

# 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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Dear Authors,

Thank you for the opportunity to review this article. As stated, this is an observational study.

Title: In my opinion, the title should be changed to remove the word "outcomes" and replace it with "reviews," as Telemedicine does not directly affect surgery outcomes.

The abstract reads well, but the actual percentages of satisfaction should be entered into the results section.

This article is about patient satisfaction with Telemedicine; however, most of the focus and discussion, as well as the introduction, is about Bariatric Surgery. It is more important to introduce and discuss what the normal face-to-face procedure is after bariatric surgery and how important that is to the outcomes. This can then be used to compare the outcomes through telemedicine reviews. The conclusion needs to show the positive and negative aspects of Telemedicine for this purpose.