

Table 1. Characteristics of Participants and Nonparticipants Accumulated Over All Visits in the Beaver Dam Eye Study Population, 1988-2010.

<i>Categorical characteristics*</i>	Participants		Nonparticipants (Living)			Nonparticipants (Deceased)		
	%†	N‡	%†	N‡	P value	%†	N‡	P value
Age (years)					<.001			<.001
43–54	19.0	1980	16.2	307		2.5	41	
55–64	33.1	3447	24.7	468		10.4	173	
65–74	30.9	3222	27.5	522		25.6	425	
75–84	15.0	1560	25.8	489		41.2	684	
≥ 85	2.1	220	5.8	109		20.3	337	
< 75	82.9	8649	68.4	1297	<.001	38.5	639	<.001
≥ 75	17.1	1780	31.6	598		61.5	1021	
Sex					0.55			<.001
Women	57.6	6012	58.5	1108		52.1	865	
Men	42.4	4417	41.5	787		47.9	795	
Education					<.001			<.001
Less than high school	19.3	2003	34.5	648		41.2	677	
High school or more	80.7	8395	65.5	1232		58.8	968	
Annual income (USD)					<.001			<.001
≤ \$9,000	8.8	845	17.0	280		20.8	268	
\$10,000-\$19,000	21.9	2105	27.3	450		38.7	498	
\$20,000-\$29,000	20.3	1952	20.2	333		17.7	228	
\$30,000-\$44,000	22.5	2168	18.9	312		13.3	171	
≥ \$45,000	26.5	2548	16.6	274		9.5	122	
Institutionalized					<.001			<.001
No	99.1	10335	97.3	1844		82.3	1366	
Yes	0.9	94	2.7	51		17.7	294	
Visual acuity, right eye					<.001			<.001
20/40 and better	95.9	9736	90.5	1596		83.0	1264	
20/50 to 20/160	2.7	271	7.2	127		10.8	165	
20/200 and worse	1.4	144	2.3	40		6.1	93	
Cataract status, right eye					<.001			<.001
Absent	79.3	7979	68.6	1188		47.3	692	
Central cataract present	13.5	1360	19.9	345		27.9	408	
Cataract surgery	7.1	717	11.5	199		24.9	364	
AMD status, right eye					0.005			0.04
None	86.1	8506	81.0	1346		69.7	920	
Early	12.8	1267	16.7	278		24.9	329	
Late	1.1	109	2.3	38		5.4	71	

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	Participants				Nonparticipants (Living)				P	Nonparticipants (Deceased)				P
	N‡	Median	Mean	SD	N‡	Median	Mean	SD		N‡	Median	Mean	SD	
<i>Continuous characteristics*</i>														
Age (years)	10429	64.0	64.2	10.2	1895	68.0	67.3	11.5	<.001	1660	77.0	76.2	9.8	<.001
Education (years)	10399	12.0	12.6	2.8	1881	12.0	11.6	2.7	<.001	1645	12.0	11.3	3.0	<.001
Number of letters, right eye	10151	55.0	52.5	13.3	1763	53.0	49.1	15.9	<.001	1522	48.0	42.9	21.8	<.001
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	10240	29.0	29.6	5.7	1801	28.5	29.3	5.7	0.14	1536	27.9	28.4	5.9	<.001
AMD, age-related macular degeneration; SD, standard deviation; USD, United States dollars.														
* Characteristic measured at one exam, participation at next exam.														
† Percentages do not always total 100% due to rounding.														
‡ Number of person-visits (each visit accumulated across all 5 examination phases for each person). See Methods section for further description.														