Reviewer's report

Title: Dietary protein and plasma total homocysteine, cysteine concentrations in coronary angiographic subjects

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Minor essential revisions:

1- Can you comment on the fact that, in Table 2, vitamin B12 is associated with plant protein intake but not with animal protein intake, despite the fact that vitamin B12 is most abundant in animal-derived foods (1)?

2- The manuscript needs editing for language throughout. E.g. in the Discussion: “Furthermore, although we found plasma folate and vitamin B12 levels were significantly related to tHcy and adjusted them in multivariate models”: please change to “adjusted FOR them”

3- Abstract: “In multivariate linear regression analyses, high animal- or plant-protein diet and the total protein intake remained significant determinants of tHcy and tCys concentrations respectively”: please rephrase to clarify which factor was related to which particular outcome, and the directions of the associations.

4- The Discussion needs tightening.


Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'