Reviewer's report

Title: Psychiatric Disorders of Patients Seeking Obesity Treatment

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. For the 1832 subjects: please include BMI, % who received bariatric surgery, % male /female and age. It is unclear how exclusion of nearly a thousand subjects has altered the characteristics of the final dataset. Please clarify if this is a national referral clinic, regional center, etc?

2. In using the SCID, are you referring to the current diagnosis, lifetime diagnosis or both?

3. What was the hypothesis being tested in the comparison between surgical and non-surgical subjects? At this clinic, what was the rationale used to determine if a patient underwent surgery?

4. Please discuss the implications of the findings in Table 3.

5. If BMI cannot predict the diagnoses listed in Table 4, what are alternative contributors?

6. Please discuss the limitations of the study.

- Minor Essential Revisions

1. Proofreading to correct grammatical and typographical errors will be helpful.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests