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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There is still some awkward language, for example missing "the" or "a" as in a significant association.

Page 7 line 27—saying a Paper rather than saying a paper by (authors) is awkward.

Line 50 page 7 what was the original level of between study heterogeneity?

Page 8 lines 13-18—how strong was the association between red meat and heart failure in the one positive study?

Line 36 page 8 Egger should be capitalized the final sentence of the results is not understandable as written.

The paragraph that addresses background diet should at least include sodium as another contributor.

The second to last sentence in the last paragraph of the discussion is nonsensical.

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