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Dear Editor,

we submit the revised version of the paper:

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The paper has been modified as follows:

1) P 5 2nd paragraph : 'divided' instead of 'dived'

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2) Figure 2, panel d : The coloured dashed lines for the three youngest age classes collapse at excess mortality=0, and the Associate Editor stumbled on that before understanding it. May be it would be sufficient to stress that in the figure legend, as we expect it to be even more difficult to discern once the figure is reduced to its final size.

The following sentence was added to the figure legend: "Note that in the latter case, the expected excess mortality in the younger age classes (0-64 years old) is very close to 0 for all the R0 values considered".

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