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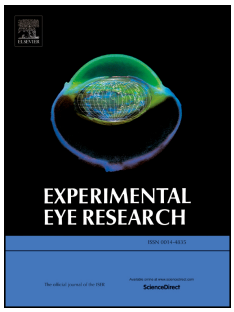

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Highlights

- Retinoic acid (RA) synthesis by ALDH1A enzymes is essential for corneal maintenance.
- *Aldh1a* genetic loss-of-function in adult eye results in corneal thinning.
- RA treatment of *Aldh1a*-deficient mice rescues the corneal thinning phenotype.
- RA deficiency reduces cell proliferation & increases apoptosis in corneal epithelium.