Reviewer's report

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

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The authors provide a review of the comorbidity between eating disorders and substance use disorders. Overall, the manuscript provides a helpful and interesting review of the topic. However, some minor essential revisions are recommended:

1. In their review of the literature, the authors could do a better job for the reader integrating together findings and providing conclusions based on these findings. As currently written, each section/paragraph provides the findings of a study for the reader, but does not provide an integration and discussion of findings.

2. Similarly, the revisions described above may aid in this manuscript's innovativeness from other already published reviews of eating disorder and substance use disorder comorbidity. The authors would benefit from highlightening what their review adds to the already published reviews on this topic.

3. The author's report the finding of one twin study in their discussion of genetic overlap between eating disorders and substance use disorders. However, there are several other twin studies published on this topic that should be included. This section also highlights comment #1 in which it would be helpful if the authors integrated findings (e.g., twin and family studies) and provided a more thorough discussion of what the findings mean and drew conclusions for the reader.

4. The authors discussion of environmental factors is quite brief and would benefit from great expansion. As well as a discussion of how these environmental factors may influence risk for comorbidity.

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

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