Author’s response to reviews

Title: Investigation of the anti-cataractogenic mechanisms of curcumin through in vivo and in vitro studies

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Dear editor,

Thanks very much for your work on our manuscript entitled “Investigation of the anti-cataractogenesis mechanisms of curcumin: in vivo and in vitro studies” (ID: BOPH-D-17-00163R3). We have revised it according to the reviewers’ comments. We appreciated so much for their comments that are of great importance to improve the quality of our manuscript. Point-by-point response to their comments are attached below and the manuscript was revised accordingly. Now we would like to resubmit this revised manuscript and hope it can be considered for publication in BMC Ophthalmology.

Point-by-point response to editor and reviewers’ comments

Editor Comments:

Dear Dr. Wang,

Thank you for amending your manuscript according to our requests. However, there are a few minor revisions that are necessary before we can accept the manuscript for publication:

1. Thank you for including the statements on the general adherence to the ethical guidelines of the institutional animal ethics committee of LinYi. However, general adherence to ethical
guidelines does not equal to ethical approval. Ethical approval involves the submission of your study plan to the ethics committee and receiving approval. Most of the time, ethics committee approvals have a unique approval number. Please clarify whether you received ethical approval from the institutional animal ethics committee of LinYi for this specific study.

Response: Thanks very much for your kind suggestion. We are so sorry for our misunderstanding. Indeed, we have submitted the study plan to the ethics committee and receiving approval. The approval number is LW2017003 and the approval document scan will be sent to you if needed.

2. Please structure the abstract in your manuscript as follows, so that your manuscript follows submission guidelines:

   - Background: the context and purpose of the study

   - Methods: how the study was performed and statistical tests used

   - Results: the main findings

   - Conclusions: brief summary and potential implications

Response: Thanks very much for your kind suggestion. The abstract in our manuscript has been re-structured following your kind suggestion.

3. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Response: Thanks very much for your kind suggestion. We will upload the manuscript as a clean version.