Reviewer's report

Title: Novel GATA4 promoter mutation associated with congenital heart disease in South Indian patients

Version: 1 Date: 30 September 2014

Reviewer: Ilenia Foffa

Reviewer's report:

Major Compulsory Revisions
In the manuscript is interesting biological concept of trying to elucidate the etiology of CHD with genetic/environmental interactions. However, the study presents some limitations. the title and abstract not accurately reflect the manuscript as a whole, in particular, the findings. The authors could provide more details about the novel mutation and additional functional analysis could be provided.

The manuscript involve excellent work and interesting observations, but should be revised to improve readability. It is difficult to follow the logical flow of the manuscript. After reading through your manuscript i feel that the quality of written English needs to be improved before the manuscript can be considered further. I advise you to seek the assistance of a fluent English speaking colleague, or to have a professional editing service correct your language

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'