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Title: Association between intake of red and processed meat and the risk of heart failure: a meta-analysis

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Editor Comments:

Abstract Conclusion - “Findings of this meta-analysis indicated that the highest category of processed meat intake, other than red meat intake, increased the risk of heart failure” -> Should be “…correlated with an increased risk of heart failure”

Reply: Thank you for your careful review. We have revised the sentence following your suggestion.

Page 3 line 48 – should be “the objective of this manuscript was to explore the association between intake and risk of heart failure

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Page 6 line 56- poor English “Bare of a single study…”
Reply: Thank you. We have changed the sentence to “Sensitivity analyses showed no single study had essential effect on the overall result”.

Page 8 line 26 – “In meta-analysis, this study discovered that… increase..”

Reply: Thank you. We have revised the sentence.

Page 9 line 23 – Remove the “to Sum up” and change to ‘The findings from this meta-analysis… correlated with an increased risk of heart failure”

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Page 9 line 50 – Consent for publication declaration is incorrect, should be ‘Not Applicable’

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