Reviewer's report

Title: Larger Omental Adipocytes Correlate with Greater Fetuin-A Reduction Following Sleeve Gastrectomy

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In "Larger Omental Adipocytes Correlate with Greater Fetuin-A Reduction Following Sleeve Gastrectomy," the authors describe the relationship between fetuin-A and omental adipocyte size, insulin resistance, and weight loss. The primary point I would like to see addressed is the relationship between type 2 diabetes and fetuin-A changes. Review of the methods does not appear to exclude type 2 diabetics but that the patient population is mixed. Instead of separating by male and female patients which is likely limited due to power (unless there is a known difference in fetuin-A between the sexes which should be described in the discussion), I would like to see how the diabetic vs non-diabetic population differs with respect to fetuin-A or why this natural comparison was not made in the manuscript. The importance of this observation lies in the finding that higher HOMA-IR predicted lower FetA post-operatively (which would be the type 2 diabetic population).

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