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Telomere Length and Gut Microbiota: Integrating Advanced Glycation End Products (Ages) With Artificial Intelligence for Understanding Premature Aging

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Abstract: Premature aging is characterized by an accelerated decline in biological functions, increasing the risk of chronic diseases. This review explores the interconnected roles of three critical biomarkers: Telomere Length, gut microbiota composition, and Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs). These biomarkers exhibit bidirectional relationships, influencing one another and contributing to the aging process. Understanding their interplay provides valuable insights into the mechanisms underlying premature aging. Furthermore, this review discusses the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in integrating these biomarkers for predictive modelling and personalized anti-aging interventions. By analysing complex datasets, AI can identify patterns and correlations that inform targeted therapies. The combined analysis of telomere length, gut microbiota, and AGEs provides a framework for advancing research on premature aging and informing clinical interventions.

Keywords: Advanced Glycation, Biomarkers, Gut Microbiota, Premature Aging, Telomere Length

Introduction

Premature Aging: Mechanisms and Biomarkers Premature aging represents a complex and multifaceted phenomenon, characterized by an accelerated decline in biological and physiological functions that diverges significantly from the natural process of chronological aging (Ahern *et al.*, 2019). This advanced stage of aging can markedly increase susceptibility to an array of age-related diseases, including cardiovascular conditions, diabetes, and neurodegenerative disorders, positioning premature aging as a critical area of study in contemporary health research (Inamura *et al.*, 2022). Unlike normal aging, which unfolds gradually over time, premature aging manifests from the intricate interplay among various factors, including genetic predispositions, behavioral lifestyle choices, and environmental exposures. Understanding the underlying mechanisms and dynamics of this phenomenon is essential, particularly as they relate to the identification of key biomarkers (Treloar *et al.*, 2020). These biomarkers can provide valuable insights into the progression of aging and offer potential avenues for prevention and intervention in age-related pathologies.

Among the most prominent biomarkers associated with the aging process is telomere length, which has garnered significant attention for its vital role in maintaining chromosomal integrity (Sallam *et al.*, 2021). Telomeres are specialized structures located at the ends of chromosomes; they function as protective caps that preserve genetic information during cellular replication. Each time a cell divides, telomeres progressively shorten, a process that eventually leads to replicative senescence, wherein cells lose their ability to divide effectively (De Jesus *et al.*, 2021). This senescence can give rise to cellular apoptosis, or programmed cell death, as well as various forms of cellular dysfunction, ultimately contributing to tissue degeneration and the onset of numerous age-related diseases. Research has highlighted telomere length as a crucial indicator of both cellular aging and broader biological aging processes. Studies have shown that shorter telomeres are linked with increased risks of age-related disease and a general decline in health status (McCoubrey *et al.*, 2022).

In addition to telomere length, emerging research underscores the significant role of gut microbiota in the context of aging. The gut microbiota comprises a complex ecosystem of trillions of microorganisms residing in the gastrointestinal tract, playing crucial roles in modulating inflammation, metabolism, and immune responses (Nussinov *et al.*, 2022). Recent findings have substantiated the link between gut microbiota

composition and overall health, illustrating how dysbiosis, an imbalance in microbial populations, can lead to systemic inflammation and metabolic disturbances, both of which are known to exacerbate aging (Ahmed *et al.*, 2023). It is now well-established that gut microbiota can influence telomere length and longevity, as a balanced microbiome appears to mitigate oxidative stress and inflammation, contributing to greater cellular resilience against the aging process (Salvioli *et al.*, 2023).

Concurrently, Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs) have been recognized as another key contributor to the premature aging process. AGEs are harmful molecules that form through non-enzymatic reactions between sugars and proteins or lipids, leading to a significant accumulation of these compounds in various tissues over time (Sak & Suchodolska, 2021). The presence of AGEs is associated with oxidative stress and inflammatory responses, which can further instigate structural damage at the cellular level. The detrimental effects of AGEs have been implicated not only in the aging process but also in the progression of many age-associated diseases, positioning them as vital targets for therapeutic interventions (Chen *et al.*, 2023).

The engagement of these three biomarkers, telomere length, gut microbiota, and AGEs, offers a multifaceted lens through which to examine the complexities of premature aging (Carrieri *et al.*, 2021). Each biomarker contributes valuable insights, yet their interconnected roles illuminate shared biological pathways, such as inflammation and oxidative stress, which are central to the mechanisms driving aging. Recognizing the interdependence of these factors is crucial, as it can shed light on the complexities of the aging process and highlight opportunities for integrated research frameworks that capture their dynamic interplay.

Moreover, the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) represents a promising frontier in aging research. AI technologies have remarkable potential to revolutionize our understanding of the interactions between telomere length, gut microbiota, and AGEs by analyzing large datasets. Through AI-driven approaches, researchers can uncover previously hidden patterns and correlations within complex biological data that inform targeted treatment strategies (Marino *et al.*, 2023). Moreover, machine learning algorithms can predict biological age and identify individuals at risk of premature aging, supporting the development of personalized interventions tailored to individual biological profiles.

The integration of telomere length, gut microbiota, and AGEs into a unified framework for understanding aging could offer transformative insights. This approach could facilitate the development of novel strategies for prevention and intervention that target shared biological pathways, ultimately leading to improved health outcomes in aging populations (Schellnegger *et al.*, 2024). Future research efforts should prioritize the standardization of biomarker assessment methods and the execution of longitudinal studies to explore the effects of various interventions on these biomarkers, enhancing the ability to predict and mitigate the impacts of premature aging (Fernández-Navarro *et al.*, 2019).

Advanced research methodologies could further illuminate how these biomarkers interact synergistically. For instance, understanding the effects of lifestyle factors such as diet, exercise, and stress on telomere length and gut microbiota can help elucidate the connections among these variables. Additionally, targeted therapies focusing on AGE reduction, gut health restoration through the use of probiotics, and dietary modifications designed to reduce systemic inflammation could be developed based on these interconnected insights. The combined analysis of telomere length, gut microbiota, and AGEs provides a framework for advancing research on premature aging and informing clinical interventions. Future inquiries will not only deepen our understanding of the aging process but also expand the potential for personalized medicine approaches targeting age-related conditions, ultimately fostering healthier, longer lives (Cenni *et al.*, 2020).

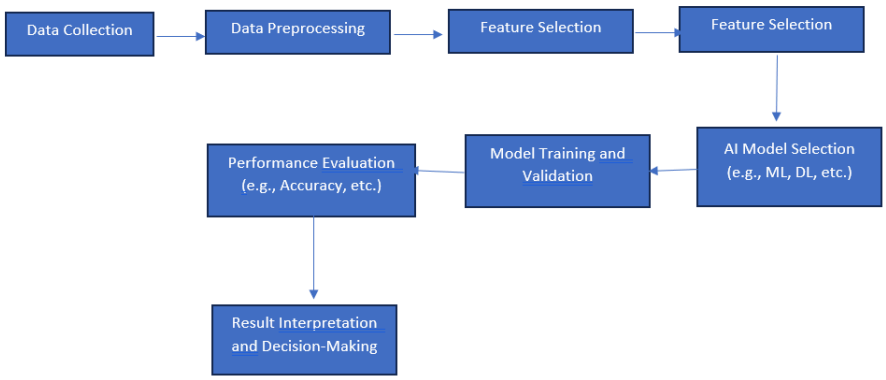

Fig. 1: AI Models for Aging Predictions

Figure 1 provides a visual representation of the various AI models employed for predicting aging outcomes, illustrating the overall methodological framework and outlining the sequential stages involved in their integration into aging research (Ghosh *et al.*, 2022). The description of these steps as illustrated in the diagram is provided below.

1. Data Collection: The first stage involves gathering diverse datasets related to aging, including demographic details, medical history, lifestyle factors, and genetic information. This step is crucial as the quality and breadth of data directly influence the accuracy of predictions.
2. Data Preprocessing: Once data is collected, it undergoes preprocessing, which involves cleaning, transforming, and formatting the information into a suitable structure for analysis. This ensures that the data is free from inconsistencies and is in a usable form.
3. Feature Selection: In this stage, the most relevant features or variables contributing to aging predictions are identified from the pre-processed data. This step is vital, as selecting pertinent features impacts the model's effectiveness and efficiency.
4. AI Model Selection: Researchers then choose an appropriate AI model for making aging predictions. This could involve various approaches, including Machine Learning (ML), Deep Learning (DL), or a Hybrid Model that combines elements from both methodologies (Sarker, 2022).
5. Model Training and Validation: The selected AI model is trained using the pre-processed data. During training, the model learns to identify patterns and relationships within the data. Validation is then conducted to assess the model's performance and ensure it generalizes well to new, unseen data.
6. Performance Evaluation: After training, the model is evaluated using specific metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and Mean Squared Error (MSE). These metrics help quantify the model's ability to make accurate predictions (Probul *et al.*, 2024).
7. Result Interpretation and Decision-Making: Finally, the results produced by the AI model are interpreted to inform decision-making. This stage involves translating the predictions into meaningful insights that can guide interventions or highlight individuals at risk of premature aging (Zhu *et al.*, 2024).

This comprehensive methodology not only elucidates the process of utilizing AI in aging predictions but also emphasizes the importance of each stage in ensuring accurate and reliable outcomes (Arora *et al.*, 2023).

Materials and Methods

To investigate the complex interplay among Telomere Length, gut microbiota, Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs), and their integration with artificial intelligence, a comprehensive systematic review was strategically designed. This review aims to synthesize and analyze the intricate relationships between these biomarkers and how artificial intelligence can facilitate understanding and intervention in aging processes.

Methodological Approach

The methodology adopted for this review was grounded in systematic research practices that ensure transparency, rigor, and reproducibility. In order to explore the interactions and correlations among Telomere Length, gut microbiota, and AGEs, the review employed a systematic approach that consisted of several critical stages.

Literature Search Strategy

A thorough literature search was conducted using recognized databases such as PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science. These platforms were selected due to their extensive collection of peer-reviewed articles in biomedical science, providing a reliable source of research related to aging and biomarkers. The search timeframe was defined as 2013 to 2023, deliberately chosen to reflect recent advancements in the understanding of telomere biology, gut microbiome research, and the role of AGEs in aging, as well as the evolving applications of artificial intelligence in these domains.

The search incorporated a strategic mix of keywords tailored to capture the relevant literature. The keywords employed included "Telomere Length," "gut microbiota", "advanced glycation end products", "premature aging" and "artificial intelligence". Boolean operators, such as AND and OR, were applied to refine the search parameters, ensuring that the resulting collection of studies was both broad enough to be inclusive yet focused enough to be meaningful in addressing the review's objectives.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

The selection of studies adhered to a set of well-defined inclusion criteria, which required that all articles be peer-reviewed and focus explicitly on Telomere Length, gut microbiota composition, or AGEs in the context of aging. This inclusion criterion ensured that only high-quality, relevant contributions were considered. Studies that explored the interactions among these biomarkers or incorporated artificial intelligence methodologies in their analyses were particularly valued, as they provided insights into the complex interplay that is critical to this review’s focus.

To maintain the integrity of the findings, exclusion criteria were also strictly enforced. These criteria eliminated studies lacking measurable outcomes directly related to the biomarkers of interest. Additionally, non-

peer-reviewed articles, editorials, opinion pieces, or commentaries were excluded from consideration. The implementation of these stringent criteria significantly refined the selection process, ensuring that the final dataset comprised studies offering actionable insights into telomeres, gut microbiota, AGEs, and their interconnections concerning premature aging.

Data Extraction and Synthesis

Following the selection of relevant literature, data extraction was carried out with meticulous attention to detail. This process focused on capturing essential information such as the type of biomarker studied, the methodologies employed for measurement or analysis, and the findings related to aging processes. Additionally, insights into interactions between telomeres, gut microbiota, and AGEs were highlighted, which are crucial for understanding their combined roles in the aging process.

The extracted data underwent a rigorous synthesis to identify trends and gaps within the current literature, thus providing a foundation for future research endeavors. Employing a systematic thematic analysis allowed the authors to organize findings based on common themes, such as the roles of chronic inflammation and oxidative stress in promoting aging.

Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Aging Research

One of the most notable aspects of this review is the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a transformative tool for enhancing our understanding of the biomarkers associated with premature aging. However, it is worth noting that while the review sets a framework for integrating AI methodologies, explicit details regarding the specific machine learning models, datasets, and algorithms utilized in the AI integration process were not fully addressed.

Methodological Rigor

To ensure methodological rigor, it is essential to specify the types of machine learning models considered during the review process. Examples include logistic regression, decision trees, support vector machines, and neural networks, which illustrate the breadth of techniques employed in aging research. The inclusion of details regarding relevant datasets, whether public or proprietary, provides crucial context. Information about the data source, sample size, and demographic characteristics is vital for replicability and for assessing the applicability of findings across diverse populations.

Furthermore, clarifying the approaches used to validate model accuracy strengthens the reliability of reported outcomes. Techniques such as k-fold cross-validation, which partitions the dataset into subsets to assess robustness, can be highlighted. Explicit discussion of these methodological elements enhances the credibility of the study and offers guidance for future research adopting AI methodologies in aging science.

AI Methodologies in Aging Predictions

AI Methodologies Overview

Artificial intelligence methodologies applied in aging predictions primarily encompass a range of Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) techniques; each selected according to the type of data and specific research objectives. The effectiveness of these models is strongly influenced by the datasets used for training. Notable examples include the Framingham Heart Study, which provides longitudinal cardiovascular health data valuable for aging predictions; the UK Biobank, which offers large-scale genetic, lifestyle, and health-related data; the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO), a public repository of gene expression data relevant to genetic aging analyses; the Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA), which integrates genomic and clinical data linking aging to cancer and other diseases; and the Stanford Aging Longevity Study, which provides biological and lifestyle data focused on aging and longevity. In terms of training approaches, supervised learning enables models to learn from labelled datasets with known outcomes, while unsupervised learning reveals inherent patterns in unlabelled aging data. Semi-supervised learning combines limited labelled data with larger unlabelled sets, and transfer learning leverages pre-trained models from related tasks to enhance performance when aging-specific datasets are scarce. To ensure robustness and generalizability, studies frequently employ validation techniques such as k-fold cross-validation, which partitions datasets into multiple subsets for repeated training and testing; Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation (LOOCV), particularly suitable for small datasets; stratified splits, which maintain class balance in imbalanced datasets; and Out-of-Bag (OOB) error estimation, commonly used in ensemble methods such as Random Forests to estimate accuracy without requiring a separate validation dataset. Together, these methodological choices highlight the diversity of AI strategies in aging research and the importance of aligning models, datasets, and validation techniques to specific research goals.

Addressing Remaining Methodological Gaps

While the methodology effectively captured a significant body of relevant literature, there are areas identified for improvement. One critical aspect is the importance of standardization in methods used to assess Telomere Length, gut microbiota composition, and AGE levels. Variability in measurement techniques has been noted to hinder cross-study comparisons and the reproducibility of findings. Establishing consistent protocols for these assessments is imperative to advance the field and facilitate meaningful comparisons among studies.

Additionally, the review emphasizes the need for longitudinal studies that evaluate how interventions targeting these biomarkers could affect aging trajectories over time. While cross-sectional data offers valuable insights based on snap-shot observations, only longitudinal research can uncover causal relationships and determine the long-term efficacy of therapies designed to impact the aging process.

Furthermore, the development and refinement of AI models capable of integrating diverse datasets remain a significant challenge. Current models often rely on limited or homogeneous datasets, which may not adequately capture the complexities of interactions among telomeres, gut microbiota, and AGEs. By broadening the scope of AI training datasets to include varied populations and environmental variables, researchers can enhance predictive accuracy and the applicability of findings.

The systematic review emphasizes the complex interactions among telomere length, gut microbiota, and Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs) as key factors contributing to premature aging. By integrating these biomarkers with the aid of artificial intelligence, a novel and dynamic framework is established to reveal the underlying mechanisms of aging. This approach focuses on common pathways such as inflammation and oxidative stress, offering not only potential solutions for mitigating the effects of premature aging but also strategies to enhance overall health outcomes. addressing the methodological gaps identified in this review will facilitate deeper investigations into these biomarkers, paving the way for innovative strategies in both aging research and clinical practice. Future studies should prioritize the standardization of biomarker assessment, conduct longitudinal research to evaluate intervention effects, and improve AI capabilities through the incorporation of diverse and comprehensive datasets. By implementing these measures, our understanding and management of premature aging can progress significantly. This review positions itself at the intersection of pioneering research in aging and the promising applications of artificial intelligence, contributing to both academic discussions and practical advancements in health and longevity. To investigate the relationships among telomere length, gut microbiota, and AGEs, we adopted a systematic methodology employing various Artificial Intelligence (AI) models. Table 1 provides a summary of specific AI models, datasets, and validation techniques used in the existing literature on aging predictions, offering a comprehensive overview of methodologies employed in this domain.

Table 1: Specific AI Models, Datasets, and Validation Techniques in Aging Predictions

No.	AI Model	Specific Implementation	Datasets/Applications	Validation Techniques
1	Random Forest	Breiman's Random Forest	Framingham Heart Study; UK Biobank	K-Fold Cross-Validation; Out-of-Bag (OOB) Error Estimation
2	Support Vector Machines (SVM)	Radial Basis Function (RBF) Kernel	Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO); Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)	Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation (LOOCV); Grid Search for Hyperparameter Tuning
3	Deep Neural Network (DNN)	Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)	Stanford Aging Longevity Study; Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA)	Stratified Splits for Validation; ROC Curve Analysis
4	Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)	Pretrained Models	ImageNet; Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI); Histopathological Imaging Datasets	K-Fold Cross-Validation; Confusion Matrix Analysis
5	Gradient Boosting Machines (GBMs)	XGBoost	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES); Health and Retirement Study (HRS)	Bootstrap Resampling; Feature Importance Analysis
6	Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)	Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)	Electronic Health Records (EHR); National Inpatient Sample (NIS)	Time-Series Cross-Validation; Time-Based Split Validation
7	Bayesian Networks	Netica Software Implementation	Population Health Survey Data; Clinical Trial Data	Bayesian Model Checking; Posterior Predictive Checks

Artificial intelligence (AI) models play diverse roles in aging research, each offering distinct advantages depending on the type of data and research objectives. Random Forests, for example, are powerful ensemble learning methods capable of handling high-dimensional data, making them especially suitable for complex biological datasets. Support Vector Machines (SVMs) are particularly effective for classification tasks, such as distinguishing between healthy and at-risk individuals based on biomarker profiles. More advanced architectures, such as Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) and Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLPs), capture nonlinear relationships within data, enabling nuanced insights into aging processes, while Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) excel in image analysis tasks relevant to morphological assessments of aging tissues. Similarly, Gradient Boosting Machines (GBMs), including XGBoost, provide highly accurate predictions by combining weak learners, whereas Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), especially Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models, are well-suited for analyzing sequential data such as time-series health records. Probabilistic approaches like Bayesian Networks further enrich this toolkit by modeling dependencies and potential causal

relationships among multiple aging factors. The reliability of these models is closely tied to the datasets used for training; characteristics such as sample size, participant demographics, health status, and geographic diversity strongly influence generalizability and relevance to specific biomarkers. To ensure robustness, researchers employ rigorous validation techniques, including K-Fold Cross-Validation for balanced model testing and Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation for small datasets. Complementary methods such as Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve analysis, Out-of-Bag error estimation, and feature importance analysis provide critical performance metrics that not only safeguard against overfitting but also clarify the clinical interpretability of AI predictions. A more detailed discourse on these methodologies enhances transparency, credibility, and reproducibility, thereby fostering more meaningful academic dialogue and practical application of AI in advancing health and longevity.

Results

The results of this review emphasize the distinct yet interconnected roles of Telomere Length, gut microbiota, and Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs) in premature aging.

Telomere Length

Telomere Length has consistently been identified as a reliable marker of cellular aging. Telomeres, which function as protective caps at the ends of chromosomes, gradually shorten with each cell division. This process is exacerbated by oxidative stress and chronic inflammation, both of which are hallmarks of age-related diseases (Razgonova *et al.*, 2020). Reliable methods for assessing Telomere Length, including quantitative PCR and Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH), have provided robust tools for linking telomere attrition to premature aging.

Gut Microbiota

The gut microbiota has been revealed to have a profound impact on systemic health, particularly through its regulatory roles in metabolism, inflammation, and immune function. Dysbiosis, characterized by reduced microbial diversity and altered microbial composition, is associated with systemic inflammation and oxidative stress, key contributors to premature aging (Zhao *et al.*, 2023). Advances in gut profiling techniques, such as 16S rRNA sequencing and shotgun metagenomics, have enabled detailed characterizations of the gut microbiome, providing valuable insights into its relationship with aging.

Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs)

AGEs, harmful compounds formed during the glycation of proteins and lipids, have emerged as significant contributors to premature aging. Their accumulation over time accelerates tissue stiffening, vascular dysfunction, and systemic inflammation, which drive the aging process (Twarda-Clapa *et al.*, 2022). Measurement techniques, including skin autofluorescence and biochemical assays, have been instrumental in linking AGE accumulation to age-related pathologies.

Interactions Among Telomeres, Gut Microbiota, and AGEs

The interactions between Telomere Length, gut microbiota, and Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs) are pivotal for understanding the complex mechanisms driving premature aging. Dysbiosis, which refers to an imbalance in the gut microbiota composition, has been shown to significantly heighten systemic inflammation in the body, acting as a key contributor to the accelerated shortening of telomeres. When telomeres shorten, it leads to cellular damage and dysfunction that are characteristic of aging and age-related diseases, such as cardiovascular conditions, diabetes, and neurodegenerative disorders (Ren *et al.*, 2023). Therefore, dysbiosis not only affects gut health but also contributes to broader systemic consequences that propagate the aging process.

Conversely, maintaining a healthy gut microbiota offers protective benefits that are crucial in staving off the aging process. Beneficial gut bacteria, such as Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium, produce short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) during the fermentation of dietary fibers. These SCFAs play a vital role in reducing inflammation and have been associated with the protection of telomeres. Specifically, SCFAs can inhibit pro-inflammatory cytokines and enhance the production of anti-inflammatory mediators, thereby mitigating inflammation that could otherwise lead to telomere attrition (Ragonnaud & Biragyn, 2021). By preserving Telomere Length, SCFAs potentially slow down the aging process, underscoring the importance of dietary choices that support a healthy microbiota.

However, the relationship among these entities does not end there. Advanced glycation end products (AGEs) are harmful compounds formed through non-enzymatic reactions between sugars and proteins or lipids, particularly in conditions of metabolic dysfunction. The accumulation of AGEs in various tissues can promote oxidative stress and inflammation, exacerbating dysbiosis. This creates a detrimental feedback loop: oxidative stress linked to AGEs can disrupt microbial balance, which in turn leads to increased inflammation and accelerated telomere shortening. This cycle further complicates our understanding of aging, revealing how interconnected these biomarkers are in influencing biological aging processes. Moreover, exploring the dynamics of these interactions offers significant insights for developing effective interventions aimed at mitigating premature aging and improving health

outcomes (Wang *et al.*, 2024). Clinical research can benefit from investigating these interconnected pathways, focusing on how specific dietary interventions, pro-prebiotic treatments, or lifestyle modifications that support gut health can act as potential therapies to protect Telomere Length. Future studies should delve deeper into this intricate interplay and seek empirical validation through experimental and observational studies, aiming to uncover the precise mechanisms at work. By achieving a clearer understanding of how telomeres, gut microbiota, and AGEs influence each other, researchers can establish new paradigms and strategies for promoting healthy aging and reducing the risk of age-related diseases.

The findings highlight significant interconnections among telomere length, gut microbiota, and AGEs, suggesting potential directions for future research and therapeutic applications. The discussion emphasizes the interplay between telomere length, gut microbiota composition, and Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs), demonstrating that these factors do not act in isolation but influence one another in complex ways. For instance, telomere attrition can be exacerbated by systemic inflammation arising from dysbiosis or AGE accumulation, whereas a healthy gut microbiota may mitigate oxidative stress and indirectly support telomere integrity (Firouzjaei & Aghaee-Bakhtiari, 2025). Similarly, the accumulation of AGEs creates conditions that promote oxidative damage, disrupt microbial balance, and accelerate telomere shortening. These interdependencies highlight the need for an integrated research framework capable of capturing the dynamic relationships among aging biomarkers. Such a perspective is essential for the development of targeted therapeutic strategies and personalized interventions, ultimately advancing efforts to prevent premature aging and improve overall health outcomes.

Artificial Intelligence Applications

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative tool for integrating these biomarkers. AI-based predictive models have demonstrated the capability to combine telomere, microbiota, and AGE data to predict biological age and premature aging risks. Machine learning approaches have uncovered novel microbial species and metabolites associated with telomere maintenance, AI-based models have identified novel microbial species and metabolites associated with telomere maintenance, which may inform biomarker discovery and targeted prevention strategies (Meng *et al.*, 2024). Furthermore, AI-driven personalized interventions, such as tailored diets and therapies, have shown promise in enhancing gut health and mitigating AGE accumulation, offering targeted strategies for preventing premature aging.

Table 2: AI Integration of Key Biomarkers in Aging

Component	Description	Interactions	AI Role
Telomere Length	Protective chromosome caps that shorten with cellular aging and stress	Shortening accelerated by oxidative stress and inflammation; indirectly influenced by gut microbiota	Analyzes biomarker data to estimate biological age; predicts aging risk; guides targeted interventions
Gut Microbiota Composition	Microbial populations affecting immune and metabolic health	Dysbiosis accelerates inflammation and oxidative stress; beneficial microbes produce anti-inflammatory SCFAs	Profiles microbiota diversity and function; identifies dysbiosis patterns; recommends microbiota-targeted therapies
Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs)	Harmful compounds formed during metabolic glycation	Accumulate during metabolic dysfunction; promote oxidative stress, inflammation, and dysbiosis; accelerate tissue damage	Quantifies AGE levels (biochemical assays, autofluorescence); assesses impact on aging and disease risk
Shared Pathways	Inflammation and oxidative stress linking biomarkers	Drive aging through interconnected feedback loops across telomere, microbiota, and AGE pathways	Integrates multi-biomarker datasets; uncovers hidden interactions; models pathway dynamics
AI Integration	Advanced analytical tools combining biomarker data	Synthesizes telomere, microbiota, and AGE interactions for predictive modeling	Conducts machine learning for pattern recognition; predicts biological age and health risks; personalizes interventions; monitors outcomes

Interplay between Telomere Length, Gut Microbiota, and AGEs in Premature Aging

- Telomere Length: Shortening of telomeres leads to cellular aging and increased susceptibility to oxidative stress and inflammation.
- Influenced by: Lifestyle factors (diet, stress, exercise), genetics, and environmental factors.
- Gut Microbiota: Imbalance of gut microbiota (dysbiosis) contributes to inflammation, oxidative stress, and premature aging.
- Influenced by: Diet, lifestyle, antibiotics, and environmental factors.
- Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs): Accumulation of AGEs accelerates oxidative stress, inflammation, and tissue damage.
- Influenced by: Diet (high sugar, high fat), lifestyle, and environmental factors.

Interactions between Biomarkers

- Telomere Length and Gut Microbiota: Dysbiosis can accelerate telomere shortening, while healthy

gut microbiota can support telomere integrity.
- Gut Microbiota and AGEs: Dysbiosis can contribute to AGE accumulation, while certain gut microbes may help mitigate AGE effects.
- AGEs and Telomere Length: AGE accumulation can accelerate telomere shortening and cellular aging.

AI Integration

- Predictive Modeling: AI combines data from telomere length, gut microbiota composition, and AGE levels to predict biological age and premature aging risks.
- Personalized Interventions: AI-driven analysis enables tailored recommendations for lifestyle modifications, dietary changes, and therapeutic interventions.

Table 2 encapsulates how each biomarker operates, interacts, and is analysed through AI for advancing the understanding and management of premature aging.

Discussion

The integration of telomere length, gut microbiota, and Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs) provides a structured framework for examining premature aging. These biomarkers, although informative when studied individually, converge through shared pathways such as systemic inflammation and oxidative stress that contribute to biological decline (López-Otín *et al.*, 2013). Recognizing their interdependence is important. For instance, telomere shortening may be accelerated by inflammation resulting from dysbiosis or AGE accumulation, whereas a balanced gut microbiota can mitigate oxidative stress and help preserve telomere integrity (Gerya *et al.*, 2015). Conversely, excessive AGE accumulation amplifies oxidative stress, disrupts microbial balance, and accelerates telomere attrition.

Artificial intelligence (AI) enhances the clinical value of this integrative biomarker approach by combining data on telomere dynamics, microbial composition, and AGE levels to identify individuals at risk of premature aging, enabling early detection and targeted interventions (Xu and Knight, 2015). Practical applications include therapies such as AGE inhibitors, probiotics that restore microbial balance, and dietary strategies aimed at reducing systemic inflammation (Singer *et al.*, 2020).

Despite these advances, challenges remain. The absence of standardized measurement protocols across biomarkers limits comparability and reproducibility. To address this gap, researchers are applying AI-driven predictive models such as support vector machines, random forests, and deep neural networks which integrate genetic, microbiological, and biochemical data into biological age profiles (Vadapalli *et al.*, 2022). These models improve predictive accuracy and aid biomarker discovery by identifying novel microbial species, metabolites, and molecular signatures associated with aging, particularly those linked to inflammation and oxidative stress. Importantly, AI-based frameworks also support early risk stratification and the design of personalized interventions ranging from lifestyle modifications to pharmacological therapies.

In summary, the AI-enabled integration of telomere length, gut microbiota, and AGEs strengthens the precision of aging predictions, provides mechanistic insights, and establishes a foundation for future intervention research (Qu *et al.*, 2019). A comparative perspective on telomere-focused and microbiota-focused approaches highlights their distinct mechanisms and complementary potential, offering guidance for developing effective clinical strategies to promote healthy aging.

Mechanisms of Action

Telomeres, the protective caps at the ends of chromosomes, progressively shorten with each cell division, a process that can be accelerated by oxidative stress, chronic inflammation, and adverse lifestyle choices. Excessive shortening contributes to cellular senescence and the onset of age-related diseases, making telomere maintenance a key target in aging research. Interventions in this area include antioxidant supplementation (vitamins C and E), lifestyle modifications such as regular physical activity and balanced diets, and pharmacological approaches like telomerase activators that aim to preserve or extend telomere length. These strategies collectively seek to reduce cellular senescence, enhance regenerative potential, and delay degenerative conditions. At the same time, the gut microbiota plays a central role in regulating metabolism, immune responses, and systemic inflammation, with dysbiosis an imbalance in microbial composition being strongly associated with chronic inflammation and metabolic dysfunction that accelerate aging. Interventions designed to restore microbial balance include probiotics, prebiotics, fibre-rich diets, and, in more advanced cases, faecal microbiota transplantation. By improving microbial diversity and stability, these strategies can mitigate systemic inflammation, strengthen immune function, and promote healthier aging trajectories. Together, telomere-focused and microbiota-focused interventions underscore distinct yet complementary mechanisms for addressing biological aging, and their integration provides valuable insights into comprehensive strategies for fostering longevity and healthier outcomes (Chen *et al.*, 2021).

Effectiveness and Outcomes

Studies suggest that lifestyle factors such as diet and physical activity can positively influence telomere length, although the effectiveness of pharmacological interventions remains inconclusive, with some telomerase activators showing promise in preclinical studies but lacking consistent clinical outcomes. The

success of telomere-focused strategies is generally evaluated through changes in telomere length, cellular senescence markers, and overall health indicators, though their long-term impact on age-related diseases is still under investigation. In parallel, evidence for microbiota-focused interventions is steadily growing, with probiotics, dietary modifications, and faecal microbiota transplantation demonstrating improvements in gut health, metabolic regulation, and inflammatory markers, albeit with variable efficacy across individuals. Outcomes in this area are typically assessed through measures of microbial diversity, the prevalence of specific microbial populations, and improvements in immune function, metabolic health, and overall wellbeing, with successful interventions potentially reducing the risk of age-related disorders. Clinically, telomere-based approaches hold the potential to advance regenerative medicine and enhance longevity, but challenges remain in standardizing measurement techniques, clarifying the long-term effects of telomerase activators, and developing practical therapeutic applications. Similarly, microbiota-based approaches offer a flexible means of addressing systemic inflammation and metabolic dysfunction, yet the complexity of microbial interactions, inter-individual variability, and the uncertain durability of intervention effects highlight the need for tailored strategies and cautious application. To move beyond preliminary findings, longitudinal studies are urgently required to evaluate how interventions targeting telomeres and the gut microbiota influence aging trajectories over time, as cross-sectional research can only provide limited snapshots, whereas longitudinal data are essential for establishing causal relationships and confirming long-term therapeutic efficacy (Calabrese *et al.*, 2022). To further contextualize these findings, key AI-driven studies that explore telomere, microbiota, and other biomarker interactions are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Summary of Key AI-Based Studies in Aging Biomarker Research

Study	AI Methodology	Biomarkers Examined	Main Findings	Implications
Nussinov *et al*. (2022)	Machine Learning (ML) Algorithms	Telomere length, gene expression	Developed predictive models linking telomere attrition to gene expression profiles in aging cells	Suggests new molecular targets for interventions aimed at telomere protection
Karakan *et al*. (2022)	Deep Learning	Gut microbiota composition	Identified specific microbial species associated with telomere dynamics	Supports biomarker discovery and links microbial diversity to telomere health

Table 4: Applications of AI and Biomarker-Based Approaches in Aging Research

Study	Method/Model	Focus	Key Findings	Implications
Salvioli *et al*. (2023)	Regression Models	AGEs and inflammatory markers	Found correlations between AGE levels and systemic inflammation in aging	Highlights the role of inflammation in aging-related diseases using AI-based statistical models
Razgonova *et al*. (2020)	Neural Networks	Oxidative stress biomarkers	Developed a model predicting oxidative stress from blood biomarkers	Supports the potential of AI for early identification of oxidative stress in aging
Twarda-Clapa *et al*. (2022)	Ensemble Learning	Multiple aging biomarkers	Created a composite aging risk score with high predictive accuracy	Promotes a multifaceted AI-based approach to aging risk assessment
Meng *et al*. (2024)	Natural Language Processing (NLP)	Literature on aging biomarkers	Extracted and categorized key findings and gaps in biomarker research	Facilitates identification of emerging trends and future research priorities
Bellando-Randone *et al*. (2021)	Clustering Algorithms	Telomere and microbiota profiles	Identified subgroups of aging phenotypes using clustering techniques	Aids in tailoring personalized interventions for different population subgroups
Xu and Knight (2015)	AI-Driven Predictive Modeling	Combination of multiple biomarkers	Integrated biomarkers to predict biological age with higher accuracy than chronological age	Emphasizes the potential of AI for precise aging assessments and targeted interventions

Tables 3 and 4 highlight how AI-driven approaches are reshaping the study of aging biomarkers by moving beyond descriptive analysis toward predictive, integrative, and clinically relevant applications. The studies in Table 3 show how machine learning and deep learning have uncovered novel molecular and microbial signatures linking telomere attrition with gene expression profiles and associating specific microbial species with telomere dynamics. These findings emphasize AI's role in biomarker discovery and its potential to reveal intervention targets that traditional methods might overlook.

Expanding on this, the studies in Table 4 demonstrate how diverse AI techniques from regression models and neural networks to ensemble learning, clustering, and natural language processing have been applied across multiple biomarker domains, including AGEs, oxidative stress indicators, and composite biomarker profiles. Collectively, these approaches illustrate the ability of AI to stratify biological aging risks, identify subgroups of aging phenotypes, and provide tailored recommendations for preventive or therapeutic interventions (Bellando-Randone *et al.*, 2021).

Taken together, Tables 3 and 4 underscore a critical shift in aging research: AI is not only improving predictive accuracy but also deepening mechanistic insights and enabling translation into precision health strategies. By integrating heterogeneous datasets across telomere biology, gut microbiota, oxidative stress, and glycation pathways, AI models create a more comprehensive framework for understanding premature aging. This synthesis highlights the transformative potential of AI to inform both scientific discovery and personalized medicine in the context of aging (Karakan *et al.*, 2022).

Incorporation of Real-World AI Case Studies

One of the most impactful ways to enhance the methodology section is to introduce specific case studies demonstrating real-world applications of AI in aging research. An initial area of exploration can focus on studies that have effectively employed machine learning algorithms to predict telomere attrition (Chen *et al.*, 2020). These algorithms analyze comprehensive datasets, which encompass genetic, lifestyle, and environmental factors influencing Telomere Length. By identifying complex patterns within such datasets, AI can predict individuals' risks for accelerated aging and age-related diseases based on telomere dynamics (Theodorakis *et al.*, 2024). For example, a study might detail how researchers used machine learning to analyze a cohort of older adults, correlating their lifestyle choices such as diet, physical activity, and psychosocial stressors,with measured Telomere Lengths. Through this analysis, researchers could find that increased physical activity and lower levels of chronic stress are associated with longer telomeres. By incorporating specific numbers and findings from these case studies, the methodology section gains credibility and relevance, providing a concrete basis for the ongoing discourse on aging.

In addition to telomere attrition, there is a growing body of literature demonstrating AI’s significant role in predicting gut dysbiosis, an imbalance of gut microbiota that can further exacerbate aging-related ailments. Several research projects have developed AI models that analyze gut microbiota composition and diversity, correlating these findings with various health outcomes in aging populations (Pepke *et al.*, 2024). By employing predictive analytics, these studies can identify microbial signatures indicative of dysbiosis, enabling timely and effective interventions designed to restore microbial balance before significant health declines occur. For example, researchers have developed a machine learning algorithm specifically to analyze stool samples from older adults. This model classifies the microbial communities present in the samples, enabling the identification of individuals at heightened risk for diseases associated with dysbiosis, such as inflammatory bowel disease or metabolic syndrome. By incorporating these specific data points and case studies, the methodology section can provide a more comprehensive understanding of how AI is applied in practical scenarios, thereby enriching the review's depth and significance.

To strengthen the methodology section further, it is crucial to include concrete case studies that illustrate the real-world applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in aging research. One significant area of focus is the use of machine learning algorithms to predict telomere attrition, a vital marker of biological aging. For instance, one study utilized a machine learning model to assess a cohort of older adults, examining how their lifestyle choices such as dietary habits, physical activity levels, and psychosocial stressors, correlated with measured telomere lengths (Jiminez *et al.*, 2023). The findings revealed that higher physical activity and lower chronic stress were associated with longer telomeres. These results underscore the potential of AI to predict individual risks for accelerated aging and age-related diseases based on telomere dynamics. Additionally, a growing body of literature highlights AI's role in predicting gut dysbiosis, an imbalance in gut microbiota that can worsen aging-related health issues. Several research projects have adopted AI models to analyze the composition and diversity of gut microbiota, correlating these aspects with various health outcomes in aging populations (Christou, 2023). By integrating these specific data points and illustrative case studies into the methodology section, the review enhances its credibility and relevance, providing a robust empirical foundation for discussions around aging while highlighting AI's transformative potential in this vital research domain.

Success Stories of AI-Driven Interventions

A critical area for exploration is the success stories of AI-driven interventions within aging research. One compelling application of AI involves developing personalized dietary recommendations rooted in the analysis of gut microbiota and Telomere Length data. Here, researchers have constructed AI-based systems that tailor dietary plans to account for individual microbiome profiles and overall health metrics. These sophisticated systems evaluate current dietary habits and nutritional intake alongside existing gut conditions, generating customized dietary recommendations designed to enhance gut health and potentially contribute to longer telomeres.

For example, some programs may turn to the databases of dietary habits among older adults to correlate specific foods with improved gut health. In practice, interventions could target dietary components that promote healthy microbiota, such as prebiotics and probiotics, and discourage foods high in sugars, which can contribute to AGE accumulation (Mortazavi & Gutierrez-Osuna, 2023). When individual dietary profiles are matched with health data using AI, it becomes possible to generate actionable recommendations that could significantly impact aging processes and health outcomes.

Furthermore, the potential of AI can be exemplified in interventions aimed at reducing Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs). Many researchers have employed AI algorithms to analyze relationships between dietary intake and AGE accumulation in older individuals. Through this analysis, innovative approaches can be derived that offer dietary changes tailored to minimize AGE exposure and consumption. Notably, identifying specific diets or foods that correlate with reduced AGE levels could allow healthcare providers and individuals to implement evidence-based dietary strategies directed at slowing the aging process (Sosa-Holwerda *et al.*, 2024). Additionally, a study could detail how certain types of cuisines, such as Mediterranean diets rich in antioxidants, demonstrate lower AGE accumulation in populations as predicted by AI models. This illustrates a tangible example of how AI-driven dietary interventions can offer personalized strategies to combat premature aging, thus enhancing the potential for better health outcomes in aging individuals.

Addressing Limitations of AI in Aging Research

While the potential of AI in aging research is substantial, addressing current limitations remains vital for promoting advancements in this field. One major hurdle to consider is the availability and quality of data. Many AI models rely extensively on vast datasets to train algorithms effectively. However, significant limits exist concerning data availability, particularly for diverse populations, which can hinder the contextual applicability of findings.

For instance, while a model developed on a homogenous group may demonstrate high predictive accuracy, its application to a broader, more diverse population may yield less reliable results. Addressing this limitation requires a concerted effort to improve data collection methodologies and foster collaborations between research institutions worldwide, thereby broadening the spectrum of available datasets.

Simultaneously, ethical considerations surrounding AI in aging research warrant thorough examination. Privacy concerns regarding individual health data, informed consent protocols, and potential algorithmic biases must be carefully managed. The potential misuse of AI applications could lead to discrimination or stigmatization of certain populations based on the outcomes predicted by AI models. Ensuring ethical frameworks and guidelines are established will help mitigate risks associated with AI applications in aging research, ultimately fostering trust among the various stakeholders, including researchers, policymakers, and the general public.

Finally, the development of AI models capable of integrating diverse datasets remains a key challenge. Current models often rely on limited or homogeneous datasets, which may not capture the complexity of interactions among telomeres, gut microbiota, and AGEs. Expanding the scope of AI training datasets to include diverse populations and environmental variables will enhance predictive accuracy and broaden the applicability of findings.

Conclusion

This review underscores the complex interactions among telomere length, gut microbiota, and Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs) as key factors in premature aging. The combined analysis of these biomarkers, supported by artificial intelligence, offers a structured framework for advancing understanding of aging mechanisms and informing the development of personalized interventions. By focusing on shared pathways such as inflammation and oxidative stress, this integrated approach may contribute to reducing the impact of premature aging and enhancing health outcomes. Future research should emphasize the standardization of biomarker assessment techniques, the conduct of longitudinal studies to evaluate intervention effects, and the refinement of AI methods using diverse and comprehensive datasets. These efforts will strengthen the evidence base and support the design of more effective strategies for aging research and clinical practice.

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