

Review of: "Impact of Telemedicine on Post-Bariatric Surgery Outcomes and Patient Satisfaction During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Retrospective Observational Study"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this article.

This is definitely an interesting topic if done appropriately, given that obesity is a significant problem worldwide and technology should be employed to improve management.

There is a significant flaw in the methodology of the paper with the intention to measure the impact of telemedicine on surgery outcomes. The outcomes were total weight loss and excess weight loss, and a large part would have been contributed by the bariatric surgery rather than telemedicine. There was no attempt to compare total weight loss and excess weight loss against past data without the use of telemedicine (within the institution or from other publications) as a control or generally expected total/excess weight loss from bariatric surgery.

This is rather deceptive, and without a comparison to a control, it does not provide useful knowledge beyond that of patient satisfaction. The paper should be titled as the impact on patient satisfaction unless a significant change in the methodology for comparison mentioned above is included.