Author's response to reviews

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Dear Ms Erica Cruz,

Thank you very much for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Screening of potential target genes for cataract by analyzing mRNA expression profile of mouse Hsf4-null lens” (Manuscript ID, 5922350301596375). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper.

We have studied the comments carefully and have made corrections which we hope meet with approval. Revised portions are highlighted by track changes mode in MS word in the paper for easy editing purpose. The point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments are listed below.

We are looking forward to getting your approval for its publication. If you have any additional questions, please contact us without hesitation.

Sincerely yours,

Jinghai Li

Our response to comments

Editor's Comments to Author:

1. Regarding the comment of referee 1 regarding the lack of RT PCR confirmation, could you briefly mention this as a limitation please, as you have in the response letter
to the referee?

Answer: Thank you for your kind suggestion. We have added a paragraph “However, there were some limitations in this study. For example, there were no experiments to confirm our predictions. The number of samples were also small. Considering these issues, the experimental studies will be subsequently conducted later using more samples” at the end of Discussion.

2. Please format references in style (e.g., use of 'et al' for papers with >6 authors, removal of issue numbers in brackets).

Answer: Thank you for your kind suggestion. We have formatted references in style as that in “Introductions for authors”.

3. Please expand on the acknowledgement to say no source of funding was used (alternatively this section can be removed).

Answer: We have removed this section.

4. Please remove the additional files that contain the cover letter and tracked-copy manuscript.

Answer: Thank you for reminding. We have removed these files.