Author's response to reviews

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We would like to thank the reviewers for their helpful comments on the paper, and we are pleased that the paper has been accepted, in principle, for publication.

We have revised the manuscript again in line with the reviewers further suggestions. We have detailed below the specific changes that have been made to the manuscript in response to each of the points raised by the reviewers.

Reviewer 1

The figure in Table 4 for males aged 55 years and over, is this correct? It doesn’t fit with the comment on page 15

We have rechecked the calculations and the figure in the table is correct. The comment on page 15 was in error. We have corrected the text.

Reviewer 2

I would encourage the authors to provide a better narrative within the results section

The results section has been restructured to improve the narrative flow.

Reduce the number of tables and figures

We have been unable to remove any of the tables or figures without removing valuable information.

The discussion section is still too long. I would suggest trying to reduce further

We have reviewed the discussion for the most concise use of language, and have shortened the length of this section.

We have also checked that the manuscript conforms to the manuscript formatting checklist.