

Expanded View Figures

Figure EV1. Loss of Ifnar1 enhances CNV and leads to accumulation of mononuclear phagocytes in the subretinal space.

- A, B Representative images of Iba1 (green) and lectin (red) co-stained retinal cross sections 3 days after laser coagulation in C57BL6/J controls (A) and Ifnar1^{-/-} (B) mice with nuclear staining (DAPI, blue). The white box indicates the spot where the laser hit the retina. Scale bar 50 μm.
- C, D Representative images of Iba1 (green) stained retinal flat mounts and Iba1 and lectin (red) co-stained RPE/choroidal flat mounts 7 days after laser coagulation in C57BL6/J (C) and *lfnar1^{-/-}* (D) mice. Scale bar 50 μm.



Figure EV2. Reduced CNV and subretinal mononuclear phagocyte accumulation in IFN-ß-treated mice.

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Retina

RPE



Figure EV3. Loss of Ifnar1 in microglia/ macrophages leads to their subretinal accumulation and enhances CNV.

- A–C Representative images of Iba1 (green) and lectin (red) co-stained retinal cross sections 3 days after laser coagulation in C57BLG/J controls (A) and Ifnar1^{-/-} (B) and Cx3cr1^{CreER}: Ifnar1^{fl/R} (C) mice with nuclear staining (DAPI, blue). The white box indicates the spot where the laser hit the retina. Scale bar 50 μm.
- D–F Representative images of Iba1 (green) stained retinal flat mounts and Iba1 and lectin (red) co-stained RPE/choroidal flat mounts 7 days after laser coagulation in C57BL6/J controls (D) and *lfnar1^{-/-}* (E) and *Cx3cr1^{CreER}:lfnar1^{fl/fl}* (F) mice. Scale bar 50 μm.