Reviewer’s report

Title: Adherence to “Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension” eating plan in relation to gastric cancer

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Reviewer: Mostafa Gouda

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The manuscript tried to investigate the association between adherence to dietary approaches to stop hypertension diet and gastric cancer. Currently, few works are available about the potential correlation of DASH with cancers. In this work, a routine method were used to characterize the changes. In which the results may provide a potential approach in characterizing DASH on to human for health lifestyle. Therefore, I suggest it can be accepted after revising.

Generally, the abstract section should be more shrinked and priced. Also, the conclusion and signification of the study should be more clarified.

In the BACKGROUND section, you should introduce more details about the positive and negative relationship of dietary pattern and cancers with special focusing on GC. Also, I suggest you to use some references, in which they are correlated with nutritional studies and their correlations with Gastric Cancer and other hypertension diseases. Farid E. Ahmed, Mostafa M. Gouda, Laila A. Hussein, Nancy C. Ahmed, Paul W. Vos and Mahmoud A. Mohammad (2017). Role of melt curve analysis in interpretation of nutrigenomics’ microrna expression data. Cancer genomics & proteome J. 14 (6):110-124.


In methods, why you did not mentioned more anthropometric analysis related to your patients. You mentioned that you did not examine current weight due to the effect of gastric cancer on weight in these patients. But, I think it is important to show the current anthropometric measurements for the used subjects, even if it will be not stable in analysis of your data and finding more correlations between their diets and GC.

In conclusion: More details about the signification of the study should be added.
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