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RE: BGTC-D-19-00496R2
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Dear Editor, Stephen Madamba
Thank you for the additional review of our manuscript. We are glad that the majority of issues have been successfully addressed. New comments are provided in italics and our specific responses in plain text follow. To facilitate evaluation of our revisions, we are including a clean version of our updated manuscript.

Editor Comment 1: Please include an “Abbreviations” section after the “Conclusions” section of your manuscript where you list all of the abbreviations used in the manuscript. All abbreviations should still be defined in the text at first use.
Response: Noted and undertaken. We have added it (line 22-29, page 10; line 1-9, page 11).

Editor Comment 2: In the section 'Funding', please also describe the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.
Responses: Noted and undertaken. We have revised it in “funding” section (line 29, page 11; line 2, page 12).

Editor Comment 3: Please include a 'Declarations' heading above your 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' subsection.
Response: Noted and undertaken (line 11, page 11).

Editor Comment 4: We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular: "Cardiovascular disease (CVD) and associated risk factors among older adults in six low-and middle-income countries: results from SAGE Wave 1" BMC Public Health 2018; DOI 10.1186/s12889-018-5653-9
This overlap mainly exists in the methods section of your manuscript.
While we understand that this is work that you have previously published, and some of the same ideas are contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.
Please ensure that you summarize the methods and cite the original source.
Response: Thank you for pointing out. We've rewritten the method part (line 11-25, page 5).

Editor Comment 5: Please remove the ‘Response_R1’ file from the manuscript.
Response: Noted and undertaken.

Editor Comment 6: At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files. Please ensure that all figures, tables and additional/supplementary files are cited within the text.
Response: Noted and undertaken.

Thank you for your consideration.

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