

right eye was 25.09 mm. Patient II:3 was a 15-year-old girl (Fig. 1C,D) who presented with bilateral lens subluxation and punctate cortical lens opacities. Axial length was 25.72 mm OD and 26.21 mm OS. Patient II:5 was a 9-year-old girl (Fig. 1E,F) who presented with bilateral lens subluxation and cataract. Axial length was 24.86 mm OD and 25.21 mm OS. Patient II:6 was a 7-year-old boy (Fig. 1G,H) who presented with bilateral lens subluxation and with an axial length of 22.07 mm OD and 20.29 mm OS. In none of the patients, skeletal, cardiovascular or other physical abnormalities were detected. All other family members and 100 control subjects were unremarkable with respect to their ocular and general physical examination. Genomic DNA was extracted from peripheral blood leucocytes for genetic analysis. The *ADAMTSL4* mutation identification and analysis revealed that a heterozygous mutation c.1783dupT in exon 11 of *ADAMTSL4* and a heterozygous c.2594G>A mutation in exon 16 of *ADAMTSL4* were identified in all patients affected by IEL. The c.1783dupT mutation which was inherited from the father led to a frameshift that truncated the open reading frame (ORF) by creating a premature stop codon (TGA) 38-bp downstream of the duplication site and generated a protein of 606 amino acids consequently. The c.2594G>A mutation, inherited from the mother, led to an amino acid substitution from arginine (CGC) to histidine (CAC) at position 865 (p.Arg865His). Family members who carried none or only one of these two mutations did not exhibit any abnormal phenotype, indicating that the compound heterozygous c.1783dupT and c.2594G>A mutations of *ADAMTSL4* gene were causative mutations for this family with IEL. None of these mutations were detected in the 100 normal control subjects. The bioinformatics analysis revealed that amino acids at both mutational sites were highly conserved for *ADAMTSL4* based on the analysis of orthologues from ten different species using the CLUSTALW tool online. The c.2594G>A mutation was predicted to be 'probably damaging' with the highest score by the HumDiv model of Polymorphism Phenotyping v2 (PolyPhen-2) and was predicted to

be 'damaging' with a reliable score of 0.00 by Sorting Intolerant From Tolerant (SIFT).

The human *ADAMTSL4* (Gene ID: 54507) gene, also named as *TSRC1*, was mapped on chromosome 1q21 in 2003 (Buchner & Meisler 2003). To date, 15 mutations of the *ADAMTSL4* gene have been identified in patients with ectopia lentis. Most patients carrying the *ADAMTSL4* mutations were mainly of European ethnicity. Our report is the first investigation on Asian patients with IEL in general. All of the mutations reported so far were homozygous or compound heterozygous state, and the mutations did not cause IEL in heterozygous carriers, indicating that the pathogenesis of IEL was correlated with the effect of the gene dosage. The patients who had two defective alleles of the *ADAMTSL4* gene may be more vulnerable to disease. Neither mutation on its own was sufficient to cause IEL. The novelty of the findings of our study is essentially based on the fact that few mutations have been so far identified in the gene, and that for the first time, these two mutations have been found at a compound heterozygous state in all affected subjects in a large Chinese pedigree.

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Editor,

The bibliometric analysis recently published in your editorial (Stefansson 2014) undoubtedly shows a positive trend in the quantity of published items and citations received by Acta Ophthalmologica. However, one aspect that deserves special attention relates to the journals that are citing the articles published by your journal. Based on impact factor data, the Journal Citation Reports sorts each journal in each of its subject categories, generating what is commonly known as quartile rankings. Therefore, Q1 represents the top 25% of the impact factor distribution for a specific subject category, Q2 between top 25% and 50%, Q3 between top 50% and 75% and Q4 denotes the bottom 25% of the list.

Using data from 2010 to 2014 (until August 21 2014), I sorted the citing journals by the total number of articles cited and established to what quartile each of them belonged to. The top ten citing journals for each year are shown in Table 1, accounting on average for 25% of the year's total citations. The fact that the majority of these journals belong to the first and second quartiles confirms the quality of the research

Table 1. Ranking of the top-10 journals citing articles published by Acta Ophthalmologica, based on the total number of cited articles per year. Quartile distribution was estimated using the JCR 2013 Science Edition database. N/I represents a journal that is not indexed by Thomson Reuters.

| Rank | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2012 | | 2013 | | 2014 | |
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| | Journal | Quartile | Journal | Quartile | Journal | Quartile | Journal | Quartile | Journal | Quartile |
| 1 | Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science | Q1 | Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science | Q1 | Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science | Q1 | Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science | Q1 | Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science | Q1 |
| 2 | Acta Ophthalmologica | Q2 | Acta Ophthalmologica | Q2 | Acta Ophthalmologica | Q2 | Acta Ophthalmologica | Q2 | Acta Ophthalmologica | Q2 |
| 3 | Ophthalmology | Q1 | British Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 | Ophthalmology | Q1 | Ophthalmology | Q1 | Plos One | Q1 |
| 4 | British Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 | Ophthalmology | Q1 | Clinical Ophthalmology | N/I | Plos One | Q1 | Retina | N/I |
| 5 | Graefe S Archive for Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology | Q2 | American Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 | Plos One | Q1 | Graefe S Archive for Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology | Q2 | American Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 |
| 6 | Cornea | Q2 | International Journal of Ophthalmology | Q4 | Retina | N/I | American Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 | Clinical Ophthalmology | N/I |
| 7 | Retina | N/I | Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery | Q1 | American Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 | Retina | N/I | British Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 |
| 8 | American Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 | Clinical Ophthalmology | N/I | British Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 | British Journal of Ophthalmology | Q1 | Ophthalmology | Q1 |
| 9 | Eye | Q2 | Retina | N/I | Graefe S Archive for Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology | Q2 | International Eye Science | N/I | International Eye Science | N/I |
| 10 | Clinical Ophthalmology | N/I | Molecular Vision | Q2 | Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery | Q1 | Clinical Ophthalmology | N/I | Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery | Q2 |

being published by Acta Ophthalmologica. It is important to point out that even though not all journals listed in Table 1 have an impact factor, every single one of them is indexed by Scopus.

Another important attribute to consider is the internationality of the journal. The country that has contributed the most from 2010 onwards is Germany (11.1%), followed by the United States (7.7%), Denmark (7.7%) and France (7.4%). This information is relevant to researchers interested in communicating their research to a wider audience.

Lastly, Acta Ophthalmologica ranks 16th of 58 journals within the category ‘Ophthalmology’, only two positions away from the last journal of the first quartile. It’s only a matter of time until this journal forms part of the Q1 group. From where I stand, Acta Ophthalmologica has a very bright future.

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