Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Maureen A. Murtaugh

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Line 23 of page 7 of the pdf referring to where studies were conducted….. were come. Use one or the other…

v Clarify this sentence. It doesn't make sense. Egger regression asymmetry test (P= 0.102) indicated that no publication was found in the analysis. Do the authors mean no publication bias?

v Pool result should be pooled results

In figure 2 it would be nice if the authors indicated American vs. European studies.

The paper never discusses potential differences in the amount of red or processed meat in the categories or the background diet that might influence the observed increase in risk associated with processed red meat. It would be helpful if European nations were identified in the discussion as their background diets could vary greatly.

Also, residual confounding related to other exposures associated with consumption of processed meat was not discussed.

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