

## Supplementary Information

**Table S1. Genotypic and demographic data of subjects with achromatopsia.** The far right column indicates the best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) measured on an Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) chart at 4 meters in the eye imaged with AOSLO (OD refers to the right eye).

Subject ID	Age	Gene	Allele 1	Allele 2	BCVA	Ocular axial length (mm)
JC_10069	18	<i>CNGA3</i> , heterozygous	c.847C>T-p.Arg283Trp	c.542A>G-p.Tyr181Cys	OD 20/125	23.11
JC_10028	13	<i>CNGB3</i> , homozygous	c.1148delC-p.Thr383fs	c.1148delC-p.Thr383fs	OD 20/100	21.78
KS_10088	64	<i>CNGA3</i> , heterozygous	c.450-1G>A	c.1557G>A-p.Met519Ile	OD 20/120	25.20
JC_10089	40	<i>CNGB3</i> , homozygous	c.1148delC-p.Thr383fs*	c.1148delC-p.Thr383fs	OS 20/125	21.67

\*A variation of unknown significance was also identified in PDE6C (p.Lys585 Asn:c.1755G>T).

**Table S2. Ex vivo measurements of inner segment diameter between 0 and 12mm.** Inner segment diameters measured between 0 and 0.39mm (2 retinas) were pooled across the superior, inferior, nasal and temporal meridians due to symmetry. Measurements from 1.0 to 11.94mm are averaged across 4 retinas.

Eccentricity (mm)	Eccentricity (degrees)	Inner segment diameter (mean $\pm$ SD, $\mu\text{m}$ )	
		Nasal	Temporal
0.00	0.0	2.23 $\pm$ 0.11	2.23 $\pm$ 0.11
0.05	0.2	2.48 $\pm$ 0.04	2.48 $\pm$ 0.04
0.10	0.3	2.99 $\pm$ 0.03	2.99 $\pm$ 0.03
0.15	0.5	3.38 $\pm$ 0.14	3.38 $\pm$ 0.14
0.20	0.7	3.75 $\pm$ 0.25	3.75 $\pm$ 0.25
0.25	0.8	4.00 $\pm$ 0.23	4.00 $\pm$ 0.23
0.29	1.0	4.16 $\pm$ 0.22	4.16 $\pm$ 0.22
0.39	1.3	4.49 $\pm$ 0.19	4.49 $\pm$ 0.19
1.00	3.4	6.27 $\pm$ 0.71	6.84 $\pm$ 0.51
1.99	6.8	6.84 $\pm$ 0.85	7.33 $\pm$ 0.49
2.99	10.3	7.61 $\pm$ 0.45	7.54 $\pm$ 0.6
3.98	13.7	*	7.88 $\pm$ 0.69
4.98	17.1	7.84 $\pm$ 0.65	8.10 $\pm$ 0.73
5.97	20.5	7.81 $\pm$ 0.72	8.26 $\pm$ 0.61
6.97	23.9	7.78 $\pm$ 0.56	8.38 $\pm$ 0.55
7.96	27.4	7.86 $\pm$ 0.44	8.30 $\pm$ 0.58
8.96	30.8	7.98 $\pm$ 0.33	8.42 $\pm$ 0.57
9.95	34.2	8.09 $\pm$ 0.24	8.51 $\pm$ 0.59
10.95	37.6	8.21 $\pm$ 0.15	8.57 $\pm$ 0.63
11.94	41.0	8.32 $\pm$ 0.11	8.55 $\pm$ 0.57

\*The optic nerve head precluded measurement along the nasal meridian at this eccentricity.

**Table S3. Rod photoreceptor size estimate using nearest neighbor analysis in achromatopsia subject JC\_10069 compared to minimum foveal cone size estimate resolvable with split-detector in normal volunteer AD\_1225.** In achromat JC\_10069, rod photoreceptors across the retina are significantly enlarged compared to both normal rods, as well as normal foveal cones (Kruskal-Wallis test, Dunn’s multiple comparisons test of each group to normal cones at the fovea, see p-values on right column). This substantial difference in size (~1  $\mu\text{m}$  or 40%) makes rods resolvable in the achromatopsia subjects, and not in normal subjects in split-detection.

Retinal location	Subject	NN* $\pm$ SD ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	# cells	p
Cones – fovea	Normal	2.63 $\pm$ 0.40	123	-
Rods – 10° eccentricity	Normal	2.31 $\pm$ 0.32	70	p < 0.001
Rods – fovea	Achromat	3.34 $\pm$ 0.45	145	p < 0.001
Rods – 5° eccentricity	Achromat	3.19 $\pm$ 0.51	253	p < 0.001

\*Photoreceptor nearest neighbor distance.