Reviewer’s report

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

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Thanks very much for the changes previously made. I recommend the follow minor changes:

Abstract:
-Lines 38-39: 'we are aware of no study examining the association between the DASH dietary pattern and risk of gastric cancer.' Please revise to: 'to our knowledge no studies have examined the association between the DASH dietary pattern and risk of gastric cancer.'

Introduction:
-Line 70: the word cancer is missing
-Line 75: remove the word suggestive
-Line 83: CVD- have you defined this abbreviation earlier? Sorry if I have missed it.
-Lines 91-92: Moreover, studies on diet-disease associations, including cancer, mostly came from western countries and few data have been reported from the understudied region of Middle East.- Can you cite a systematic review which supports this?
-Lines 93-96: These two sentences need supporting references.

Discussion:
-Line 219: Should be health outcomes rather than health outcome
-Line 220-222: Although no prior information are available about the link between this dietary pattern as a whole and gastric cancer, several studies reported significant associations between components of the DASH dietary pattern and risk of gastric cancer.- Supporting references are needed here.
-Line 226-227: 'Consumption of fruit in this report has been classified as limited suggestive protective factors for gastric cancer.' Please revise to: 'Based on this report, there is limited evidence to suggest that fruit consumption is protective against gastric cancer.'
-Line 233-234: However, some studies did not suggest any significant association.- Supporting references needed here.
-Line 236-237: Therefore, it seems that further studies are required to shed light on this issue in the future.- Is this due to the conflicting findings? This sentence needs further explanation.

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