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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.
eFigure 1. The Beaver Dam five-step severity scale for age-related macular degeneration.

- Level 10: None
- Level 20: Minimal Early
- Level 30: Moderate Early
- Level 40: Severe Early
- Level 50: Late
- Dead

Arrows indicate possible transitions along the scale.

Progression
Regression
Transition to Death

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eFigure 2. Number of individuals included in analyses at each pair of consecutive Beaver Dam Eye Study examinations.

Exams 1 and 2
N = 3160

Exams 2 and 3
N = 2380

Exams 3 and 4
N = 1896

Exams 4 and 5
N = 1501

8937 total person-visits
(4282 unique individuals)
eFigure 3. Pigmentary abnormality scale describing increasing severity of retinal pigmentary abnormalities.

State 1: No pigmentary abnormalities
State 2: Increased pigment
State 3: Retinal pigment epithelial depigmentation
State 4: Pure geographic atrophy
State 5: Exudative AMD
State 6: Dead

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Figure 4. Drusen size scale describing categories of increasing drusen size.

- **State 1:** No drusen, or maximum size <63 µm
- **State 2:** Maximum size ≥63 to <125 µm
- **State 3:** Maximum size ≥125 to <250 µm
- **State 4:** Maximum size ≥250 µm
- **State 5:** Any pigmentary abnormality, or late AMD
- **State 6:** Dead

**Legend:**
- **Progression**
- **Regression**
- **Transition to Death**

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eFigure 5. Drusen type scale describing increasing severity of type of drusen.

State 1: No drusen

State 2: Most severe type = hard distinct

State 3: Most severe type = soft distinct

State 4: Most severe type = soft indistinct/reticular

State 5: Any pigmentary abnormality, or late AMD

State 6: Dead

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