Reviewer's report

Title: Bariatric Surgery for Obese Children and Adolescents. A Review of the Moral Challenges

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It is clear the author invested both time and energy into revising the revised manuscript. However, issues remain outstanding that need to be addressed:

1. There still are numerous places throughout the manuscript with incorrect punctuation (mostly missing commas), incorrect verb tenses within sentences, and awkward sentence wording and structure. Although the quality of the writing is slightly improved, overall, it remains poor.

2. The details of the literature search are not provided. For instance, most contemporary reviews (e.g., systematic, integrative, scoping, etc.) include the following details (but are not limited to): Databases searched, search terms applied, time frame of search, inclusion/exclusion criteria, quality assessment criteria, categorizing/grouping of studies, etc. Also, it is quite unusual that the literature search yielded 227 manuscripts, and that there are exactly the same number of citations included in the reference section.

3. The last sentence of the abstract may be written to be provocative, but it could be re-written as: “Performing bariatric surgery for children and adolescents with obesity in order to discipline...” to be less dramatic.

4. The formatting of the references section is inconsistent.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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