Synopsis of Original Research Paper

Role of mitochondria in skin senescence

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We previously identified a mitochondrial ubiquitin ligase MITOL, whose dysfunction causes production of reactive oxygen species from mitochondria. Here, we generated keratinocyte–specific MITOL-deficient mice and examined the relationship between MITOL and ageing. Interestingly, MITOL-deficient mice revealed typical senescence-associated skin phenotypes. Our results provide novel insight into how mitochondrial function controls ageing.