Author’s response to reviews

Title: Dairy product consumption and hypertension risk in a prospective French cohort of women

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Reviewer #1: The manuscript is acceptable.

Reviewer #2: The authors addressed all the comments raised in the first round of review. I just have a few minor comments left.

1. line 24: the "objective"
Thank you, this has been corrected.

2. Line 34: "multivariate HR for the fourth vs. first quintile HR5vs.1 = 0.97 [0.91; 1.04])." - should read "fifth vs. first quintile"
Thank you, this has been corrected.

3. Line 103: The low correlation coefficient for milk should be considered as a limitation of the study. The FFQ used does not seem adequate to assess milk intake. The fact that there were many non consumers should not have such an impact on the correlation coefficient.
We agree that this is a limitation of our study, and have added some discussion within the limitations section, line 246.

4. Line 194: Please specify what are the "other variables" tested.
We have removed this phrase, specifying that only BMI was assessed as an effect modifier.

5. Line 223: "no association between overall fermented dairy or any specific type of fermented dairy
products" with hypertension risk? Please clarify.
Thank you, we have clarified that the association was with hypertension risk.