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Reviewer 1

The authors have greatly improved the paper as they have responded to many of my comments. I would suggest moving the limitations of the study from conclusions to discussion.

As requested, the main limitations have been moved to line 297, 312-321 and 346 of the discussion.

Add a graph to evaluate the weight variation in the year following surgery.

We added a graph including the median weight at the first visit to the clinic, immediately before surgery and during the first years after surgery comparing both groups (See supplementary material). Unfortunately we do not have data regarding the first months after surgery, only at 12 months. We hope that this new graph is explanatory enough, since both groups are represented at all time points and the differences in weight and their standard deviations can be visually evaluated.

Why were the pre-year data not used since they are mentioned?
We used the data before surgery to describe the population of the clinic; we intended for the reader to have a general idea of the subset of patients that were included in this study, compared to the general population of severely obese patients looking for surgical treatment. We added a comment on this regard in the methods section. We only used the data of the included patients in the previous graph. Special attention was paid to variables that had been described as significant in other published studies, such as % EWL before surgery (only with diet and physical activity), the weight / BMI with which patients were admitted to the clinic, the presence of comorbidities such as diabetes or hypertension and the presence of depression/anxiety disorders. The patients that were not included in the study did not fulfill the inclusion criteria of the study.