Reviewer's report

Title: Obese Older Adults Report High Satisfaction and Experiences with Care

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Minor essential revisions.

1. p6, line 7 - "we attempt to estimate the independent impact OF obesity" - word in caps is missing from manuscript
2. p10 - "The most common comorbid condition was high blood pressure, followed by arthritis of a joint/osteooporosis, diabetes and low back pain, which increased with each BMI category with that of the entire study population falling somewhere between the normal weight and overweight categories (Figure 1)". This sentence needs revision. Firstly, 'increased with each BMI category' doesn't appear to be true for low-back pain. Secondly, the latter part of the sentence ("with that of the entire study population falling somewhere between the normal weight and overweight categories") doesn't make sense and needs rewording.
3. p11. "Obese survey respondents also reported that doctors WERE ALSO more often prescribed checking their blood pressure regularly" - words in caps should be deleted
4. p13 end of first para - "which likely attributed to some of these differences" implies causation in the wrong order. Replacing "attributed" with "led" would improve clarity.
5. p13 end of second para - "this stigmatism is especially true of younger, obese adults, which may explain the differences seen on older, obese adults [39-43]. Therefore, age is an important factor affecting satisfaction in obese individuals, explaining the discrepancy between studies on satisfaction in obese individuals". As per earlier review, the point about stigma is interesting but its possible role as a mechanism for an age/obesity interaction re: satisfaction could be more clearly elaborated. I would suggest:
   a) explicitly noting that the consequences of stigma that are listed - eg "disparities in gaining employment, social rejection, negative stereotypes and reduced access to health care" - are also associated with poorer health care experiences.
   b) Revising the last sentence of this para to read "This may go some way to explaining the age differences observed in studies on satisfaction in obese
individuals".

p6. p15. "Programs that take a more holistic approach to managing health by focusing on achieving optimal quality of life and living a healthy lifestyle are needed". It is odd that quality of life is mentioned only twice in the manuscript - once in the first para of the introduction and again in the last line of the conclusions. The rest of the paper does not discuss QoL so a call to focus on it in the conclusions does not appear justified. The conclusions section of the abstract is more appropriate.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I am employed by an organisation (Picker Institute Europe) that conducts surveys of people's experiences of healthcare in the UK and Europe. One of our surveys, the Picker Institute Adult Inpatient Survey, is mentioned as having been used in another study referenced. However, neither I nor my organisation stand to gain or lose from the publication or not of this paper, and I am content that I have no material competing interests.