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<p>1.</p>	<p>How the authors have recorded information about alcohol use and physical activity? Directly in gms/d and METs/WK in the questionnaire? I wondered if the questionnaire not used for Dietary details was validated.</p>	<p>(a) The alcohol consumption pattern of drinkers (amount, type and frequency) was noted and converted in terms of average alcohol consumed in grams per day (A detailed description regarding the assessment of alcohol consumption has been added in the methodology- page no:8; line 5-10)</p> <p>(b) Physical activity was measured in terms of MET levels. For walking, moderate and vigorous intensity activities MET was taken as 3.3, 4.0 and 8.0 respectively. The activities were measured separately (MET level x minutes of activity/ day x days per week) and expressed as total MET min/ week (A detailed description regarding the assessment of physical activity has been added in methodology- page no: 8; line 5-11)</p> <p>(c) The alcohol consumption among study participants was measured and classified as per the WHO STEPS questionnaire.</p> <p>(d) The physical activity was measured using international physical activity questionnaire- short version.</p> <p>(e) Dietary details were measured using Food Frequency Questionnaire which was developed, validated and pre-tested before it was used for the study. (A detailed description has been</p>
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		provided in the methodology- page no:7; line 18-24)
2.	In the Discussion the authors affirm that coffee and tea consumption were not significantly associated with colorectal cancer. It could be useful to report these values in the table. In addition, they should add which are the other studies where tea consumption is not associated with colorectal cancer (Line 39 of the Discussion paragraph).	<p>(a) OR and CI of coffee and tea consumption has been added in the results- The page no:10; line 6-9</p> <p>(b) Details of coffee and tea consumption has been added in Table 3</p> <p>(c) The studies in which coffee and tea consumption was not shown associated with colorectal carcinoma were discussed in details in the discussion section- page: 11; line 24-29 and page no: 12; line 1-8)</p>
3.	Please correct the CI in Table 3 for Mutton consumption of more than 2-3 times a week and the OR reported for Fried food in the Discussion paragraph to be consistent with the value of Table 3.	<p>(a) OR and CI for Mutton consumption of more than 2-3 times a week described in the discussion (by multivariate logistic regression analysis, Table 5) has been clarified in the discussion (page no: 10; line 22-24)</p> <p>(b) OR and CI for Fried food described in the discussion by univariate analysis, Table 3) has been clarified in the discussion (page no: 10; line 22-24)</p>

4.	Please decide in the text as well as in the tables, how many decimal numbers would you use.	The decimal numbers has been corrected to be uniform both in the text and the tables.
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