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Title: Morbidity and health-related quality of life of patients accessing laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy: a single-centre cross-sectional study in one province of Canada

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Dear Editorial board of BMC Obesity and Reviewers,

Thank you for your review of our article “Morbidity and health-related quality of life of patients accessing laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy: a single-centre cross-sectional study in one province of Canada and your valuable comments on how to improve our manuscript. We have responded to all reviewer and editorial comments below in numerical format with changes made to the manuscript (highlighted). Please find our author responses below.

Response to reviewers:

I would like to first thank the reviewers for taking their time to review this article. I appreciate the comments made and have made all suggested revisions. Follow-up outcome data on this cohort of patients accessing a newly established bariatric program will be published in the near future.

Reviewer 3 comments to be addressed:

1. In general, the manuscript appears somewhat sloppily written, e.g. decimal places should be used in a meaningful way, abbreviations should be introduced at first appearance and should then be used consistently. Author response: We have read through and edited the manuscript to ensure it is grammatically and structurally sound. Abbreviations and decimals (rounded to one place) have been checked and corrected to ensure consistency. 2. Colloquial language should be avoided. Author response: The manuscript has been edited so as to avoid any informal non-scientific language especially in the Discussion section. 3. Some specific comments: Abstract: Results: Use decimal places consistently. Include statistics with p-values for group comparisons. Author response: Decimals presented in the Abstract Results section have been rounded to one decimal for consistency. P-values have been added to all group comparisons in the Abstract (although these changes do not appear in the uploaded version). 4. Methods: The SF-12v2 is a short version of the Short-Form 36 (SF-36) a validated tool used to assess general health." I believe the SF is used to measure Quality of Life, not health in general.
Author response: We agree with this comment. In the main manuscript under the Methods, in the sub section: Measure of Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL), [lines16-17], general health has been deleted and replaced with Quality of Life. 5. Please rephrase the following part and avoid these incomprehensible combinations „higher..less..some“ and similar ones. „A higher proportion of women compared to men reported less often "some problems" with self-care (9.5% vs. 25%, p