

Peer Review File

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Comments:

The paper is well written and provide a great overview about the changes in telemedicine during the last 20 years. Nonetheless, there are some minor revisions needed to improve readers comprehensiveness:

Comment 1 :Consider characterizing which surgeries are include in “endocrine surgery”.

Reply 1: Thyroidectomy and parathyroidectomy have been listed within the abstract introduction

Changes in the text: Page 2, line 10

Comment 2: In abstract, there would be interesting to have a more sound background - consider using lines 22-26 as so.

Reply 2: This has been moved from the abstract conclusion section to the introduction
Changes in the text: Page 2, lines 3-10

Comment 3: Consider including in abstract a mention to the historical/time approach of the review.

Reply 3: This has been added

Changes in the text: Page 2, line 15

Comment 4: Please consider describing in more details in methods section which aspects of telemedicine were in focus during the review. It would also be interesting to know which was the time cut-off to divide articles between “history” and “pre-covid”.

Reply 4: The time cut off between “history” and “pre-covid” has been addressed by replacing “pre-covid” with “2000-2020.”

Changes in the text: Page 5, line 22

Comment 5: Table 1 is missing exclusion criteria.

Reply 5: “Exclusion: non-English language, limited to endocrinology” has been added to the table

Changes in the text: Page 11

Comment 6: Consider using a similar topic sequence in between “History”, “Pre-COVID-19 Pandemic” and “Peri-COVID-19 Pandemic” sections in order to make comparisons between them more easy.

Reply 6: “Pre-covid” has been changed to “2000-2020,” and “Peri-Covid” has been changed to “2020-Present.”

Changes in the text: Page 5, line 22; page 6, line 16

Comment 7: In line 139, “Limitations”: please consider make it clearer that those addressed limitations are related to telehealth studies and not to the review per se.

Reply 7: This has been changes to “Limitations of Previous Telemedicine Studies.”

Changes in the text: Page 7, line 22