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Dear Editor,

Please find attached a resubmission of our manuscript, with the following points addressed:

1. Research involving human subjects (including human material or human data) that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

We have inserted a statement to this effect, lines 101-106:

This study is a secondary analysis of the anonymised data from the Scottish Health Survey and the Health Survey for England. Original ethical approval for the Scottish Health Surveys was granted by the Multicentre Research Ethics Committee (Scotland). As the data are in the public domain and available through the Economic and Social Data Service (ESDS), this study required no additional ethical approval.

2. Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style

The manuscript has been reformatted, and the title amended to remove the abbreviation “HbA1c” and to include the study design.

Best Regards,

Dr Emilie Combet, on behalf of the authors