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Title of the Manuscript:	A study on the assessment of existing meat handling and hygienic practices among butchers and meat retailers in Jammu District of Jammu and Kashmir: A socio-economic analysis*
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	This is a very interesting work assessing animal transport for slaughtering but also practices in slaughtering and transporting carcass	Assessing during slaughtering and transport is very important to produce wholesome meat which is the responsibility of both meat handlers (butchers and meat retailers) and veterinarian. Meat handlers should maintain personal hygiene whereas veterinarian must inspect whole meat handling practices so as to gain the confidence of consumers by providing wholesome meat.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Some figures are not important (like plate 14).	The plate 14 clearly indicates the meat handlers are not following the hygienic rules which is against the scientific meat handling practices as freely moving workers may lead to the cross contamination of carcass. Meat handlers are not so much aware about cross contamination of carcass that is why they move freely without following single entry system as in case of organised meat production units. In this research paper this plate was mainly added to point out that workers are less aware about cross contamination of carcass.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Please try to reduce the number of plates.	Plate2, 11, 12, 13 were removed. Plate 14 no was adjusted at plate 2.