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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In general, I think this is a very good and interesting paper. As bariatric procedures become more and more widely performed the medical management of these patients is becoming more important for the non-bariatric surgeon to understand. I have a few points/questions that might assist in this manuscript: 1) While the focus is on the medical management, a very brief discussion of some of the different bariatric procedures commonly performed would be of value to put some of these problems in to context. 2) Maybe also some brief discuss of the complications that might be unique to each type of procedure (i.e. RYGB complications vs gastric banding, etc) and some clues that might assist the non-surgeon in recognizing these complications and their evaluation and management - especially in the context of when these patients need to be management specifically by the operating surgeon 3) In the post-operative period, DVT prophylaxis is particularly important and some discussion of this is important 4) One concern that this reviewer has seen in this patient population (particularly in the US) are the mental health issues that are associated with overeating. Many patients (especially young women) use eating to deal with problems and when they can not eat as much after surgery, this can have a significant decompensation in some of their mental health issues - some even need emergent in-patient psychiatric hospitalization. Can the authors comment on this observation? 5) Some of the pictures are nice - do they need to be referenced or are they original artwork? 6) The picture of gastric sleeve is nice - but for the non-surgeon, maybe pictures of some of



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the other procedures would also be of value (see comments above) 7) Also, in the post-operative period there needs to be a little more regarding the risks of general anesthesia in a morbidly obese patient - such as sleep apnea, wound management (especially for open surgery), and maybe some resource or link for helping to determine if medications need altering due to impair gastric function. Do pills need crushed (for example)? 8) Is there any data regarding the time course to the improvement (and durability) in the improvement in medical problems (i.e. diabetes) after bariatric surgery - and what to expect and how much of an improvement 9) Maybe some mention of the durability of different procedures, expected long-term results

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The article provides interesting information and is well organized. But many topics are covered superficially and need to be addressed. Each statement should be referenced and this represents a serious limitation for publishing this article in its current format. Figure 1 is out of scale, is inappropriate and repeats the contents of Table 1 suggest delete it. Follows the article with suggestions, attached.

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This is a review about the medical management after bariatric surgery. It is a well-written manuscript. However, the scope of this manuscript is relatively limited, although the reference list includes more broad problems (for instance, alcohol use disorder). References should be assigned more appropriately, because many references are gathered into one bundle. Abstract only contains comments about the background of bariatric surgery. The contents in this manuscript should be shortly summarized in the abstract.