

RESEARCHERS FIND GENE LINKED TO HEARING LOSS

Belgian researchers say they have identified the gene responsible for the single most common cause of hearing loss among white adults, said BBC News. The discovery may lead to new treatments for otosclerosis, a condition caused by abnormal growth of a bone in the middle ear that affects about one in 250 people. An operation is currently the best option, but it can't restore the hearing loss associated with the condition. The discovery "is a fantastic breakthrough" for those working to improve the lives of deaf people, said Catriona Crombie of the charity RNID.

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