Reviewer's report

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MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS

There are a lot of fluorimetric protein quantitation kit which is designed to quantify lower concentrations of proteins. Since you extract the proteins from the organic phase of TRIzol, the protein concentrations should be enough for protein quantitation assay. The normalization of expression levels with actin is not accurate, since we do not know whether the protein concentration is too high to reach plateau in ECL detection. Therefore, the relative expression levels of proteins would be probably underestimate.

Minor Essential Revisions

Page 13 the last paragraph and page 14 first paragraph: please provide references to support your opinions.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests