

## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AMD</b>	age-related macular degeneration
<b>ARM</b>	age-related maculopathy
<b>BLD</b>	basal laminar deposit / basal linear deposit
<b>bp</b>	base pair
<b>CNV</b>	choroidal neovascularization
<b>CNVM</b>	choroidal neovascular membrane
<b>PDR</b>	proliferative diabetic retinopathy
<b>FAS-L</b>	fas-ligand
<b>FGF</b>	fibroblast growth factor
<b>GCL</b>	ganglion cell layer
<b>GH</b>	growth hormone
<b>HPRT</b>	hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase
<b>IGFBP</b>	insulin-like growth factor binding protein
<b>IGF-I</b>	insulin-like growth factor-I
<b>IGF-IR</b>	insulin-like growth factor receptor type I
<b>IL</b>	interleukine
<b>INL</b>	inner nuclear layer
<b>MMP</b>	matrix metalloproteinase
<b>ONL</b>	outer nuclear layer
<b>rd-mice</b>	retinal degeneration-mice
<b>RPE</b>	retinal pigment epithelium
<b>RT-PCR</b>	reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction
<b>SSD</b>	source skin distance
<b>SST</b>	somatostatin receptor
<b>TGF-<math>\beta</math></b>	transforming growth factor- $\beta$
<b>TNF-<math>\alpha</math></b>	tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$
<b>TUNEL</b>	terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase mediated deoxyuridine biotin nick end labeling
<b>VA</b>	visual acuity
<b>VEGF</b>	vascular endothelial growth factor

