Reviewer's report

Title: Complications and nutrient deficiencies two years after sleeve gastrectomy

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1. Interesting data from a single center experience with a useful and clear summary.

Minor Essential Revisions in order of the manuscript:

2. Antibiotics: please change the word 'antibiosis' to 'antibiotics'

3. Operation data: please complete the sentence: 'So it were used in 88% of patients, due to (88) (Table 2).'

4. Folic acid: Please correct the sentence: 'After RYGBP or DS 21 patients were regularly supplemented'

5. Discussion: second paragraph: '...consequently, no insufficiencies of anastomoses'... To call this an advantage of SG leaves the wrong impression that leakage of an anastomosis in RYGBP is more serious (hence this procedure less favourable) than a staple line leak in SG.

5. Same paragraph: Please correct spelling of '...gastroesophageal reflux...'

6. Discussion: Please correct: ... The rapid weight loss in this study was based on the restriction of the gastric volume. Ghrelin etc entfernt...'

7. Discussion: '...because of the moderate rate of major complications of 8% (8/100), SG can be recommended as a first step operation before malabsorptive interventions...' I can hardly agree with this general conclusion unless you give the number of complications in patients with high BMI who are most likely to receive a second step intervention. This leave the impression that SG should be preferred to the attempt of single-step RYGBP in super-obese patients.

8. Table 5 and 6: Given the fact that your follow up rate was 80 % (80/100) I would be more happy if you would apply your postoperative data to the actual number of patients who completed this study.

9. Table 5,6 and 10: Please correct BMI '=<60 kg/m2' to '=>60 kg/m2'

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