Reviewer's report

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

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Thank you for addressing all suggested revisions. Some minor errors were identified during the second review as follows:

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

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

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

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 ...."

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

Line 144: Add "and" before "educational"

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

Lines 170-171: Change "had significantly higher age" to "were significantly older" or similar if this has been interpreted correctly?
Line 176 - 179: Delete full stop within the brackets.

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

Line 215: Add "factors" after "risk".

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

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"

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

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

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].".

Line 268: Use lowercase for "Our".

Line 269: Add "and" before "vegetables".

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.

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