To the Editor and Reviewers of BMC Health Services Research,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript entitled ‘Predictors of attendance at an obesity clinic and subsequent weight change’ (MS: 1594565280106203).

The comments by the reviewers outlined two areas of improvement, which have been addressed in this revised manuscript.

Firstly, we were advised that the limitations of the work required more discussion. We have added a paragraph regarding limitations of our work to the end of the discussion section.

Secondly, it was suggested that it would be useful to have included aged categories as well. Consequently we have divided the patients into four groups (<35 years, 35-44 years, 45-54 years and #55 years) and compared the proportion of patients in each category with their questionnaire return, attendance rate and weight change (results are shown in Tables 1, 2 and 3). This further analysis has shown that there is no statistically significant difference in the distribution of ages when comparing patients returning their questionnaire and those not returning their questionnaire, those attending >50% and #50% of appointments and those losing weight and not losing weight. In addition, we have also included the range of patient ages in the results section on pages 6 and 7.

Thank you for reviewing this revised manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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