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Title: Which Criteria should be used to define Type 2 Diabetes Remission after Bariatric Surgery?

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Dear Editor,

Attached we submit the REVISED version of the paper titled “WHICH CRITERIA SHOULD BE USED TO DEFINE TYPE 2 DIABETES REMISSION AFTER BARIATRIC SURGERY?”, by Ramos-Levi et al.

In light of the reviewers’ comments, we here provide a list with a point-by-point description of the changes made:

- Comparison of preoperative values with the 18-month follow-up ones using t-test for paired samples and Wilcoxon’s test was suggested in table 1, where it could be observed how postoperative values were significantly different from preoperative ones. However, to clarify this issue, following the reviewer’s recommendations, we have added a sentence in the “Results” paragraph.

- In the “Methods” paragraph, we have added information on the test used for measurement of HbA1c levels in blood samples: HPLC. We acknowledge that this method is monthly evaluated regarding quality, and follows ADA’s recommendations regarding certification by the National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program (NDSP).

- We have added the missing criterion, “of a duration of at least one year”, in the 2009 remission definition (paragraph “Methods”).

- We remark that we have used the follow-up period of 18 months, which is when stabilization of weight occurs in the majority of cases.

- We specify that the follow-up definition proposed also includes the “one year period without treatment” as a criterion.

- We have removed the table form our uploaded figures, and instead, we have included it in the main manuscript file.
We hope these changes satisfy the reviewers’ requirements and recommendations, and that you consider the article for publication in your Journal.

Yours sincerely,

The authors.