Reviewer's report

Title: Perseverant, non-indicated treatment of obese patients for obstructive lung disease

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The manuscript "Perseverant, non-indicated treatment of obese patients for obstructive lung disease" represents an original paper with results from observational cohort study. It is structured on 14 pages, out of which 4 pages comprise figures and tables. The methods are appropriate and well described. The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. The data are sound and support the discussion and conclusions of the manuscript. The limitations of the work, mostly regarding small sample size and sampling bias are clearly stated. The title and abstract accurately reflect what has been found. I consider the writing acceptable

Recommendations for further research - Although this was not the topic of this manuscript, I consider it might be interesting to compare spirometry results for these patients after 6-month period following the first spirometry and to assess the distribution of bronchodilator medications in relation to the pattern of spirometry result/diagnosis.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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