Author's response to reviews

Title: A Clinical Approach to the Assessment and Management of Co-morbid Eating Disorders and Substance Use Disorders

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Dear Professor Fassino, Mario Speranza and Jessica Baker

RE: A Clinical Approach to the Assessment and Management of Co-morbid Eating Disorders and Substance Use Disorders

Thank you for your comments; we would like to respond as follows:

Reviewer: Mario Speranza

For the Epidemiology, Prevalence section we have included a table summarising the articles referred to in this section, due to time constraints we have not included a comment of the quality of each article. We have also attempted to better summarise each subsection (additional comments in colour in the text). ADHD and MDD as potential mediating factors have been discussed in the Aetiological and Risk Factors section (please see pg 13 under the heading ‘other psychopathology’, text in colour).

In the Epidemiology, Aetiological and Risk Factors section, we have included more information about the addictions model, incorporating the literature kindly recommended by the reviewer (please see pg. 10-13, text in colour). We have also included additional comments about adolescence (please see pg. 15, text in colour).

In the Assessment and Management section, we have included a comment on the usefulness of a future meta-analysis of all the current literature (please see pg. 24, text in colour).

Reviewer: Jessica Baker

Comment 1: We have attempted to better integrate and discuss findings in each subsection of the Prevalence section (additional comments in colour in the text).

Comment 2: We have stated what the current article adds to the literature (please see pg. 24, text in colour).

Comment 3: We have included additional twin and family studies in the Aetiological and Risk Factors section of the paper. This section has also been restructured and attempts to better integrate the findings, provide more discussion and draw conclusions for the reader (please see pg. 9-11, 13).

Comment 4: The discussion on Environmental factors and their impact on risk for co-morbidity has been expanded (please see pg. 14, text in colour). A section entitled “other psychopathology’ has also been added (please see pg. 13-14 text in colour).

Sincerely

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