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Comments on the revised paper by M. Guasch-Ferré

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I thank the authors for providing appropriate replies to all my comments. I have no new comments of substance.

My only suggestions, all minor essential revisions, relate to minor wording changes to improve the English and punctuation, as listed below:

p5 para 1 line 4 Amend to read “….. and vitamin E[1], and has an acidity <1.5%. Extra-virgin oil (EVOO) …..” (Keep sentences re VOO and EVOO separate)
p5 para 2 line 1 “….. in the Spanish general…..”
p5 para 2 line 8 “….. inconsistencies between studies assessing coronary heart disease (CHD) as the end-point.”
p5 para 2 line 11 “….. than for the common …..”
p6 para 2 line 5 “We hypothesized that ……… variety would be associated …..” (You can’t hypothesise the past!)
p7 para 1 line 14 “….. stroke or death from cardiovascular …..”
p7 para 1 line 15 “….. using baseline consumption ………. exposure, and taking baseline data from the date of the …..”
p8 para 2 line 4 “….. from Spain. Reproducibility and validity ……. estimates by…..”
p10 line 1 “….. for all participants …..”
p12 para 1 line 12 “….. for the combined participants, 10.92 ± 22.91 g/d for those given MedDiet supplemented with EVOO, 2036 ± 21.81 g/d for those given MedDiet supplemented with nuts …..”
p14 3 lines from end “…. 0.50 to 1.51” (decimal point not comma)
p16 last line but 1 “….. MedDiet. The positive …..”
p19 last line but 1 “validated, measurement errors …..” (insert comma)
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests