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Dear Natalie Pafitis MSc - Executive Editor - BioMed Central

We have received the requests regarding to the study protocol entitled “Sleep study, respiratory mechanics, chemosensitive response and quality of life in morbidly obese patients undergoing bariatric surgery: A prospective, randomized, controlled trial” transferred to BMC Surgery and we have reviewed it, as it follows:

1- Please revise your manuscript to ensure that it adheres to the CONSORT guidelines: CONSORT - Randomised Controlled Trials (http://www.consort-statement.org/index.aspx?o=1031)

- The whole manuscript was reviewed and it complies with all the items from the CONSORT standards checklist.

2- Please provide clarification about the current status of the trial and let us know whether there are any manuscripts related to this (published or under consideration elsewhere).

- Currently our trial is at recruiting phase. Over the last decades many studies have reported the correlation between obesity, quality of life and sleep. Although few of them have an approach on studying the effects of interventions as the bariatric surgery, which is increasingly performed in many countries. Another differential of our protocol is the study of the re-inhalation method described by Read, which is a validated technique that allows the determination of the ventilatory response to CO₂ stimulus.

3- Please provide us with the link to the trial record at the registry as we are unable to look this up with the trial registration number you have provided us.

- The link to the trial registration of our protocol with the Brazilian Registry of Clinical Trials - ReBEC is http://www.ensaiosclinicos.gov.br/rg/RBR-9k9hhv/.

Thank you for your attention. Best regards.

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