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Title: Reducing our environmental impact and increasing our health: greenhouse gas emission and land use of usual diet and mortality in the EPIC-NL cohort

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“Reducing our environmental footprint and improving our health: greenhouse gas emission and land use of usual diet and mortality in EPIC-NL: a prospective cohort study”.

We thank the editor for her valuable additional comments on our paper. We are glad that both reviewers are satisfied with our manuscript and that only some formatting issues remain. In this cover letter, we provide a point-by-point response to your suggestions. See below our answer (A) to the comments (Q).

Q1: The line numbering throughout should be removed.
A1: We have removed the line numbering in the margins.

Q2: On the title page, the title should include a study design e.g. A versus B in the treatment of C: a randomized controlled trial X is a risk factor for Y: a case control study. As for the addresses, place a superscript number before each with the number also placed after the respective author’s name. See published articles for examples. Above the email addresses, insert the heading Email addresses and format as author's initials:email address e.g. JS:joe.shmoe@university.edu separating the pairs with semi-colons. For the Corresponding author, remove the current text and replace with *Corresponding author placing the “ after his/her superscript number(s).
A2: The original title was “Reducing our environmental footprint and improving our health: greenhouse gas emission and land use of usual diet and mortality in the EPIC-NL cohort”. We thought that including the word cohort would reflect the study design. We have now updated the title to “Reducing our environmental footprint and improving our health: greenhouse gas emission and land use of usual diet and mortality in EPIC-NL a prospective cohort study”. The authors affiliations have been combined with the addresses of the institutes and indicated with a superscript number behind every author. In addition the formatting of the email addresses has been changed.

Q3: In the abstract: place the keywords at the below the Abstract. Remove the colons and place the text below the headings.
A3: We have relocated the keywords to its proper location right after the abstract. We have also removed the colons and placed the text below the headings.

Q4: The heading after Background should read Methods.
A4: The heading has been updated to the correct reading.

Q5: The Funding heading should be changed to Acknowledgements.
A5: We have changed the heading from ‘funding’ to ‘Acknowledgements’.

Q5: For the tables, all horizontal lines should be visible.
A5: In all the tables, we included horizontal lines to increase readability of the tables.