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Title: Dietary patterns are associated with type 2 diabetes mellitus among middle-aged adults in Zhejiang Province, China

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Reviewer #3:

1.Line 43: Please change "have been considerable attentions" to "has been considerable attention"

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have changed "have been considerable attentions" to "has been considerable attention" in red font.

2.Line 80: Please re-phrase "where the participant was face-to-face interviewed" to "where participants were interviewed face-to-face"

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have re-phrased "where the participant was face-to-face interviewed" to "where participants were interviewed face-to-face" in red font.

3.Line 87: Please change "male" to "males"

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have changed "male" to "males" in red font.
4. Line 91-94: Thank you for including an explanation of how the FFQ was validated, however, these sentences require re-phrasing for grammatical flow. Suggestion: "The validity of the FFQ was assessed by ...."

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have rephrased these sentences for grammatical flow in red font.

5. Line 99: "as" has been included twice. Change "following" to "follows"

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have deleted the “as” and changed "following" to "follows" in red font.

6. Line 144: Add "and" before "educational"

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have added "and" before "educational" in red font.

7. Line 145: Change "was" to "were" and delete "Besides".

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have changed "was" to "were" and deleted "Besides".

8. Lines 170-171: Change "had significantly higher age" to "were significantly older" or similar if this has been interpreted correctly?

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have changed "had significantly higher age" to "were significantly older" in red font.

9. Line 176 - 179: Delete full stop within the brackets.

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have deleted full stop within the brackets.

10. Line 199: Add "a" before "Chinese".

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have added "a" before "Chinese" in red font.
11. Line 215: Add "factors" after "risk".

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have added "factors" after "risk" in red font.

12. Line 216: Change "the no association" to "the lack of association"

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have changed "the no association" to "the lack of association" in red font.

13. Line 218: Re-phrase "limiting the intake of containing high sugar" to "limiting the intake of foods containing high amounts of sugar". Delete "a" and change "examination" to "examinations"

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have re-phrased this sentence in red font.

14. Line 223: Change "attributable" to "attributed", delete "the" and add "dietary" before "constituents".

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have changed "attributable" to "attributed", and deleted "the". besides, we also added "dietary" before "constituents" in red font.

15. Line 224: Add "high" before "amounts"?

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have added "high" before "amounts" in red font.

16. Lines 259-262: Please re-phrase "For example, its subjective decisions involved in grouping of different food items and the definition of the dietary patterns, including determination of number of factors, the type of rotation, as well as the interpretation and naming of the factors[34]." to "For example, grouping of different food items and the definition of the dietary patterns, including determination of the number of factors, the type of rotation, as well as the interpretation and naming of the factors, involved subjective decisions [34]."

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have re-phrased these sentences in red font.
17. Line 268: Use lowercase for "Our".
Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have used lowercase for "Our".

18. Line 269: Add "and" before "vegetables".
Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have added "and" before "vegetables" in red font.

19. Number in heading for Appendix 2 needs to be amended to reflect accordingly. Add "the" before "three". Add "identified" after "dietary patterns". Please be consistent with the use of capitalisation for text within the table.
Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have modified these problems in red font.

20. Please use of "n=\" to denote sample size throughout the manuscript.
Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have used of "n=\" to denote sample size throughout the manuscript.