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RE: submission of the revised version for the article (Ms id# 1575330671331404) entitled with “A Towards-Multidimensional Screening Approach to Predict Candidate Genes of Rheumatoid Arthritis based on SNP, Structural and Functional Annotations” Zhang and Chen et al.

Dear Editor(s) for BioMed Central:

Thank you for your editorial efforts for our manuscript, and your recommendation that we submit a revision of this manuscript. We also thank much the anonymous reviewer for his (her) constructive comment to strengthen this manuscript, which has been accommodated appropriately.

We have carefully revised the manuscript to respond to the points and concerns raised by the reviewers. In particular, we have undertaken the following major revisions over the previous version:

(1) Per the reviewer’s advice “The specific research question posed by the authors is not well defined” by the reviewer, we have given adequate description and explanation for defining our research question in the following reply and in the corresponding abstract section.

(2) Per the reviewer’s advice “The conclusion section of the manuscript should also highlight the important differences between our method to conventional GWAS approaches…”, we have carefully given more explanation of our approach to make it better understood. We have revised the conclusion section to highlight their important differences.

(3) Some minor mistakes have been rectified. The manuscript has been internally reviewed and proofread by several professionals.

In the revised manuscript, major revisions are shown in BLUE color. The detailed responses on a point-by-point basis and revisions made are described below.

We believe that the manuscript has been greatly strengthened by the critique of the reviewer and hope that both you and the reviewers will now find the paper suitable for publication.

Thank you and the reviewers again for carefully reviewing our work.

Respectfully yours,

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