Dear Editor:

I have recently read an article in your journal by Zhuang et al.\(^1\) and became interested in this work, specifically because as indicated in the title, the lens cell line FHL124 was used as an experimental model. I was curious to read in the Methods section that the authors obtained these cells from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). As far as I am aware, FHL124 cells are not commercially available. Upon accessing the ATCC website and searching for lens cells, only human lens epithelial (HLE-B3) are available for sale. Indeed, the latter are virally transformed, whereas FHL124 cells are spontaneously transformed and better reflect observations in tissue culture models\(^2\). Therefore, the authors should confirm that the cells they have used are indeed FHL124 and not HLE-B3 and, if so, clearly present the source of their FHL124 cells.

Kind regards,

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