

Genetic entrepreneur J. Craig Venter to tackle the problem of human aging

J. Craig Venter is the latest wealthy entrepreneur to think he can cheat aging and death. And he hopes to do so by resorting to his first love: sequencing genomes.

His new company, Human Longevity, will focus on figuring out how people can live longer and healthier lives.

To do that, the company will build what Dr. Venter says will be the largest human DNA sequencing operation in the world, capable of processing 40,000 human genomes a year.

The huge amount of DNA data will be combined with huge amounts of other data on the health and body composition of the people whose DNA is sequenced, in the hope of gleaning insights into the molecular causes of aging and age-related illnesses like cancer and heart disease.

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- [Craig Venter's Bugs Might Save the World](#), New York Times
- [Craig Venter: 'This isn't a fantasy look at the future. We are doing the future'](#), Guardian
- For his next act, genome wiz Craig Venter takes on aging, Reuters