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*Your guide to a personalized skincare routine*

# SKIN PANEL



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# Introduction

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Have you ever wondered what your true skin tone is? And how much damage will the sun cause to your skin? The skin is the largest sensory organ in the body and the most noticed! There are numerous external factors like the environment and your skincare routine that affect your skin, but underneath that, there is a significant association with your genes.

About 2 million years ago, early hominids shed their hair and exposed their pale skin to the sun-drenched savanna of Africa. Natural selection favored those with darker skin tone as it protected against the UV radiation that caused cancer. About 50,000 to 100,000 years ago, our ancestors who migrated to Northern Climates did not need the protection and evolved their pale skin back. In regions with less sunshine, there was a natural selection for lighter skin, as it meant that they were able to absorb more sunlight to make vitamin D.

Science has shown that every person is unique, and the care required by their skin is different. Analyzing your genetic data will provide practical information that your dermatologist can use to develop a personalized skincare routine.

Some interesting facts about genes and skin.

- **8 sites in the human genome are associated with 30% variation in skin pigmentation**
- **81% of acne prevalence is influenced by genes**
- **A first degree relative with acne increases your risk for it by 4 times**
- **The age at which you notice wrinkles and their severity depend on certain genes**
- **60% of skin aging is influenced by genes**
- **20 to 30% of atopic dermatitis patients have an FLG gene variation**
- **A person who has a sibling with psoriasis is 4 to 6 times more likely to get it**
- **The risk of developing varicose veins is 90% for children with affected parents.**

Gene variations are partly responsible for skin type. Other factors include environmental triggers, stress and diet.

In this report, we profile genes associated with the risk for various skin conditions and signs of skin damage.

We hope this report helps you better understand your skin and nourish and protect your skin based on your genes to showcase healthier skin.

# Introduction

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**Skin health is a complex interplay between genetics and the environment (lifestyle, diet, activity, stress, etc.). Your genes and the environment that you are exposed to both play a vital role in your well-being.**

This report is presented in a user-friendly language and format. The following tips will help you get the best information value out of the report.

## **1. The word "likely" is used often in the report. What does it mean?**

People generally know that high cholesterol can lead to heart conditions. However, some individuals with high cholesterol may not develop heart disease. Similarly, smoking can lead to lung disease, but not always. Hence, certain genetic parameters can lead to certain outcomes, but other factors may modify the outcome. "Likely" means it is more likely that one will see the outcome, but other factors may modify it.

## **2. What does the term "moderate" mean in the report?**

Moderate implies neither high nor low, rather an intermediate or an average outcome. For example, a moderate likelihood for wrinkles is intermediate between high and low likelihood.

## **3. How do I know which result applies to me?**

Only results with a check mark (✓) or exclamation (!) apply to you. The others are not applicable. All possible outcomes are provided in the table to provide a context to your outcome.




## **4. Where did the information contained in the report come from?**





The genetic markers used in this report are based on scientific studies published in international journals. A list of references is available to read on our web blog.





## **5. Some sentences are colored in green, some in brown, and others in red; why?**





Low risk for a specific condition is indicated in green while a high risk, is highlighted in red. Moderate or Neutral outcomes are indicated in brown (or orange).

# YOUR SUMMARY RESULTS

Trait Name	Your Result	Your Outcomes
<p><b>Wrinkles</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for premature wrinkles <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>High risk of premature wrinkles</p> <p>Medium risk of premature wrinkles</p> <p>Low risk of premature wrinkles</p>
<p><b>Droopy Eyelids</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for droopy eyelids <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>High risk of droopy eyelids</p> <p>Medium risk of droopy eyelids</p> <p>Low risk of droopy eyelids</p>
<p><b>Sun Spots (Lentigines)</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for sun spots <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>High risk of sun spots</p> <p>Medium risk of sun spots</p> <p>Low risk of sun spots</p>

<p><b>Tanning Response</b> Genetic variations that influence tanning ability <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p>
<p><b>Freckles</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for freckles <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p>
<p><b>Glycation</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for excessive skin glycation <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p>
<p><b>Excessive Sweating</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for excessive sweating <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p> <p>Highly variable across populations</p>

<p><b>Cellulite</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for cellulite <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Cellulite Risk</p> <p>Cellulite Risk</p> <p>Cellulite Risk</p>
<p><b>Stretch Marks (Striae Distensae)</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for stretch marks <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Stretch Marks Risk</p> <p>Stretch Marks Risk</p> <p>Stretch Marks Risk</p>
<p><b>Varicose Veins</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for varicose veins <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Varicose Veins Risk</p> <p>Varicose Veins Risk</p> <p>Varicose Veins Risk</p>
<p><b>Antioxidant Levels</b> Genetic variations that influence antioxidant requirements <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Antioxidant Levels Risk</p> <p>Antioxidant Levels Risk</p> <p>Antioxidant Levels Risk</p>

<p><b>Acne</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for severe acne <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Genetic variations that influence the risk for severe acne</p>
<p><b>Eczema (Atopic Dermatitis)</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for atopic dermatitis <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Genetic variations that influence the risk for atopic dermatitis</p>
<p><b>Contact Dermatitis</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for contact dermatitis <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Genetic variations that influence the risk for contact dermatitis</p>
<p><b>Psoriasis</b> Genetic variations that influence the risk for psoriasis <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>		<p>Genetic variations that influence the risk for psoriasis</p>





## WRINKLES

**Moderate: Moderately likely to have premature wrinkles.**

Wrinkles are a sign of skin aging and are caused by various factors such as genetics, skin pigmentation, dehydration, UV exposure, smoking, and alcohol abuse. They are accompanied by the natural aging process and occur when collagen and elastin in the skin

### Recommendations:

- You have a moderate genetic tendency to have premature wrinkles.
- If you have premature wrinkles, consult a dermatologist.
- Drink plenty of water. Properly hydrated skin looks younger and is less likely to produce

**Genes Analyzed:** AHR, IRF4, SHC4, SLC45A2, STXBP5L

**Number of Gene Markers Found:** 5

**Number of Gene Markers Analyzed:**9



## DROOPY EYELIDS

**Moderate: Moderately likely to have droopy eyelids.**

Droopy eyelids or ptosis is a condition where there's a sagging of the upper eyelid causing it to droop downwards. The edge of the upper eyelid is either lower than it should be or has excess baggy skin. It can be congenital or caused due to age, certain health conditions,

### Recommendations:

- You have a moderate genetic tendency to have droopy eyelids.
- Use a moisturizer every day. Moisturizing your skin will keep it healthy and hydrated, which in turn will help prevent droopy eyelids.

**Genes Analyzed:** INTERGENIC, MACROH2A2 (H2AFY2)

**Number of Gene Markers Found:** 6

**Number of Gene Markers Analyzed:**8



## **SUN SPOTS (LENTIGINES)**

**Moderate: Moderately likely to have sun spots.**

Sun spots, also known as solar lentigines, are darkened spots on the skin resulting from prolonged exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation. It results in increased production of melanocytes (pigment-producing skin cells) and accumulation of melanin. Sun spots are very common, especially in those who are 40 years and older and women. People with

### **Recommendations:**

- You have a moderate genetic tendency to have sun spots.
- Use sunscreen with a broad-spectrum protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher every day.
- Try to reduce stepping out during peak sunlight hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

**Genes Analyzed:** BNC2, MFSD12, IRF4, MC1R, CDKN2B-AS1, PPARGC1B, RALY/ASIP, LINC01877, NONE

**Number of Gene Markers Found:** 11

**Number of Gene Markers Analyzed:**11



## TANNING RESPONSE

**Moderate: Moderately likely to get tanned easily.**

Tanning is a response to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation resulting in increased melanin production. This darkens the skin and protects it from damage due to UV rays. Those with difficulty tanning are at higher risk of sunburn, sun spots, wrinkles, folate loss, and

### Recommendations:

- You have a moderate genetic tendency to get tanned easily.
- Wear sunscreen every day, even when you are not going out in the sun, and reapply it every two hours

**Genes Analyzed:** IRF4, TRPS1, RALY/ASIP, TPCN2, ASIP, HERC2 (OCA2), SLC24A4, EMX2, BNC2, TYRP1, PA2G4P4, RIPK5, SLC45A2, KIAA0930, KITLG, ATP11A, TYR, MC1R, DCT, PDE4B, PPARGC1B

**Number of Gene Markers Found:** 25

**Number of Gene Markers Analyzed:**28



## FRECKLES

**Low: Less likely to have freckles.**

Freckles, also known as ephelides, are small brown spots commonly found on the face and neck. It occurs due to the overproduction of melanin (skin pigment) when exposed to ultraviolet rays from the sun. Freckles are harmless and are more common among

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### Recommendations:

- You have a low genetic tendency to have freckles.

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**Genes Analyzed:** BNC2, AKAP1, MSI2, ASIP, BNC2, RP11-62F24.2, IRF4, RAB11FIP2, MC1R, HSPA12A, HERC2 (OCA2), PPARGC1B, NONE

**Number of Gene Markers Found:** 19

**Number of Gene Markers Analyzed:**23



## GLYCATION

**High: Highly likely to have increased skin glycation.**

Glucose is the main source of energy for our body. Sometimes excess glucose molecules bind to collagen and elastin fibers and produce advanced glycation products (AGEs) through glycation, a process associated with accelerated aging. Glycation can lead to hardening of

### Recommendations:

- You have a high genetic tendency to have increased skin glycation.
- Make sure you're getting enough exercise. Exercise helps release energy and promote skin cell turnover, which can reduce the risk of glycation.

**Genes Analyzed:** AGER, GLO1

**Number of Gene Markers Found:** 2

**Number of Gene Markers Analyzed:**2

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