Reviewer's report

Title: Vegetarian diet and blood lipid profiles: a cross-sectional study of pre- and postmenopausal women

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Although it is a good manuscript and the findings are important there are some basic questions that needs to be answered before publication.

Lipid profile is affected by various factors apart from diet like Diabetes, prediabetes, metabolic syndrome, obesity use of various drugs. Were these factors taken into consideration?

Amount of diet taken by participants can affect the results. This fact has not been taken into consideration.

Discussion is too long. Need to omit repetitions of findings.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'