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Software and code

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| Data collection | No software was used for data collection. |
| Data analysis | GMAP v2020-06-30 was used for CCS reads alignment, and HISAT2 v2.2.1 was used to align RNA-seq reads to reference genome. Stringtie v2.2.1 was used to quantify the expression levels. TransDecoder v5.5.0 was used to predict protein sequences and KOBAS (online server) was used to annotated the KEGG pathways. Gene completeness was assessed using BUSCO v5.1.3. FEELnc was used to identify lncRNAs and CIRExplorer2 v2.2.7 was used to identify circRNAs. REDIttools v1.3 was used to detect RNA editing sites. TBtools v1.095 and R v4.1.1 was used to perform statistical analyses and visualization. |

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The PacBio Iso-seq data were deposited in the NCBI SRA database under accession number PRJNA752470. The RNA-seq data of nine common carp organs were downloaded from the NCBI SRA database under accession number PRJNA684670. The improved transcriptome annotations and data supporting the results reported in the manuscript are available at Figshare (doi:10.6084/m9.figshare.25283650).

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| Reporting on sex and gender | We did not include any human research participants. To avoid sex-related differences, mixed samples were used for sequencing. |
| Reporting on race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings | We did not include any human research participants. This item is not applicable to our work. |
| Population characteristics | We did not include any human research participants. This item is not applicable to our work. |
| Recruitment | We did not include any human research participants. This item is not applicable to our work. |
| Ethics oversight | We did not include any human research participants. This study was approved by the Animal Care and Use Committee of the Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences (ACUC-CAFS, Permit Number: ACUC-CAFS-20180034). |

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Life sciences study design

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| Sample size | For PacBio sequencing, six samples were collected and mixed. |
| Data exclusions | No data was excluded. |
| Replication | A mixture of six biological replicates was used to generate the sequencing data. |
| Randomization | Fish for RNA sequencing were sampled randomly. |
| Blinding | Blinding was not relevant for this study. |

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