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Based on your comments we made the following minor changes to revise the manuscript:

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We anonymized the identifying information. We changed specific ages into age ranges of 5 year intervals (e.g. 18.0-19.9, 20.0-24.9, up to 45.0-50.0) and the specific BMI data into BMI categories according to WHO.

2. Please amend the section title "Introduction" to "Background".

We amended the section title to "Background".
3. Clean manuscript
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