Author's response to reviews

Title: Discontinuation of anti-hypertensive drugs increases 11-year cardiovascular mortality risk in community-dwelling elderly (the Bambuí Cohort Study of Ageing)

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Dear Editor,

we would like to resubmit our revised manuscript for publication in the *BMC Public Health* journal.

We have incorporated all the changes suggested by the Reviewers and have made some language corrections.

Please, find enclosed our responses to the comments of the Reviewers and a description of the changes we have made to the manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Response to Reviewer Sarah Berdot:

- A new sentence (included into the first paragraph of the Methods section) specifying the main objective of the cohort study has been replaced for the second paragraph.

- We have rewritten the last paragraph of the Results section in order to make it clearer.

- We have added a new sentence about the changes of public health policy at the end of the second paragraph of the Discussion.

Thank you very much.
Response to Reviewer Alice Owen:

- We have rewritten the last sentence of the third paragraph of the Background section.

- We have added “except on medical advice” to the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of the Discussion section.

Thank you very much.
Description of the changes made to the manuscript:

- All spelling and grammatical errors pointed out by the Reviewers have been corrected.

- Background: the last sentence of the third paragraph has been rewritten.

- Methods: a new sentence into the first paragraph has been replaced for the second paragraph.

- Results: The last two sentences have been rewritten.

- Discussion: A new sentence has been added at the end of the second paragraph. A qualifier “except on medical advice” has been added at the end of the penultimate paragraph.