Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and predictors of irritable bowel syndrome in patients with morbid obesity: a cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Laura Matarese

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This is a very interesting study. In my own practice I have noticed that most IBS patients are not underweight. Most are overweight.

I just have a few suggestions:

1. Please list the limitations of the study, for example, represents 2 sites in Norway so the results may not be generalizable. Additionally, the number of patients in one site was considerably different which may influence your conclusions.

2. Please define the minor psych disorders

3. How were the psych disorders diagnosed.

4. Do you have information on the type of carbohydrate ingested? Was it high in FODMAPs? Please add this information to table 4 and discuss in the paper. This is a very important point. This could explain the incidence of IBS symptoms.

5. On the figure, the Oslo exclusion criteria included "not able to read Norwegian" and the Innlandet included "Personnel including patients not available". I believe this requires further explanation.

All analyses should be stratified by sex.
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Yes

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