Reviewer's report

Title: Recipients' and providers' perspectives of obesity and potential barriers to weight management programmes in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA): a qualitative study

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I have read this work with great enthusiasm, which is understood to have been completed with great effort and I congratulate the researchers for their contributions to the literature about this obscured field.

First I would like to share my ideas about deficiencies and limitations of this study that I figured out.

1. It would be better to be mentioned of duration of obesity and number of prior attempts of being a part of a losing weight programs, if available.

2. The age distribution of the volunteers involved in the study is unfortunately spread over two sides of the curve (2-44 years)

3. Although it was mentioned that the definition of obesity in RA patients is BMI> 28 due to sarcopenia, it would be more appropriate to select participants with BMI> 30.

Despite those criticisms that I mentioned, I believe that this study will improve the awareness of providers in this subject and deserves to be published after necessary add-ons are completed and limitations are mentioned in the text.
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