

## Supplementary Online Content

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**eMethods.** Inclusion criteria for study participants

Inclusion criteria for all study center patients were defined as neovascularization secondary to AMD confirmed by fluorescein angiogram or optical coherence tomography, age greater or equal to 50 years, and a loading dose of three consecutive injections of bevacizumab (Hoffmann-La Roche, Basel, Switzerland) or ranibizumab (Hoffmann-La Roche, Basel, Switzerland / Novartis Basel, Switzerland) therapy at monthly intervals ( $\pm$  two weeks). No patients included in the study were treated with aflibercept at the time of study recruitment. We excluded eyes with other retinal morbidities such as myopia greater than 8 diopters, ocular surgery during follow-up or in the two months prior to treatment, previous treatment for neovascular disease, macular hole, staphyloma, or a visual acuity (VA) lower than 2.3 logMAR or 0 Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) score letters.

**eTable 1.** Association of baseline variables with response to anti-vascular endothelial growth factor therapy in neovascular age-related macular degeneration

	Discovery phase (n=678)					Replication phase (n=1,380)						Total (n=2,058)
	Cologne	Jerusalem	Nijmegen	Melbourne	Sydney	Jerusalem	Melbourne	Leeds	BRAMD	IVAN	EUGENDA	
<b>N</b>	155	113	121	119	170	146	88	220	215	542	169	
<b>Sex, male</b> ( $\beta$ (SE) in ETDRS letters)	1.3 (2.2)	-9.3 (4.3)	-0.04 (2.5)	-0.9 (2)	1 (2.4)	-1.4 (2.7)	-2.5 (2.7)	-2.5 (1.3)	-2.7 (1.2)	0.6 (1)	-1.7 (1.6)	-1 (0.6)
<b>Sex</b> (P-value)	0.558	0.035	0.989	0.656	0.686	0.616	0.364	0.057	0.021	0.556	0.316	0.087
<b>Baseline VA</b> in ETDRS letters ( $\beta$ (SE) in ETDRS letters)	0.2 (0.06)	0.4 (0.07)	0.2 (0.07)	0.3 (0.06)	0.3 (0.06)	0.4 (0.05)	0.3 (0.06)	0.3 (0.04)	0.2 (0.04)	0.3 (0.03)	0.2 (0.04)	0.3 (0.01)
<b>Baseline VA</b> (P-value)	0.001	2.03x10 <sup>-8</sup>	0.004	7.17x10 <sup>-7</sup>	7.00x10 <sup>-6</sup>	7.33x10 <sup>-12</sup>	4.04x10 <sup>-7</sup>	3.36x10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.22x10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.53x10 <sup>-18</sup>	1.38x10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.41x10 <sup>-71</sup>
<b>Age, years</b> ( $\beta$ (SE) in ETDRS letters)	-0.4 (0.1)	-0.3 (0.3)	-0.4 (0.2)	-0.2 (0.1)	-0.3 (0.1)	-0.5 (0.2)	-0.2 (0.2)	-0.2 (0.1)	-0.04 (0.1)	-0.04 (0.1)	-0.2 (0.1)	-0.2 (0.04)
<b>Age</b> (P-value)	0.016	0.275	0.041	0.140	0.077	0.002	0.286	0.138	0.610	0.579	0.061	8.55x10 <sup>-7</sup>

Influence of the variables age and baseline VA on the change in VA after 3 months was assessed including these variables in a general linear model.

ETDRS = Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study Cologne = University Hospital of Cologne, Cologne; Jerusalem = Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, Jerusalem; Nijmegen = Radboud university medical center, Nijmegen; Melbourne = Centre for Eye Research Australia, Melbourne; Sydney = Centre for Vision Research, Sydney; Leeds = St. James's University Hospital, Leeds; BRAMD = BRAMD trial cohort, IVAN = alternative treatments to Inhibit VEGF in Age-related choroidal Neovascularisation (IVAN) trial cohort, EUGENDA = European Genetic Database study cohort; N = number; VA = visual acuity.

**eTable 2.** Single-variant association analyses of lead variants in the discovery and replication phases by cohort

	Cohort	chr1 rs12138564			chr2 rs13002976			chr3 rs241692			chr7 rs2237435			chr17 rs242939		
		MAF	$\beta$ (SE)	P-value	MAF	$\beta$ (SE)	P-value	MAF	$\beta$ (SE)	P-value	MAF	$\beta$ (SE)	P-value	MAF	$\beta$ (SE)	P-value
Discovery	Cologne	0.312	0.052 (0.031)	0.093	0.409	-0.025 (0.031)	0.436	0.067	0.188 (0.069)	0.007	0.287	-0.084 (0.035)	0.018	0.074	0.041 (0.058)	0.485
	Jerusalem	0.275	0.006 (0.072)	0.935	0.384	-0.132 (0.073)	0.075	0.092	0.331 (0.114)	0.004	0.276	-0.054 (0.086)	0.528	0.088	0.288 (0.120)	0.018
	Nijmegen	0.309	0.088 (0.040)	0.031	0.410	-0.123 (0.036)	0.001	0.051	0.233 (0.098)	0.019	0.275	-0.13 (0.041)	0.002	0.094	0.178 (0.064)	0.007
	Melbourne	0.251	0.113 (0.028)	1.04x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.387	-0.081 (0.030)	0.009	NA*	NA*	NA*	0.291	-0.072 (0.033)	0.032	0.079	0.151 (0.051)	0.004
	Sydney	0.315	0.073 (0.035)	0.036	0.358	-0.096 (0.038)	0.012	0.068	0.178 (0.077)	0.022	0.304	-0.048 (0.039)	0.217	0.104	0.111 (0.051)	0.030
Replication	Jerusalem	0.459	0.427 (1.141)	0.709	0.398	1.69 (1.331)	0.207	NA^	NA^	NA^	0.337	0.443 (1.183)	0.709	0.092	0.503 (1.654)	0.761
	Melbourne	0.268	0.025 (0.045)	0.583	NA^	NA^	NA^	0.080	-0.113 (0.068)	0.099	0.288	-0.024 (0.04)	0.554	0.080	-0.007 (0.075)	0.921
	Leeds	0.306	0.044 (0.020)	0.028	0.420	0.014 (0.018)	0.460	0.053	-0.025 (0.042)	0.561	0.276	0.029 (0.02)	0.162	0.063	0.047 (0.038)	0.214
	BRAMD	0.285	0.016 (0.019)	0.379	0.404	0.007 (0.017)	0.704	0.051	-0.041 (0.038)	0.287	0.273	0.028 (0.019)	0.138	0.079	-0.052 (0.031)	0.094
	IVAN	0.311	0.009 (0.014)	0.515	0.428	0.002 (0.014)	0.892	0.067	0.021 (0.027)	0.442	0.282	0.009 (0.015)	0.556	0.070	-0.04 (0.027)	0.131
	EUGENDA	0.270	0.017 (0.025)	0.498	0.363	0.044 (0.023)	0.061	0.067	-0.075 (0.044)	0.089	0.249	0.001 (0.024)	0.968	0.051	0.009 (0.052)	0.855

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\*Not included due to MAF <0.05, ^ Not included due to call rate <0.9

**eTable 3.** Single-variant association analysis of variants previously associated with response to anti-vascular endothelial growth factor therapy in neovascular age-related macular degeneration

Study	Chr.	Position <sup>a</sup>	SNP	Gene <sup>b</sup>	Allele	P-value Cologne	P-value Nijmegen	P-value Jerusalem	P-value Melbourne	P-value Sydney	β (SE) Meta-analysis	P-value Meta-analysis
Wickremasinghe SS et al., 2011; Bakbak B et al., 2015*	19	45,412,079	rs7412	APOE	T	0.935	0.715	0.453	0.185	0.178	-0.003 (0.027)	0.926
Wickremasinghe SS et al., 2011; Bakbak B et al., 2015*	19	45411941	rs429358	APOE	C	0.111	0.696	0.996	0.203	0.434	0.055 (0.027)	0.043
Brantley MA et al., 2007; Imai D et al., 2010*; Kloeckener-Gruissem B et al., 2011; Nischler C et al., 2011; McKibbin M et al., 2012; Smailhodzic D et al., 2012; Menghini M et al., 2012; Tian J et al., 2012*; Hautamaki A et al., 2014; Matsumiya W et al., 2014*; Veloso CE et al., 2014; Piermarocchi S et al., 2015; Medina F et al., 2015*; Shah AR et al., 2016.	1	196,659,237	rs1061170	CFH	T	0.074	0.446	0.984	0.397	0.546	0.028 (0.015)	0.059
Teper SJ et al., 2010; McKibbin M et al., 2012; Kang HK et al., 2012*; Tian J et al., 2012*; Abedi F et al., 2013; Kitchens JW et al., 2013; Valverde-Megías A et al., 2017	10	124,220,544	rs11200638 <sup>#</sup>	HTRA1	A	0.141	0.729	0.892	0.790	0.864	0.011 (0.014)	0.416
Hautamaki A et al., 2013; Hautamaki A et al., 2014; Lazzeri S et al., 2015	4	74,606,024	rs4073	CXCL8	T	0.403	0.814	0.532	0.325	0.921	0.014 (0.016)	0.390
Imai D et al., 2010*	17	1,673,276	rs1136287	SERPINF1	T	0.615	0.330	0.152	0.625	0.154	0.019 (0.016)	0.226
Wang VM et al., 2012	4	110,638,810	rs2285714	PLA2G12A	T	0.849	0.852	0.708	0.805	0.109	-0.014 (0.015)	0.368
Nakata I et al., 2011*	6	43,732,669	rs699946	VEGFA	G	0.377	0.141	0.614	0.819	0.297	-0.007 (0.019)	0.687
Imai D et al., 2010*; Lazzeri S et al., 2013; Cruz-Gonzalez F et al., 2014; Hautamaki A et al., 2014	6	43,736,389	rs699947 <sup>^</sup>	VEGFA	C	0.479	0.087	0.613	0.838	0.972	-0.008 (0.015)	0.581
Abedi F et al., 2013; Chang W et al., 2013*	6	43,742,579	rs833069 <sup>~</sup>	VEGFA	C	0.933	0.539	0.784	0.460	0.435	0.009	0.559

											(0.015)	
Zhao L et al., 2013	6	43,826,627	rs943080	<i>VEGFA</i>	T	0.452	0.571	0.467	0.558	0.918	-0.010 (0.015)	0.492
Hermann MM et al., 2014	4	55,986,238	rs4576072 <sup>+</sup>	<i>KDR</i>	C	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hermann MM et al., 2014	4	55,966,801	rs6828477	<i>KDR</i>	T	0.337	0.554	0.950	0.696	0.773	0.012 (0.016)	0.433
Lazzeri S et al., 2015	4	55,992,366	rs2071559	<i>KDR</i>	G	0.975	0.306	0.435	0.723	0.005	0.009 (0.015)	0.555
Lorés-Motta L et al., 2016	10	33,552,695	rs2070296	<i>NRP1</i>	T	0.847	0.204	0.561	0.509	0.018	-0.031 (0.021)	0.136
Riaz M and Lorés-Motta L et al., 2016	11	4,389,639	rs4910623	<i>OR52B4</i>	A	0.185	0.161	0.756	0.158	0.126	0.022 (0.015)	0.155

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<sup>a</sup>Chromosomal position according to the NCBI RefSeq hg19 human genome reference assembly. <sup>b</sup>Closest gene. \* Association identified in a non-European descent population. <sup>+</sup>Variant did not pass imputation quality control. <sup>#</sup>In linkage disequilibrium ( $r^2 > 0.9$ ) with rs10490924. <sup>^</sup>In linkage disequilibrium ( $r^2 > 0.9$ ) with rs833061 and rs1413711. <sup>~</sup>In linkage disequilibrium ( $r^2 > 0.9$ ) with rs3025000.

**eTable 4.** Single-variant association analysis of variants previously associated with age-related macular degeneration

Locus name	Variant <sup>a</sup>	Allele	P-value Cologne	P-value Nijmegen	P-value Jerusalem	P-value Melbourne	P-value Sydney	β (SE) Meta-analysis	P-value Meta-analysis
<i>CFH</i>	rs10922109	C	0.536	0.575	0.702	0.585	0.355	-0.013 (0.018)	0.454
<i>CFH</i>	rs570618	G	0.074	0.435	1.000	0.414	0.546	0.028 (0.015)	0.060
<i>CFH</i>	rs121913059	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
<i>CFH</i>	rs148553336	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
<i>CFH</i>	rs187328863	C	0.017	0.686	0.109	0.186	0.472	0.068 (0.039)	0.077
<i>CFH (CFHR3/CFHR1)</i> <sup>b</sup>	rs61818925	G	0.297	0.549	0.594	0.150	0.737	-0.019 (0.017)	0.275
<i>CFH</i>	rs35292876	C	0.013	0.379	0.736	0.105	0.707	0.029 (0.042)	0.487
<i>CFH</i>	rs191281603	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
<i>COL4A3</i>	rs11884770	C	0.719	0.329	0.962	0.627	0.477	0.007 (0.018)	0.689
<i>ADAMTS9-AS2</i>	rs62247658	C	0.716	0.552	0.866	0.058	0.452	0.028 (0.015)	0.056
<i>COL8A1</i>	rs140647181	C	0.327	0.061	0.389	0.089	0.774	-0.112 (0.049)	0.022
<i>COL8A1</i>	rs55975637	G	0.951	0.541	0.607	0.088	0.388	-0.022 (0.021)	0.310
<i>CFI</i>	rs10033900	C	0.532	0.955	0.571	0.543	0.390	-0.002 (0.016)	0.925
<i>CFI</i>	rs141853578	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
<i>C9</i>	rs62358361	G	NF	0.007	0.307	0.812	0.151	-0.115 (0.076)	0.130
<i>PRLR/SPEF2</i>	rs114092250	G	0.372	0.799	NF	0.272	0.614	-0.029 (0.05)	0.565
<i>C2/CFB/SKIV2L</i>	rs116503776	G	0.086	0.806	0.448	0.632	0.146	-0.001 (0.027)	0.958
<i>C2/CFB/SKIV2L</i>	rs144629244	G	0.500	NF	0.280	NF	0.523	-0.05 (0.085)	0.558
<i>C2/CFB/SKIV2L (PBX2)</i> <sup>b</sup>	rs114254831	G	0.416	0.811	0.148	0.014	0.271	0.036 (0.017)	0.033
<i>C2/CFB/SKIV2L</i>	rs181705462	G	0.402	NF	0.927	0.482	0.209	-0.046 (0.057)	0.422
<i>VEGFA</i>	rs943080	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
<i>KMT2E/SRPK2</i>	rs1142	C	0.941	0.406	0.955	0.668	0.396	-0.005 (0.016)	0.751
<i>PILRB/PILRA</i>	rs7803454	C	0.461	0.240	0.020	0.956	0.292	0.037 (0.019)	0.050
<i>TNFRSF10A</i>	rs79037040	G	0.094	0.952	0.268	0.280	0.041	0.015 (0.016)	0.325
<i>MIR6130/RORB</i>	rs10781182	G	0.498	0.646	0.220	0.209	0.777	0.005 (0.016)	0.729

<i>TRPM3</i>	rs71507014	GC	0.696	0.074	0.401	0.780	0.753	-0.017 (0.014)	0.236
<i>TGFBR1</i>	rs1626340	G	0.673	0.094	0.260	0.393	0.076	0.013 (0.02)	0.530
<i>ABCA1</i>	rs2740488	C	0.305	0.999	0.019	0.774	0.177	0.009 (0.018)	0.631
<i>ARHGAP21</i>	rs12357257	G	0.308	0.710	0.718	0.077	0.249	-0.016 (0.017)	0.372
<i>ARMS2/HTRA1</i>	rs3750846	C	0.153	0.673	0.892	0.790	0.753	0.012 (0.014)	0.409
<i>RDH5/CD63</i>	rs3138141	C	0.620	0.567	0.630	0.877	0.267	0.004 (0.023)	0.856
<i>ACAD10</i>	rs61941274	G	0.203	0.699	NF	0.367	0.017	-0.014 (0.064)	0.831
<i>B3GALTL</i>	rs9564692	C	0.999	0.544	0.384	0.452	0.907	-0.002 (0.017)	0.913
<i>RAD51B</i>	rs61985136	C	0.142	0.360	0.268	0.628	0.243	-0.007 (0.016)	0.672
<i>RAD51B</i>	rs2842339	G	0.368	0.651	0.255	0.511	0.527	-0.006 (0.024)	0.820
<i>LIPC</i>	rs2043085	C	0.224	0.418	0.956	0.809	0.656	-0.009 (0.015)	0.536
<i>LIPC</i>	rs2070895	G	0.242	0.274	0.158	0.463	0.914	0.004 (0.018)	0.844
<i>CETP</i>	rs5817082	C	0.114	0.052	0.105	0.393	0.425	0.033 (0.018)	0.072
<i>CETP</i>	rs17231506	C	0.384	0.041	0.932	0.492	0.037	-0.017 (0.016)	0.286
<i>CTRB2/CTRB1</i>	rs72802342	C	0.750	0.497	0.522	0.794	0.837	-0.001 (0.035)	0.973
<i>TMEM97/VTN</i>	rs11080055	C	0.108	0.862	0.837	0.349	0.483	0.002 (0.015)	0.891
<i>NPLOC4/TSPAN10</i>	rs6565597	C	0.188	0.977	0.036	0.047	0.885	-0.021 (0.017)	0.215
<i>C3</i>	rs2230199	G	0.554	0.671	0.886	0.725	0.291	0.002 (0.019)	0.897
<i>C3</i>	rs147859257	G	NF	NF	NF	0.062	NF	-0.226 (0.12)	0.062
<i>C3 (NRTN/FUT6) b</i>	rs12019136	G	0.219	0.572	0.435	0.953	0.023	0.02 (0.042)	0.633
<i>CNN2</i>	rs67538026	C	0.983	0.221	0.893	0.903	0.197	0 (0.017)	0.999
<i>APOE</i>	rs429358	C	0.111	0.696	0.996	0.203	0.434	0.055 (0.027)	0.043
<i>APOE(EXOC3L2/MARK4)b</i>	rs73036519	G	0.193	0.820	0.430	0.192	0.464	-0.005 (0.018)	0.787
<i>MMP9</i>	rs142450006	TTTTTC	0.582	0.146	0.715	0.494	0.153	0.002 (0.024)	0.944
<i>C20orf85</i>	rs201459901	TA	0.565	0.220	0.838	0.048	0.738	-0.012 (0.034)	0.723
<i>SYN3/TIMP3</i>	rs5754227	C	0.390	0.313	0.010	0.689	0.706	0.015 (0.025)	0.553
<i>SLC16A8</i>	rs8135665	C	0.405	0.602	0.354	0.731	0.898	-0.003 (0.018)	0.855

NF = Not found, SE = Standard error.

<sup>a</sup>Chromosomal location of the SNP as in Fritsche et al., 2016



**eTable 5.** Rare protein-altering variants in *C10orf88* and *UNC93B1* included in the gene-based analysis

Gene	Variant <sup>a</sup>	Protein change	Imputation quality (R <sup>2</sup> )	CADD score <sup>b</sup>	RAC	Frequency (%)	Single variant P-value	β (SE)
<i>C10orf88</i>	c.412G>A	p.Glu138Lys	1	24.6	3	0.4	4.96x10 <sup>-4</sup>	-0.618 (0.177)
	c.827T>C	p.Ile276Thr	1	0.038	3	0.4	2.33x10 <sup>-5</sup>	-0.749 (0.176)
	c.1258C>T	p.Gln420*	1	38	1	0.1	0.120	<0
<i>UNC93B1</i>	c.385C>A	p.Leu129Ile	1	24.9	7	1.0	3.33x10 <sup>-7</sup>	-0.606 (0.118)
	c.626C>T	p.Pro209Leu	1	25.6	7	1.0	4.21x10 <sup>-7</sup>	-0.596 (0.117)

RAC = Rare allele count, SE = Standard error

<sup>a</sup>Positions according to the NCBI RefSeq hg19 human genome reference assembly. <sup>b</sup>The CADD score refers to the PHRED-like scaled C-score for which ≥20 indicates that the variant is predicted to be in the 1% most deleterious substitutions in the human genome.

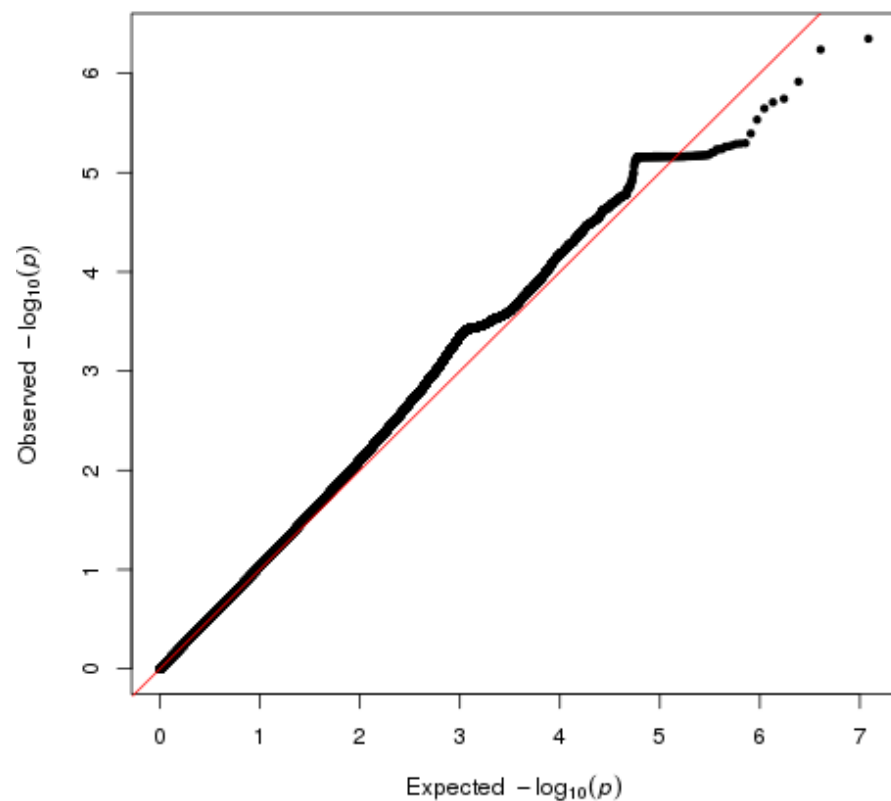
**eTable 6.** Gene-based analysis of rare variants in genes previously associated with age-related macular degeneration

<b>Gene</b>	<b>Chromosome</b>	<b>Chromosomal position<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>N rare variants</b>	<b>RAC</b>	<b>P-value</b>
<i>CFH</i>	1	196,621,252-196,716,375	14	40	0.541
<i>CFI</i>	4	110,662,068-110,723,117	10	26	0.026
<i>TIMP3</i>	22	33,198,100-33,255,356	2	4	0.163
<i>SLC16A8</i>	22	38,474,406-38,478,804	5	21	0.007

N = number, RAC = rare allele count

<sup>a</sup>Chromosome and chromosomal position according to the NCBI RefSeq hg19 human

**eFigure.** Q-Q plot of the single-variant association analysis of response to anti-vascular endothelial growth factor therapy in neovascular age-related macular degeneration



Shown as black dots are the observed  $P$ -values ( $-\log_{10}(p)$ ) compared to those expected under the null hypothesis. In the meta-analysis, adjustment for the inflation factor of the different cohorts was conducted when  $\lambda > 1$  (University Hospital of Cologne cohort  $\lambda = 1.020$ , Hadassah-Hebrew UMC cohort  $\lambda = 0.99$ , Radboud umc cohort  $\lambda = 1.001$ , Centre for Eye Research Australia cohort  $\lambda = 1.005$  and Centre for Vision Research cohort  $\lambda = 1.005$ ).