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Dear Dr. David Jiménez-Pavón,

Thank you for inviting us to resubmit our manuscript. We appreciate the feedback and have responded to the new comments; please see below.

Yours sincerely,

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Editor's comments:

I have now received advice from our External Editors and they would be happy to reconsider your manuscript in the journal provided you adequately address reviewer 1's concerns.

Answer: Thank you. Please see below.

Reviewer 1: Astrid C J Nooyens

Reviewer's report:

The questions are well addressed; The tables have become clearer.

One last point: The conclusions of the abstract: the difference between "higher annual increases in BMI" and "higher increases in BMI with increasing age" is not easy. Can you formulate this clearer?

Answer: We apologize for being unclear. We have reformulated the conclusions in the Abstract as follows and hope that this has improved clarity:
"Public health policies should target those age groups and birth cohorts with the highest increases in BMI. For example, younger birth cohorts had higher annual increases in BMI than older birth cohorts, which means that younger cohorts increased their BMI more than older ones during the study period."