

Belly patch tackles weight gain

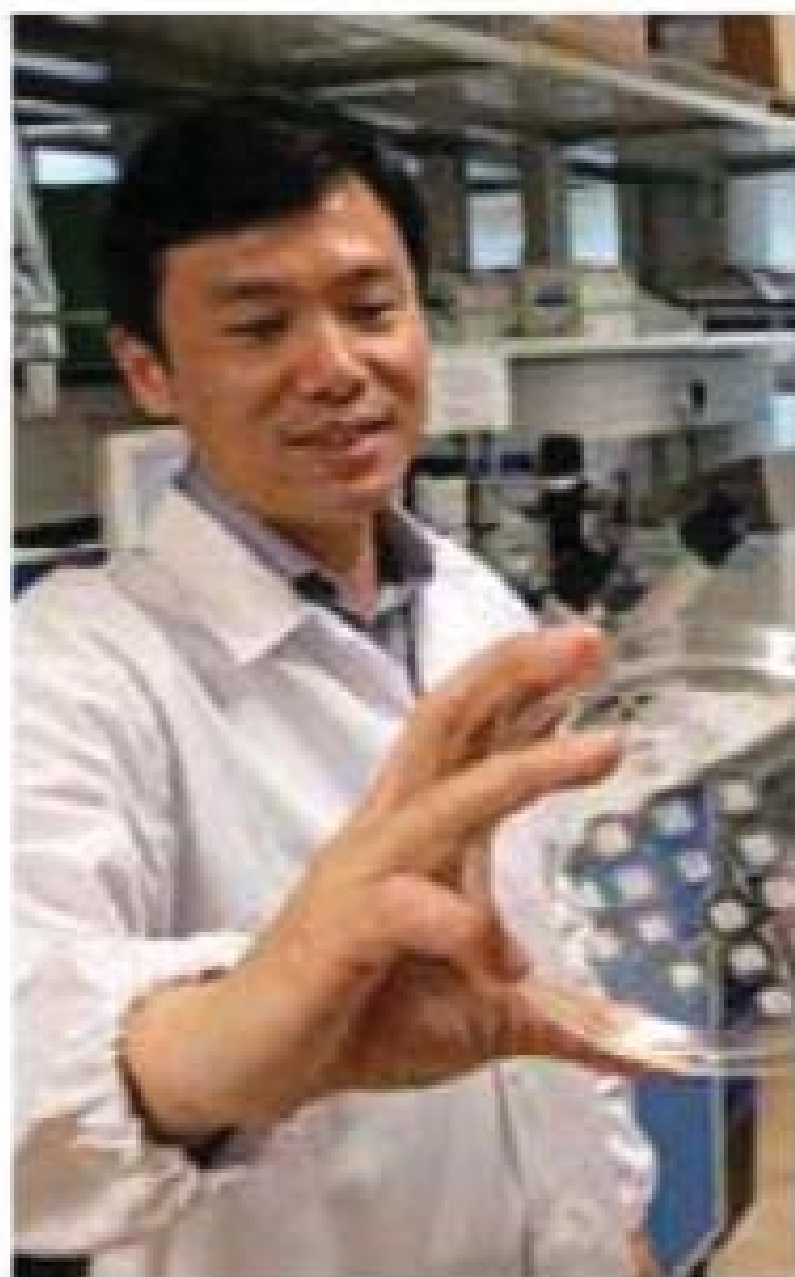


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A NEW belly patch could reduce weight gain and fat mass by more than 30 per cent over four weeks, researchers claim. Scientists from Nanyang Technological University in Singapore invented a patch that contains hundreds of micro-needles, each thinner than a human hair, loaded with weight-loss drugs. NTU Professor Chen Peng (pictured with some of the patches) said this approach could help tackle obesity. While the drugs themselves are established forms of treatment for obesity, the new approach to delivery showed promise in trials. – INM