Author's response to reviews

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Dear editor and reviewers,

First of all we would like to thank you for your critical review of our manuscript “The Sleeve Bypass Trial: a multicentre randomized controlled trial comparing the long term outcome of laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass for morbid obesity in terms of excess BMI loss percentage and quality of life”.

Enclosed you will find the most recently revised version of the manuscript and a reply to the reviewers’ and editor’s useful comments.

We truly hope that the current manuscript is to all your satisfaction and will be accepted for publication in your Journal.

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The article in its present form could be considered for publication.

Response:
Thank you for your comment.

Editor

Although the answers to referee 2’s comments were adequate, adding this information to the manuscript itself would be useful:

- Secondary endpoints, question 3

  Response: A short addition on the Data and Safety Monitoring Committee was added to the Methods/Design section of the manuscript.

- Discussion, question 5

  Response: the management of gallstone disease is briefly discussed in the Discussion section as a part of advantages of the laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy.

- Discussion, question 6

  Response: the methods of data collection and increase the number of follow-up is briefly described in the Method/Design section.

We would like to thank the editor for the useful suggestions on the current manuscript.

Editorial requests

1. We want to refrain from the opportunity to acknowledge someone for this manuscript. All people involved in the creation of this manuscript are coauthors.
2. The earlier included figure is now transformed into a table and included in the manuscript. Since no figures remain, the figure legend is absent.
3. As described above, one table is included in the manuscript.