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Title: Psychiatric Disorders of Patients Seeking Obesity Treatment

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Dear Editors,

I wound like to re-submit our manuscript, “Psychiatric Disorders of Patients Seeking Obesity Treatment”, to BMC Psychiatry. Thanks for editors and reviewers’ great suggestions. We had revised our manuscript by your suggestions and gave point-to-pint responses to your concerns.

Thank you for reading our work. I look forward to hearing from you for decision or further suggestions.

Sincerely,

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Reviewer: Vikas Duvvuri

1. Please state if the SCID data refer to diagnosis prior to obesity treatment, lifetime diagnosis or both?
Answer: We made lifetime diagnosis in this study and had added this description in the manuscript.

2. Please state the major determinant for why patient in this study underwent an operation versus others who did not. If unknown, note that this information is unavailable.
Answer: First of all, patients made up their mind to receive operation. However, patients who wanted to receive bariatric surgery must meet the criteria of morbid obesity. They then needed to receive complete pre-operation evaluation including psychiatric evaluation. Our hospital has a committee in charge of the determination whether the patients are eligible for the bariatric surgery. This process is stated in Methods.

3. Please state if generalizability within Taiwan is a limitation of this study. Are demographics for a treated obesity sample in a community hospital known? Is most obesity treatment in Taiwan done in university settings or in community settings?
Answer: The community hospitals in Taiwan do not provide bariatric surgery though some community hospitals treat few obese people with non-surgical interventions. No known demographic difference between patients of community hospitals and university hospitals had ever been reported.

Reviewer: Samuele Cortese

1. The authors thoughtfully addressed my suggestions, except point 4. I can see that ADHD was not the focus of the paper, but I would still suggest to mention it (along with the interesting connection with sleep) and the references I mentioned, in order to stimulate the field. ADHD is more and more diagnosed in adults, so this will be a useful direction of research for future and the paper will benefit from this.
Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. We had stated the new study issue in our manuscript in Discussion section.