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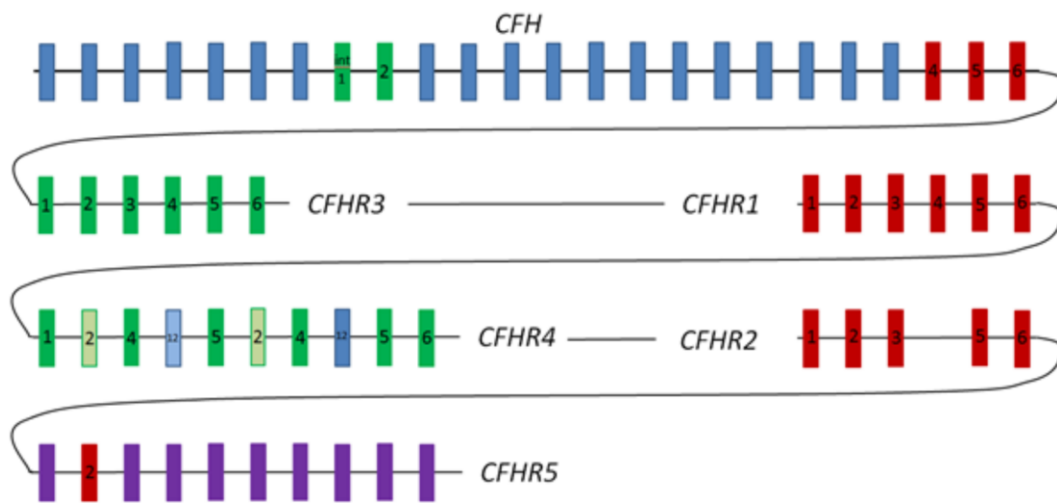


Figure S1. Schematic representation of the *CFH* region exons. These genes are located in tandem on chromosome 1. Several exons of *CFHR3* (in green), *CFHR1* (in red) and *CFH* (in blue) are duplicated in *CFH*, *CFHR4*, *CFHR2* and *CFHR5*. *CFH* exon 8 is a duplicate of *CFHR3* intron 1 and *CFH* exon 9 is a duplicate of *CFHR3* exon 2. *CFHR1* exons 4, 5 and 6 are duplicated as the ultimate 3 exons of *CFH*. *CFHR4* is closely related to *CFHR3* and *CFHR2* is closely related to *CFHR1*.

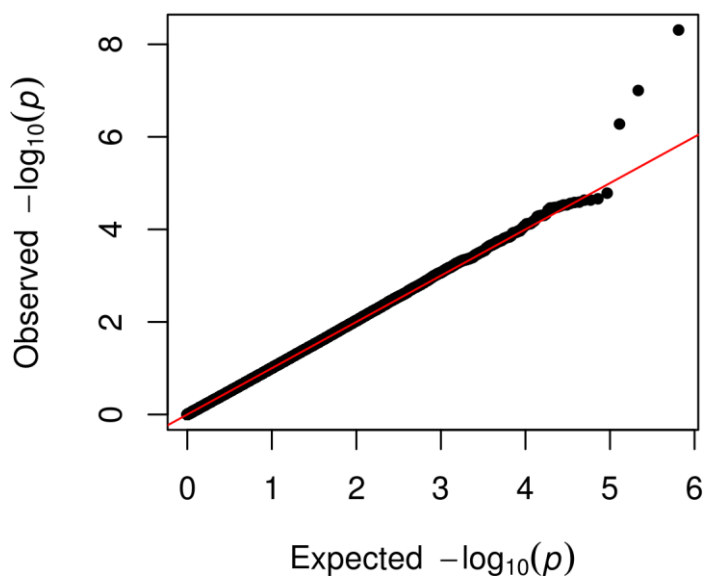


Figure S2. Q-Q plot of genome-wide case-case study of neovascular AMD compared to drusen.

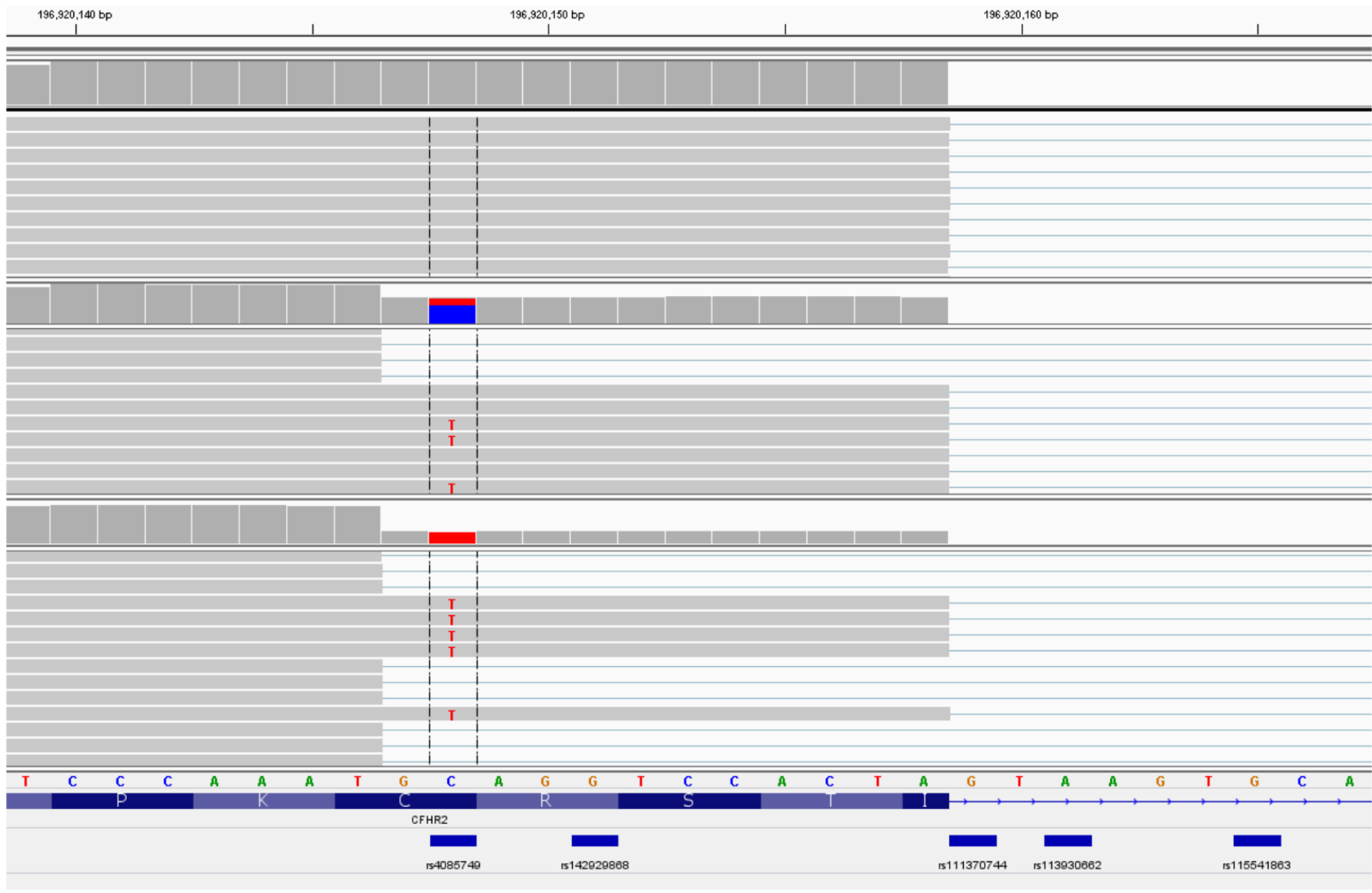


Figure S3. *CFHR2* rs4085749 (C140C) in liver RNA-seq reads from carriers of haplotypes BD (top panel), AC (middle panel) and CC (bottom panel), carrying 0, 1 and 2 copies of the T allele, respectively. Note the reduction in read depth and early splicing associated with the majority of T allele reads (figure produced in Integrative Genomics Viewer).

Table S1. Study Population.

Experiment	Participants (n)	% Male	Average Age (years)	Origin
Massively parallel sequencing of <i>CFH</i> region	4	100	76	Northern Ireland, UK.
RNA-seq of eye tissues	8	63%	73.9	USA
RNA-seq of liver	3	NA	NA	NA
Secondary analyses of AMD GWAS	2157 cases 1150 controls	38% 44%	78.6 74.1	USA

Table S2. Synonymous SNPs in *CFH* and *CFH*-related genes identified from massively-parallel sequencing of genomic DNA of four homozygous individuals.

Gene	<i>CFH</i>	<i>CFH</i>	<i>CFH</i>	<i>CFH</i>	<i>CFHR3</i>	<i>CFHR3</i>	<i>CFHR3</i>	<i>CFHR3</i>	<i>CFHR3</i>	<i>CFHR1</i>	<i>CFHR1</i>	<i>CFHR1</i>	<i>CFHR1</i>	<i>CFHR4</i>	<i>CFHR5</i>	<i>CFHR5</i>
SNP	rs1061147	rs2274700	rs3753396		rs446868	rs400344	rs149352569/ rs379049	rs402372	rs390837	rs3201739	rs4230	rs414628	rs390679	rs150845796/ rs379049	rs9427662	rs10922153
Codon	A307A	A473A	Q672Q	T1046T	5'UTR	S159S	P262P*	3' UTR	3' UTR	T196T	R302R	R314R	3' UTR	P509P*	5' UTR	3' UTR
Haplotype A	A	G	A	C	C	C	A	C	G	A	G	A	C	A	T	G
Haplotype B	C	G	G	C	A	T	T>A	T	C	A	G	A	C	A>T	T	G
Haplotype C	C	A	A	C>T	C	T	A	C	G	G	T	T	A	A	T	T
Haplotype D	C	A	A	C	null	null	null	null	null	null	null	null	null	A	T/C	T

**CFHR3* P262P and *CFHR4* P509P represent the same SNP. *CFHR4* P509P is a mapping artefact.

Table S3. SNPs with association $p < 5 \times 10^{-5}$ in additive model logistic regression of 867 cases of neovascular AMD compared to 519 with drusen in a genome-wide case-case study.

SNP	Gene	Allele	Odds Ratio	P
rs932275	<i>HTRA1</i>	A	1.60	4.91×10^{-9}
rs2248799	<i>HTRA1</i>	C	0.66	9.95×10^{-8}
rs4075920	<i>ALK</i>	T	0.65	5.28×10^{-7}
rs931257	-	C	0.68	1.65×10^{-5}
rs6991827	-	A	0.67	2.18×10^{-5}
rs6467778	-	A	0.65	2.32×10^{-5}
rs6560293	<i>TMC1</i>	A	0.71	2.33×10^{-5}
rs4688950	-	C	0.68	2.57×10^{-5}

rs12076580	-	A	0.70	2.62x10 ⁻⁵
rs12052880	<i>LRP1B</i>	A	0.70	2.74x10 ⁻⁵
rs1544733	<i>TRIM24</i>	C	0.66	2.95x10 ⁻⁵
rs9938986	-	C	0.68	2.96x10 ⁻⁵
rs2280141	<i>PLEKHA1</i>	A	0.72	3.13x10 ⁻⁵
rs785512	<i>PIK3R3</i>	A	0.70	3.31x10 ⁻⁵
rs1709835	<i>KCNJ6</i>	T	0.73	3.35x10 ⁻⁵
rs4833961	-	A	0.71	3.43x10 ⁻⁵
rs4660883	<i>TRIM24</i>	A	0.70	3.44x10 ⁻⁵
rs785484	<i>PIK3R3</i>	T	0.70	3.79x10 ⁻⁵
rs1052748	<i>PLD2</i>	T	1.38	4.66x10 ⁻⁵
rs1622208	<i>MAST2</i>	T	0.71	4.99x10 ⁻⁵
rs6585827	<i>PLEKHA1</i>	G	0.72	4.99x10 ⁻⁵

Table S4. Minor allele frequencies and results of additive model analyses in candidate gene study of cases with neovascular AMD, drusen and unaffected controls from the MMAP study.

Gene	Variant	Allele	Frequency			Drusen: Unaffected		NV AMD: Unaffected		NV AMD:Drusen	
			Drusen	AMD	Controls	OR	P	OR	P	OR	P
<i>CFH</i>	Haplotype A	CACG	0.59	0.60	0.36	2.59	9.06x10 ⁻³²	2.75	4.12x10 ⁻⁴⁶	1.05	0.57
<i>CFH</i>	Haplotype B	CGTG	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.89	0.24	0.90	0.24	1.02	0.86
<i>CFH</i>	Haplotype C	TGCG	0.11	0.11	0.23	0.44	2.23x10 ⁻¹³	0.41	1.68x10 ⁻²⁰	0.95	0.68

<i>CFH</i>	Haplotype D	CGCA	0.10	0.09	0.20	0.47	1.75×10^{-10}	0.41	1.33×10^{-18}	0.88	0.33
<i>CFB</i>	rs429608	A	0.08	0.08	0.16	0.48	8.11×10^{-9}	0.48	4.60×10^{-12}	1.00	0.98
<i>HTRA1</i>	rs932275	A	0.33	0.44	0.18	2.13	6.94×10^{-18}	3.36	1.41×10^{-56}	1.60	4.01×10^{-9}
<i>C3</i>	rs2250656	G	0.27	0.25	0.31	0.82	0.02	0.75	5.65×10^{-5}	0.92	0.32

NV, neovascular; AMD, age-related macular degeneration; OR, odds ratio; P, *P* value. *CFH* haplotype SNPs: rs800292, rs10801555, rs11582939, rs6677604

Table S5. RNA-Seq read depth at final base of *CFH* exon 9 or first base of exon 10a (FHL-1 expression) or 10 (FH expression), with % of FH transcription.

Donor	Peripheral Retina				Macular Retina				Peripheral RPE/Choroid/Sclera				Macular RPE/Choroid/Sclera			
	exon 9	exon 10a	exon 10	% FH	exon 9	exon 10a	exon 10	% FH	exon 9	exon 10a	exon 10	% FH	exon 9	exon 10a	exon 10	% FH
1	14	10	3	23.1	12	3	8	72.7	437	274	114	29.4	395	341	54	13.7
2	15	7	5	41.7	12	0	9	100.0	541	245	272	52.6	616	385	221	36.5
3	22	13	13	50.0	16	1	12	92.3	731	313	358	53.4	257	169	96	36.2
4	9	3	8	72.7	16	2	12	85.7	384	160	189	54.2	416	248	153	38.2
5	10	4	5	55.6	17	2	12	85.7	317	141	146	50.9	247	106	147	58.1
6	20	11	7	38.9	17	6	10	62.5	368	184	180	49.5	266	206	55	21.1
7	6	4	2	33.3	37	17	18	51.4	726	364	306	45.7	114	61	41	40.2
8	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	57	24	31	56.4	6	14	0	0.0

Table S6. Median of mean exonic read depths for each gene in liver RNA-seq samples from three individuals, adjusted for sequencing bias and normalised to FH[†].

	Haplotype		
	AC	BD>AD*	CC
<i>CFHR1</i>	2.50	1.31	1.96
<i>CFHR2</i>	1.48	0.93	0.98
<i>CFH</i> [†]	1.00	1.00	1.00
<i>CFHR3</i>	0.48	0.20	0.25
<i>CFHR4</i>	0.10	0.17	0.10
<i>CFHR5</i>	0.09	0.16	0.05

*Haplotype D carries a deletion of *CFHR3* and *CFHR1*

[†]Restricted to exons 1-9, which are common to FH and FHL-1

Table S7. Numbers of exon-spanning RNA-seq reads of liver samples from three individuals and % of full-length *CFH* transcripts, according to haplotype.

Haplotype	BD>AD	AC	CC
FHL-1 transcripts of <i>CFH</i> (exons 9-10a)	206	523	1080
FH transcripts of <i>CFH</i> (exons 9-10)	306	432	434
% FH	60	45	29