Reviewer's report

Title: A multi-centre cohort study of short term outcomes of hospital treatment for anorexia nervosa in the UK

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The purpose

Major compulsory revisions
None

Minor essential revisions
To add some additional information might be necessary in order to improve the paper and the clarity of the whole manuscript.
A paragraph is needed where hypothesis should be briefly clarified.
Regarding the section participants, it might be helpful to make more clear how the recruited samples were collected (eg- consecutive admissions?), how the diagnostic criteria were met (by means of SCID-I? and DSM-IV criteria). It might be helpful to define how in the UK is being differentiated (day patients), it means Day Hospital, Inpatient, Intensive outpatient?
Regarding the results section and the subjects who finally took part in the study, were there significantly clinical differences between those who did take part and those who did not/ dropped out?
In page 13, not sure where is a mistake in some information given, regarding length of admission (it was stated that the length was between 4 and 141,6 weeks?). Is that correct? Some patients were over 3 years in Day hospital care?. Maybe I misunderstood this information.
Under limitations section, it should acknowledge the fact that were included patients with several therapy approaches.
Under references, some of them should be updated (e.g. #27;#49)

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests