels in Korean adults: results from the Korea National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2011-2012. *Endocr J.* 2018. doi: 10.1507/endocrj.EJ18-0084.
- LANGE, T. Shelterin: the protein complex that shapes and safeguards human telomeres. *Genes Dev.* 2005;19(18):2100-10.
- LANSKE, B.; RAZZAQUE, M.S. Mineral metabolism and aging: the fibroblast growth factor 23 enigma. *Curr Opin Nephrol Hypertens.* 2007;16(4):311-8.

LAROCCA, T.J.; SEALS, D.R.; PIERCE, G.L. Leukocyte telomere length is preserved with aging in endurance exercise-trained adults and related to maximal aerobic capacity. *Mech Ageing Dev.* 2010;131(2):165-7.

LEE, J.Y. et al. Association between dietary patterns in the remote past and telomere length. *Eur J Clin Nutr.* 2015;69(9):1048-52.

LEE, J. et al. The relationship between telomere length and mortality in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). *PLoS One.* 2012;7(4):e35567.

LEE, J.H. et al. Genome wide association and linkage analyses identified three loci-4q25, 17q23.2, and 10q11.21-associated with variation in leukocyte telomere length: the Long Life Family Study. *Front Genet.* 2014; 4:310.

LEVY, D. et al. Genome-wide association identifies OBFC1 as a locus involved in human leukocyte telomere biology. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA.* 2010;107(20):9293-8.

LIN, J. et al. Analyses and comparisons of telomerase activity and telomere length in human T and B cells: insights for epidemiology of telomere maintenance. *J Immunol Methods.* 2010; 352(1-2):71-80.

LIU, J.J. et al. Plasma vitamin D biomarkers and leukocyte telomere length. *Am J Epidemiol.* 2013; 177(12):1411-7.

LIU, J.J. et al. Relationship between plasma 25-hydroxyvitamin D and leucocyte telomere length by sex and race in a US study. *Br J Nutr.* 2016;116(6):953-60.

LOCK-ANDERSON, J. et al. Facultative skin pigmentation in caucasians: an objective biological indicator of lifetime exposure to ultraviolet radiation? *Br J Dermatol.* 1998;138(5):826-32.

LONDONO-VALLEJO, J.A. Telomere length heterogeneity and chromosome instability. *Cancer Lett.* 2004;212:135–144.

LOPES, J.B. et al. A predictive model of vitamin D insufficiency in older community people: from the São Paulo Aging & Health Study (SPAHS). *Maturitas.* 2014;78(4):335-40.

LU, L. et al. Associations between common variants in GC and DHCR7/NADSYN1 and vitamin D concentration in Chinese Hans. *Hum Genet.* 2012;131(3):505–12. 

LUDLOW, A.T. et al. Relationship between physical activity level, telomere length, and telomerase activity. *Med Sci Sports Exerc.* 2008;40(10):1764-71.

LYNCH, S.M. et al. Race, Ethnicity, Psychosocial Factors, and Telomere Length in a Multicenter Setting. *PLoS One.* 2016;11(1): e0146723.

LYSANDROPOULOS, A.P. et al. Vitamin D has a direct immunomodulatory effect on CD8+ T cells of patients with early multiple sclerosis and healthy control subjects. *J Neuroimmunol.* 2011;233(1-2):240-4.

MA, H. et al. Shortened telomere length is associated with increased risk of cancer: a meta-analysis. *PLoS One.* 2011;6(6):e20466.

MANGINO, M. et al. A Genome-wide meta-analysis points to CTC1 and ZNF676 as genes regulating telomere homeostasis in humans. *Hum Mol Genet.* 2012;21:5385–94.

MARTIN-RUIZ, C.M. et al. Telomere length in white blood cells is not associated with morbidity or mortality in the oldest old: a population-based study. *Aging Cell.* 2005;4(6):287-90.

MARTINI, L.A. et al. Prevalence and correlates of calcium and vitamin D status adequacy in adolescents, adults, and elderly from the Health Survey-São Paulo. *Nutrition.* 2013; 29(6):845-50.

MARTINS, C.S. et al. Telomere length and telomerase expression in pituitary tumors. *J Endocrinol Invest.* 2015;38(11):1243-6.

MASI, S. et al. Inflammation and not cardiovascular risk factors is associated with short leukocyte telomere length in 13- to 16-year-old adolescents. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol.* 2012;32(8):2029-34.

MAYER, S. et al. Sex-specific telomere length profiles and age-dependent erosion dynamics of individual chromosome arms in humans. *Cytogenet Genome Res.* 2006;112(3-4):194-201.

MAZIDI, M.; MICHOS, E.D.; BANACH, M. The association of telomere length and serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels in US adults: the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. *Arch Med Sci.* 2017;13(1):61-65.

MCGRATH, M. et al. Telomere length, cigarette smoking, and bladder cancer risk in men and women. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev.* 2007;16(4):815-9.

MIRANDA-FURTADO, C.L. et al. A Nonrandomized Trial of Progressive Resistance Training Intervention in Women With Polycystic Ovary Syndrome and Its Implications in Telomere Content. *Reprod Sci.* 2015;pii: 1933719115611753.

MITCHELL, A.M. et al. Childhood adversity, social support, and telomere length among perinatal women. *Psychoneuroendocrinology.* 2018;87:43-52.

MITCHELL, D.M. et al. Prevalence and predictors of vitamin D deficiency in healthy adults. *Endocr Pract.* 2012;18(6):914-23.

MITHAL, A. et al. Global vitamin D status and determinants of hypovitaminosis D. *Osteoporos Int.* 2009; 20(11):1807-20.

MOON, R.J. et al. Response to Antenatal Cholecalciferol Supplementation Is Associated With Common Vitamin D-Related Genetic Variants. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2017;102(8):2941-2949.

MÜEZZINLER, A. et al. Body mass index and leukocyte telomere length in adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Obes Rev.* 2014;15(3):192-201.

MÜEZZINLER, A. et al. Smoking habits and leukocyte telomere length dynamics among older adults: Results from the ESTHER cohort. 2015;70:18-25.

MUNDSTOCK, E. et al. Effect of obesity on telomere length: Systematic review and meta-analysis. *Obesity*. 2015; 23(11):2165-74.

NAGPAL, S.; NA, S.; RATHNACHALAM, R. Noncalcemic actions of vitamin D receptor ligands. *Endocr Rev*. 2005 Aug;26(5):662-87.

NAWROT, T.S. et al. Telomere length and possible link to X chromosome. *Lancet*. 2004;363(9408):507-10.

NAXEROVA, K.; ELLEDGE, S.J. Taking the brakes off telomerase. *Elife*. 2015;4:doi: 10.7554/eLife.09519.

NEEDHAM, B.L. et al. Socioeconomic status and cell aging in children. *Soc Sci Med*. 2012;74(12):1948-51.

NEEDHAM, B.L. et al. Socioeconomic status, health behavior, and leukocyte telomere length in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999-2002. *Soc Sci Med*. 2013; 85:1-8.

NEEDHAM, B.L. et al. A test of biological and behavioral explanations for gender differences in telomere length: the multi-ethnic study of atherosclerosis. *Biodemography*. 2014;60(2):156-73.

NETTLETON, J.A. et al. Dietary patterns, food groups, and telomere length in the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA). *Am J Clin Nutr*. 2008;88(5):1405-12.

NEVE, A.; CORRADO, A.; CANTATORE, FP. Immunomodulatory effects of vitamin D in peripheral blood monocyte-derived macrophages from patients with rheumatoid arthritis. *Clin Exp Med*. 2014 Aug;14(3):275-83.

NILSSON, P.M. et al. Telomeres and cardiovascular disease risk: an update 2013. *Transl Res*. 2013;162(6):371-80.

NORMAN, A.W. From vitamin D to hormone D: fundamentals of the vitamin D endocrine system essential for good health. *Am J ClinNutr*. 2008; 88(2):491S-499S.

NZIETCHUENG, R. et al. Telomere length in vascular tissues from patients with atherosclerotic disease. *J Nutr Health Aging*. 2011;15(2):153-6.

OKUDA, K. et al. Telomere length in the newborn. *Pediatr Res*. 2002;52(3):377-81.

OLIVEIRA, B.S. et al. Lifecourse Adversity and Telomere Length in Older Women from Northeast Brazil. *Rejuvenation Res*. 2017. doi: 10.1089/rej.2017.1937.

O'BRIEN, K.M. et al. Genome-Wide Association Study of Serum 25-Hydroxyvitamin D in US Women. *Front Gent*. 2018;9:67.

O'DONOVAN, A. et al. Cumulative inflammatory load is associated with short leukocyte telomere length in the Health, Aging and Body Composition Study. PLoS One. 2011;6(5):e19687.

O'SULLIVAN, R.J.; KARLSEDER, J. Telomeres: protecting chromosomes against genome instability. *Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol.* 2010;11(3):171-81.

PALM, W. How shelterin protects mammalian telomeres. *Annu Rev Genet.* 2008;42:301-34.

PALMER, M.T. et al. Lineage-specific effects of 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D(3) on the development of effector CD4 T cells. *J Biol Chem.* 2011;286(2):997-1004.

PARK, M. et al. Where You Live May Make You Old: The Association between Perceived Poor Neighborhood Quality and Leukocyte Telomere Length. *PLoS One.* 2015;10(6):e0128460.

PEDROSO, D.C. et al. Inflammatory biomarkers and telomere length in women with polycystic ovary syndrome. *Fertil Steril.* 2015;103(2):542-7.e2.

PEREIRA-SANTOS, M. et al. Epidemiology of vitamin D insufficiency and deficiency in a population in a sunny country: Geospatial meta-analysis in Brazil. *Crit Rev Food Sci Nutr.* 2018;1-8.

PETERSEN, R.A. et al. Common genetic variants are associated with lower serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D concentrations across the year among children at northern latitudes. *Br J Nutr.* 2017;117(6):829-838.

PLUDOWSKI, P. et al. Vitamin D effects on musculoskeletal health, immunity, autoimmunity, cardiovascular disease, cancer, fertility, pregnancy, dementia and mortality-a review of recent evidence. *Autoimmun Rev.* 2013;12(10):976-89.

PRENTICE, A. et al. Vitamin D across the lifecycle: physiology and biomarkers. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2008;88(2):500S-506S.

PUSCEDDU, I. et al. The role of telomeres and vitamin D in cellular aging and age-related diseases. *Clin Chem Lab Med.* 2015;53(11):1661-78.

RÉVÉSZ, D. et al. Longitudinal Associations Between Metabolic Syndrome Components and Telomere Shortening. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2015;100(8):3050-9.

REWAK, M. et al. Race-related health disparities and biological aging: does rate of telomere shortening differ across blacks and whites? *Biol Psychol.* 2014;99:92-9.

RICHARDS, J.B. et al. Higher serum vitamin D concentrations are associated with longer leukocyte telomere length in women. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2007; 86(5):1420-5.

ROBIEN, K. et al. Genetic and environmental predictors of serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D concentrations among middle-aged and elderly Chinese in Singapore. *Br J Nutr.* 2013;109(3):493–502. 

ROSEN, C.J. The nonskeletal effects of vitamin D: an Endocrine Society scientific statement. *Endocr Rev.* 2012;33(3):456-92.

ROSS, A.C. et al. The 2011 report on dietary reference intakes for calcium and vitamin D from the Institute of Medicine: what clinicians need to know. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2011;96(1):53-8.

SAHIN, E.; DEPINHO, R.A. Linking functional decline of telomeres, mitochondria and stem cells during ageing. *Nature.* 2010;464(7288):520-8.

SANDERS, J.L.; NEWMAN, A.B. Telomere length in epidemiology: a biomarker of aging, age-related disease, both, or neither? *Epidemiol Rev.* 2013;32:112-31.

SAWICKI, C.M. et al. Sun-Exposed Skin Color Is Associated with Changes in Serum 25-Hydroxyvitamin D in Racially/Ethnically Diverse Children. *J Nutr.* 2016;146(4):751-7.

SCHAEFER, C. et al. Demographic and behavioral influences on telomeres and relationship with all-cause mortality. Paper presented at The American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting; San Francisco, CA. 2012.

SETHI, I. et al. Role of telomeres and associated maintenance genes in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: A review. *Diabetes Res Clin Pract.* 2016;122:92-100.

SFEIR, A.; de LANGE, T. Removal of shelterin reveals the telomere end-protection problem. *Science.* 2012;226(6081):593-7.

SHAMMAS, M.A. Telomeres, lifestyle, cancer, and aging. *Curr Opin Clin Nutr Metab Care.* 2011;14(1):28-34.

SHEN, J. et al. Telomere length, oxidative damage, antioxidants and breast cancer risk. *Int J Cancer.* 2009;124(7):1637-43.

SHIELS, P.G. et al. Accelerated telomere attrition is associated with relative household income, diet and inflammation in the pSoBid cohort. *PLoS One.* 2011;6(7):e22521.

SHIN, C.; KIM, N.H.; BAIK, I. Sex-Specific Association between Longitudinal Changes in Adiposity, FTO rs9939609 Polymorphism, and Leukocyte Telomere Length. *J Am Coll Nutr.* 2016;35(3):245-54.

SILVA, L.C. et al. Moderate and intense exercise lifestyles attenuate the effects of aging on telomere length and the survival and composition of T cell subpopulations. *Age.* 2016;38(1):24.

SLAGBOOM, P.E.; DROOG, S.; BOOMSMA, D.I. Genetic determination of telomere size in humans: a twin study of three age groups. *Am J Hum Genet.* 1994;55(5):876-82.

SOININEN, S. et al. Serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D, Plasma Lipids, and Associated Gene Variants in Prepubertal Children. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2018; doi: 10.1210/jc.2018-00335.

- SPEECKAERT, M. Et al. Biological and clinical aspects of the vitamin D binding protein (Gc-globulin) and its polymorphism. *Clin Chim Acta.* 2006 Oct;372(1-2):33-42.
- STANLEY, S.E.; ARMANIOS, M. The short and long telomere syndromes: paired paradigms for molecular medicine. *Curr Opin Genet Dev.* 2015;33:1-9.
- STARKWEATHER, A.R. et al. An integrative review of factors associated with telomere length and implications for biobehavioral research. *Nurs Res.* 2014;63(1):36-50.
- STEOPTOE, A. et al. Educational attainment but not measures of current socioeconomic circumstances are associated with leukocyte telomere length in healthy older men and women. *Brain Behav Immun.* 2001;25(7):1292-8.
- SUN, Q. et al. Healthy lifestyle and leukocyte telomere length in U.S. women. *PLoS One.* 2012;7(5):e38374.
- SURTEES, P.G. et al. Educational attainment and mean leukocyte telomere length in women in the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer (EPIC)-Norfolk population study. *Brain Behav Immun.* 2012; 26(3):414-8.
- TAMURA, Y. et al. β -cell telomere attrition in diabetes: inverse correlation between HbA1c and telomere length. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2014;99(8):2771-7.
- TAMURA, Y. et al. Telomere attrition and diabetes mellitus. *Geriatr Gerontol Int.* 2016: 16 Suppl1:66-74.
- TANGPRICHA, V. et al. Vitamin D. *Int J Endocrinol.* 2010;2010:631052.
- TAKSLER, G.B. et al. Vitamin D deficiency in minority populations. *Public Health Nutr.* 2015;18(3):379-91.
- THEALL, K.P. et al. Neighborhood disorder and telomeres: connecting children's exposure to community level stress and cellular response. *Soc Sci Med.* 2013;85:50-8.
- TILSTRA, J.S. NF- κ B inhibition delays DNA damage-induced senescence and aging in mice. *J Clin Invest.* 2012;122(7):2601-12.
- TOUVIER, M. et al. Determinants of vitamin D status in Caucasian adults: influence of sun exposure, dietary intake, sociodemographic, lifestyle, anthropometric, and genetic factors. *J Invest Dermatol.* 2015;135(2):378-88.
- TZANETAKOU, I.P. et al. "Is obesity linked to aging?": adipose tissue and the role of telomeres. *Ageing Res Rev.* 2012;11(2):220-9.
- VALDES, A.M. et al. Obesity, cigarette smoking, and telomere length in women. *Lancet.* 2005;366(9486):662-4.
- VALENZUELA, H.F.; EFFROS, R.B. Divergent telomerase and CD28 expression patterns in human CD4 and CD8 T cells following repeated encounters with the same antigenic stimulus. *Clin Immunol.* 2002;105(2):117-25.

- VERDE, Z. et al. Effects of cigarette smoking and nicotine metabolite ratio on leukocyte telomere length. *Environ Res.* 2015;140:488-94.
- VINAGRE, J. et al. Frequency of TERT promoter mutations in human cancers. *Nat Commun.* 2013;4:2185.
- VON ZGLINICKI, T. Oxidative stress shortens telomeres. *Trends Biochem Sci.* 2002;27(7):339-44.
- WACKER, M.; HOLICK, M.F. Vitamin D - effects on skeletal and extraskeletal health and the need for supplementation. *Nutrients.* 2013;5(1):111-48.
- WANG, T.J. et al. Common genetic determinants of vitamin D insufficiency: a genome-wide association study. *Lancet.* 2010; 376(9736):180-8.
- WEINSTEIN, B.S.; CISZECK, D. The reserve-capacity hypothesis: evolutionary origins and modern implications of the trade-off between tumor-suppression and tissue-repair. *Exp Gerontol.* 2002;37(5):615-27.
- WEISCHER, M. et al. Short telomere length, myocardial infarction, ischemic heart disease, and early death. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol.* 2012;32(3):822-9.
- WETZENSEN, I.M. et al. The association of telomere length and cancer: a meta-analysis. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev.* 2011;20(6):1238-50.
- WILLIAMS, D.D. et al. 25-Hydroxyvitamin D Concentration and Leukocyte Telomere Length in Young Adults: Findings From the Northern Finland Birth Cohort 1966. *Am J Epidemiol.* 2015;183(3):191-8.
- WILLEIT, P. et al. Fifteen-year follow-up of association between telomere length and incident cancer and cancer mortality. *JAMA.* 2011;306(1):42-4.
- WOJCICKI, J.M. et al. Cord blood telomere length in Latino infants: relation with maternal education and infant sex. *J Perinatol.* 2016;36(3):235-41.
- WONG, L.S. et al. Telomere biology in cardiovascular disease: the TERC-/- mouse as a model for heart failure and ageing. *Cardiovasc Res.* 2009;81:244–252.
- WONG, J.Y. et al. The relationship between inflammatory biomarkers and telomere length in an occupational prospective cohort study. *PLoS One.* 2014;9(1):e87348.
- WYATT, H.D.; WEST, S.C.; BEATTIEL, T.L. InTERTpreting telomerase structure and function. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 2010;38(17):5609-22.
- XU, L.; BLACKBURN, E.H. Human cancer cells harbor T-stumps, a distinct class of extremely short telomeres. *Mol Cell.* 2007;28(2):315-27.
- ZANNI, G.R.; WICK, J.Y. Telomeres: unlocking the mystery of cell division and aging. *Consult Pharm.* 2011; 26(2):78-90.

- ZEE, R.Y. et al. Mean leukocyte telomere length shortening and type 2 diabetes mellitus: a case-control study. *Transl Res.* 2010;155(4):166-9.
- ZEKRY, D. et al. Telomere length, comorbidity, functional, nutritional and cognitive status as predictors of 5 years post hospital discharge survival in the oldest old. *J Nutr Health Aging.* 201;16(3):225-30.
- ZELLA, L.A. et al. Vitamin D-binding protein influences total circulating levels of 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ but does not directly modulate the bioactive levels of the hormone in vivo. *Endocrinology.* 2008;149(7):3656-67.
- ZHAO, J. et al. Association between telomere length and type 2 diabetes mellitus: a meta-analysis. *PLoS One.* 2013;8(11):e79993.
- ZHANG, J. et al. Ageing and the telomere connection: An intimate relationship with inflammation. *Ageing Res Rev.* 2016; 25:55-69.
- ZHENG, Y.L. et al. Telomere attrition in cancer cells and telomere length in tumor stroma cells predict chromosome instability in esophageal squamous cell carcinoma: a genome-wide analysis. *Cancer Res.* 2009;69(4):1604-14.
- ZHOU, Y.; HAMBLY, B.D.; MCLACHLAN, C.S. FTO associations with obesity and telomere length. *J Biomed Sci.* 2017;24(1):65.
- ZHU, H. et al. Leukocyte telomere length in healthy Caucasian and African-American adolescents: relationships with race, sex, adiposity, adipokines, and physical activity. *J Pediatr.* 2011;158(2):215-20.
- ZHU, H. et al. Increased telomerase activity and vitamin D supplementation in overweight African Americans. *Int J Obes.* 2012;36(6):805-9.