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Review

Comparative analysis of weight loss and resolution of comorbidities between laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and Roux-en-Y gastric bypass: A systematic review and meta-analysis based on 18 studies



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ABSTRACT

Background: Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy are the most common procedures performed in bariatric surgery and both have been demonstrated to have significant effectiveness in treating morbid obesity. However, comparative analysis of their effectiveness has not been well studied. This comparative analysis was conducted to determine whether Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy have the same mid- and long-term outcomes in weight loss, resolution of obesity comorbidities and adverse events (AEs) of treatment.

Methods: We searched the Cochrane Library, PubMed, Embase and Web of Science databases from the establishment of the database to January 1, 2020 for both randomized control trials and non-randomised interventional studies that studied Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy with respect to weight loss outcomes, resolution of obesity comorbidities and AEs of treatment. Standardised mean differences, risk ratios and odds ratio with 95% confidence intervals were calculated to compare the outcomes of the groups. Two reviewers assessed the quality of the trials and extracted the data independently. All statistical analyses were performed using the standard statistical procedures in Review Manager 5.2.

Results: We included 20 studies (N = 2917 participants) in this meta-analysis. Our results showed no significant difference in excess weight loss between Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, with pooled Standardised mean differences of -0.16 (95% confidence interval: -0.52 to 0.19; P = 0.36) based on randomized control trials and 0.07 (95% confidence interval: -0.10 to 0.24; P = 0.41) based on non-randomised interventional studies. Further, the pooled results showed no significant differences in midterm and long-term weight loss outcomes between the comparative groups. Similarly, no significant difference was found in type 2 diabetes mellitus resolution. The pooled results indicated that patients receiving laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy experienced fewer postoperative complication and reoperation rates, with pooled risk ratios of 1.66 (95% confidence interval: 1.33 to 2.07; P < 0.00001) and 1.73 (95% confidence interval: 1.14 to 2.62; P = 0.01), respectively. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass was superior to laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy in managing dyslipidemia, hypertension and gastroesophageal reflux disease. *Conclusions:* The present meta-analysis indicated that both Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and laparoscopic sheare the superiment of the both Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and laparoscopic reversively the postoperation rate interval is a superimented for the postoperation rate interval: -0.00001 respectively.

scopic sleeve gastrectomy had the same effectiveness in resulting in excess weight loss and type 2 diabetes mellitus resolution. However, patients who received laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy experienced fewer post-operative complication and reoperation rates than those who received Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass was superior in the management of dyslipidemia, hypertension and gastroesophageal reflux disease.

1. Introduction

Between 1980 and 2000, the prevalence of obesity increased

significantly among adult men and women in the United States [1,2]. Flegal KM et al. [3] examined obesity prevalence for 2013–2014 and trends over the decade from 2005 through 2014 adjusting for sex, age,

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race/Hispanic origin, smoking status, and education. Their result, which based on data from 2638 adult men (mean age, 46.8 years) and 2817 women (mean age, 48.4 years) from the most recent 2 years (2013–2014) of NHANES and data from 21,013 participants in previous NHANES surveys from 2005 through 2012, indicated that the age-ad-justed prevalence of obesity in 2013–2014 was 35.0% among men and 40.4% among women. For women, the prevalence of overall obesity and of body mass index (BMI) \geq 40 obesity showed significant linear trends for increase between 2005 and 2014 [1].

Bariatric surgery has many benefits, including promoting weight loss and the resolution of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and other comorbidities of obesity [4,5]. Weight loss is associated with short-term amelioration and prevention of metabolic and cardiovascular disorders. but whether these benefits persist over time is unknown. In addition, Sjöström et al. reported that bariatric surgery appears to be a more viable option for treating severe obesity compared with conventional therapy, being associated with long-term weight loss, improved lifestyle and, except for hypercholesterolemia, amelioration of risk factors present at baseline Furthermore, the 2- and 10-year rates of recovery from diabetes, hypertriglyceridaemia, low levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, hypertension and hyperuricemia were more favourable in the surgery group than in the control group, whereas recovery from hypercholesterolemia did not differ between the groups. Moreover, the surgery group had lower 2- and 10-year incidence rates of diabetes, hypertriglyceridaemia and hyperuricemia than the control group; no differences between the groups in the incidence of hypercholesterolemia and hypertension were detected [4]. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy (LRYGB and LSG) are the most commonly performed procedures in bariatric surgery. However, their weight loss efficacy in the mid- and long-term has not been compared. Thus, this study compared LRYGB and LSG in terms of mid- and long-term weight loss, and the resolution of comorbidities.

Bariatric surgery has been established as a stand alone treatment for morbid obesity, and has been widely adopted [1]. It is the only therapeutic option that results in substantial and long-lasting weight loss [2–4]. Laparoscopic LRYGB and LSG are the two most popular bariatric procedures performed in the United States [5]. However, they have not been sufficiently compared in terms of long-term effectiveness for weight loss and resolution of comorbidities [6].

Documentation of long-term weight loss following bariatric surgery is insufficient, as a substantial proportion of patients are lost to followup over the years following enrolment in the weight loss program. Additionally, some patients who have undergone LSG later undergo revisional surgery due to inadequate weight loss or weight regain [7–9]. For this reason, it has not been determined whether LRYGB or LSG is superior for weight loss and resolution of comorbidities.

Though previous analysis have been conducted, there has been no consistency among reports of the efficacy of LRYGB and LSG for weight loss and resolution of comorbidities, such as T2DM, reoperation, obstructive sleep apnea hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS), hypertension, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), back or joint pain and depression. In addition, two updated RCTs [10,11] have been published recently which have not been included in previous analysis. Thus, this comparative analysis was conducted to determine whether LRYGB and LSG are equivalent for mid- and long-term weight loss, resolution of comorbidities and adverse events (AEs) with a large sample size of both randomized control trials (RCTs) and non-randomised studies of interventions (NRSI) studies.

2. Methods and materials

2.1. Criteria for considering studies

2.1.1. Including criteria

The inclusion criteria were as follows: (1) randomised controlled trials (RCTs), prospective or observational retrospective study; (2)

patients with body mass index (BMI) $\geq 40 \text{ kg/m}^2 \text{ or } \geq 35 \text{ kg/m}^2$ with one or more comorbid conditions such as T2DM, OSAS, dyslipidemia, hypertension, and back pain/joint pain with arthritis, aged of 18–60 years, and undergoing bariatric surgery for weight loss or comorbidities; (3) patients who underwent primary LRYGB or LSG; (4) report of relevant outcomes, i.e. weight loss and/or comorbidity resolution rate; and (5) study published in English; (5) studies published up to January 1, 2020.

2.1.2. Excluding criteria

The exclusion criteria were as follows: (1) experimental trial on animals or non-human study; (2) abstract, letter, editorial, expert opinion, review, or case report; (3) patients undergoing other bariatric procedures, revision or conversion procedures; (4) other diseases that may influence outcome; (5) insufficient data or not meeting our inclusion criteria; and (6) not published in English.

2.2. Search strategy

We searched the Cochrane Library, PubMed, Embase and Web of Science databases from the establishment of the database to January 1, 2020. Our search terms were: "bariatric surgery"; "sleeve gastrectomy"; "LSG"; "SG"; "gastric bypass"; "RYGB"; "Roux-en-Y gastric bypass"; "LRYGB"; "obesity" and "diabetes". The reference sections of some studies were also searched. Two assessors independently screened the titles and abstracts of each study. When a relevant study was identified, the full text was obtained for further evaluation.

2.3. Definition of outcomes

- Overall outcomes: including both mid and long term outcomes, or the follow-up time was not stated;
- (2) Midterm outcomes: events or outcomes happened within 12–36 months;
- (3) Long-term outcomes: events or outcomes happened after 36 months.

2.4. Quality assessment

Two assessors, who underwent standardised training prior to this meta-analysis, independently evaluated the quality of all of the included studies using the Jadad score for RCT studies [12] and the 9-star Newcastle-Ottawa Scale for non-RCT studies [13]. In addition, the risk of bias for each RCT or NRSI, and across all RCTs or NRSI, was evaluated, as illustrated by figures generated using RevMan 5.2 software [14].

2.5. Data extraction

Data for the comparative analysis of mid- and long-term weight loss outcomes and resolution of comorbidities, between LRYGB and LSG, were extracted independently by two reviewers; disagreement was resolved by discussion. The data extracted from each study, including year of publication, country of origin, study design, patient demographics such as gender, mean age, and BMI, follow-up time, and main outcomes were collated using a standardised form.

Data were inputted into RevMan 5.2 software for analysis [14].

2.6. Statistical analysis

Outcome data were compared between the LRYGB and LSG groups, combined across studies, using the standard statistical procedures provided in RevMan 5.2 [14]. Standardised mean differences (SMDs), risk ratio (RR) or odds ratio (OR) and its associated 95% confidence interval (CI) were measured. SMD was used for continuous variable, and RR/OR was used for dichotomous. Heterogeneity among studies

was evaluated by the chi-square-based Q statistic test [15]; the $P_{(heterogeneity)}(P_h)$ value and I^2 statistic, ranging from 0% to 100%, were used to quantify the effect of heterogeneity [16]. $P_h \leq 0.10$ was deemed to represent significant heterogeneity, and pooled risk ratios (RRs) were estimated using a random-effect model (DerSimonian and Laird method [17]). When no statistical heterogeneity was observed ($P_h > 0.10$), a fixed effects model (Mantel–Haenszel method [18]) was used. The outcome measures were considered significantly different between the treatment groups if pooled SMDs with 95% CIs did not overlap with 0, or pooled RRs/ORs with 95% CIs did not overlap with 1.

This study strictly abided by the standards of the Preferred Reporting Items for Meta-analysis and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) [19] and Assessing the Methodological Quality of Systematic Reviews (AMSTAR) guidelines [20].

3. Results

3.1. Included studies, study characteristics, and quality assessment

In total, 2491 studies were initially identified; after duplicates were removed, the titles and abstracts of 1734 studies were screened. Of these, 933 studies were excluded, and the full texts of the remaining 801 studies were obtained for further evaluation. After reading the full texts, 783 studies were excluded for various reasons. Ultimately, 9 RCTs [6,10,11,21–26] and 9 NRSI [27–35] (N = 2917 participants) were included in this meta-analysis (Fig. 1). Among the studies, the sample size ranged from 15 to 1038 patients [24,34]. The follow-up time ranged from one month to 82.2 months [21,24].

Graphs showing risk of bias were then generated. The overall risk of bias for each RCT is presented as a percentage relative to all included studies in SFig. 1, and the risk of individual types of bias is displayed in SFig. 2. The risk of bias graphs for the RCTs indicated generally good

methodological quality, mainly in terms of selection and reporting biases. However, there was a high risk of performance bias in all studies. An unclear risk of bias was mainly seen in terms of detection and "other" biases. The overall risk of bias for each NRSI is presented as a percentage relative to all included studies in SFig. 3, and the risk of individual types of bias is displayed in SFig. 4. The risk of bias graphs for the NRSI indicated generally good methodological quality, mainly in terms of selection (except ascertainment of exposure) and comparison bias. However, there was a high risk of ascertainment of exposure. An unclear risk of bias was mainly seen in terms of ascertainment of exposure and other bias.

3.2. Comparison of weight loss between LRYGB and LSG

As shown in Fig. 2, no significant difference in excess weight loss between LRYGB and LSG was found based on RCTs, with a pooled standardised mean difference (SMD) of -0.16 (95% CI: -0.52 to 0.19; P = 0.36). The pooled results also showed no significant difference in midterm and long-term weight loss weight loss between LRYGB and LSG, with pooled SMDs of -0.19 (95% CI: -2.17 to 1.80; P = 0.85) and 0.15 (95% CI: -0.59 to 0.89; P = 0.70). In addition, as shown in Fig. 3, based on data from NRSI, no significant difference in excess weight loss between LRYGB and LSG was also found, with a pooled SMD of 0.07 (95% CI: -0.10 to 0.24; P = 0.41). Similarly, the subgroup analysis results also showed no significant difference in longterm and midterm weight loss weight loss between LRYGB and LSG, with pooled SMDs of 0.11 (95% CI: -0.02 to 0.25; P = 0.11) and -0.41 (95% CI: -1.69 to 0.87; P = 0.53). The pooled analysis above was performed using a random-effects model because significant heterogeneity ($P_h < 0.1$) was detected among the studies (see Table 1).



Fig. 1. Flow diagram of literature search and selection of included studies for meta-analysis.

	LRYGB		LSG				Std. Mean Difference	Std. Mean Difference	
Study or Subgroup	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total	Weight	IV, Random, 95% Cl	IV, Random, 95% CI
Kehagias I, et al. 2011	14.5	0.55	30	15.3	0.75	30	10.7%	-1.20 [-1.75, -0.65]	
Keidar A, et al. 2013	31.3	3.9	30	29.6	4.1	30	11.1%	0.42 [-0.09, 0.93]	
Nogues X, et al. 2010	26.2	2.7	7	30.5	2.6	8	5.5%	-1.53 [-2.73, -0.33]	←
Peterli R, et al. 2018	44.2	5.3	110	43.6	5.3	107	13.3%	0.11 [-0.15, 0.38]	
Salminen P, et al. 2018	35.4	5.3998	95	36.5	5.4866	98	13.2%	-0.20 [-0.48, 0.08]	
Schauer PR, et al. 2014	27.9	3.2	48	29.2	3.5	49	12.2%	-0.38 [-0.79, 0.02]	
Vix M, et al. 2013	47.09	5.64	45	45.57	4.79	55	12.2%	0.29 [-0.11, 0.69]	
Yang J, et al. 2015	92.3	10.5	27	81.9	14	28	10.7%	0.83 [0.27, 1.38]	
Zhang Y, et al. 2014	29.8	3.7	32	32.2	4.4	32	11.2%	-0.58 [-1.08, -0.08]	
Total (95% CI)			424			437	100.0%	-0.16 [-0.52, 0.19]	-
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.23; Chi ² = 47.57, df = 8 (P < 0					01); I ^z = 8	33%			
rest for overall effect: Z = 0	0.91 (P =	0.36)							Favours [LSG] Favours [LRYGB]

Fig. 2. Forest plot of comparison of excess weight loss between LRYGB and LSG based on RCTs.

	LRYGB			LSG				Std. Mean Difference	Std. Mean Difference
Study or Subgroup	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total	Weight	IV, Random, 95% CI	IV, Random, 95% CI
1.4.1 BMI loss-long term									
Dogan K, et al. 2015	69.7	25.5	245	69.7	25.1	245	17.2%	0.00 [-0.18, 0.18]	+
Lee WJ, et al. 2015	28.5	9	218	28.3	8.9	116	15.4%	0.02 [-0.20, 0.25]	+
Leyba JL, et al. 2014	69.8	18	47	67.3	21.75	24	7.7%	0.13 [-0.36, 0.62]	
Moize V, et al. 2013	68.3	75.6	294	67	72.3	61	13.6%	0.02 [-0.26, 0.29]	+
Pekkarinen T, et al. 2016	57.5	22.61	163	45.79	32.3	94	14.3%	0.44 [0.18, 0.70]	
Perrone F, et al. 2016	81.6	21.4	142	78.8	23.5	162	15.4%	0.12 [-0.10, 0.35]	+ <u>-</u> -
Subtotal (95% CI)			1109			702	83.7%	0.11 [-0.02, 0.25]	•
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.01;	Chi ² = 8	1.81, df=	= 5 (P =	0.12);1	² = 43%				
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.	60 (P =	0.11)							
1.4.2 BMI loss-midterm									
Abbatini F, et al. 2010	29.7	3.4	16	36.3	7.2	20	4.5%	-1.11 [-1.82, -0.39]	
Jimenez A, et al. 2012	65.4	20.1	98	61.2	21.5	55	11.8%	0.20 [-0.13, 0.53]	
Subtotal (95% CI)			114			75	16.3%	-0.41 [-1.69, 0.87]	
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.78;	Chi ² = 1	0.69, d	f=1 (P	= 0.001); I ^z = 91	1%			
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.	63 (P =	0.53)							
Total (95% CI)			1223			777	100.0%	0.07 [-0.10, 0.24]	🕈
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.04;	Chi ² = 2	0.15, di	f=7 (P	= 0.005	i); l² = 69	5%			
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.82 (P = 0.41)							Favours [LSG] Favours [LRYGB]		
Test for subgroup differences: Chi ² = 0.63. df = 1 (P = 0.43). l ² = 0%									

Fig. 3. Forest plot of comparison of excess weight loss between LRYGB and LSG based on NRSI.

3.3. Comparison of T2DM resolution between LRYGB and LSG

This study also compared and analysed the effect of LRYGB and LSG for resolving T2DM. Our pooled analysis showed that LRYGB and LSG had equal efficacy for T2DM remission based on RCTs, with pooled RRs of 1.07 (95% CI: 0.89 to 1.28; P = 0.47) for overall remission (Fig. 4), 1.06 (95% CI: 0.90 to 1.25; P = 0.47) for midterm remission and 1.18 (95% CI: 0.94 to 1.47; P = 0.16) for long-term resolution. In addition, no significant difference was found in T2DM improved (RR 0.57; 95% CI: 0.26 to 1.24; P = 0.16), unchanged (RR 0.93; 95% CI: 0.21 to 4.20; P = 0.92), and worsened (RR 0.42; 95% CI: 0.03 to 6.62; P = 0.54) (Table 2). The analysis was performed using a fixed-effect model, as no significant heterogeneity among the studies was found, except the analysis of T2DM worsened. In addition, as shown in Table 2, based on

data from NRSI, results showed no significant difference in T2DM remission, with a pooled OR of 1.85 (95% CI: 1.00 to 3.44; P = 0.05) for overall remission. However, for midterm remission, it indicated that LRYGB was superior to LSG with a pooled OR of 1.92 (95% CI: 1.03 to 3.61; P = 0.04).

3.4. Comparison of complication and reoperation between LRYGB and LSG

Our pooled analysis showed that LRYGB had more complications after operation, with pooled RR of 1.59 (95% CI: 1.22 to 2.06; P = 0.0006) for overall complications (Fig. 5). Our subgroup analysis further indicated significant difference in early complication, with pooled RR of 2.14 (95% CI: 1.26 to 3.64; P = 0.005). However, no significant difference was found in late complication (RR 1.29; 95% CI:

	LRYG	GB LSG				Risk Ratio	Risk Ratio		
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Fixed, 95% Cl	M-H, Fixed, 95% Cl		
Kehagias I, et al. 2011	4	30	4	30	4.2%	1.00 [0.28, 3.63]			
Keidar A, et al. 2013	9	19	14	18	14.9%	0.61 [0.36, 1.04]			
Peterli R, et al. 2018	19	28	16	26	17.2%	1.10 [0.74, 1.64]			
Salminen P, et al. 2018	18	40	15	41	15.4%	1.23 [0.72, 2.09]			
Schauer PR, et al. 2014	18	48	12	49	12.3%	1.53 [0.83, 2.83]			
Yang J, et al. 2015	28	30	27	31	27.6%	1.07 [0.91, 1.26]			
Zhang Y, et al. 2014	7	32	8	32	8.3%	0.88 [0.36, 2.13]			
Total (95% CI)		227		227	100.0%	1.07 [0.89, 1.28]	+		
Total events	103		96						
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = 6.08, df = 6 (P = 0.41); I ² = 1%); I² = 1%			-				
Test for overall effect: Z = 0).72 (P = 1	0.47)					Favours [LSG] Favours [LRYGB]		

Fig. 4. Forest plot of comparison of T2DM remission between LRYGB and LSG based on RCTs.

Outcoms			BMI, T2DM, co-morbidities	BMI, T2DM, FBG	BMI, reoperation	Excessweight loss, resolution of comorbidities,	improvement of QoL, all AEs and mortality.	BMI, T2DM, reoperation, LDL	FBG. LDL	BMI. T2DM. HTN. HLP	BMI, T2DM, co-morbidities	weight loss, changes in comorbidities, increase in QoL and AEs.		BMI, HTN, HLP, HTG	BMI	BMI, T2DM, HTN, HLP	BMI, T2DM	BMI, T2DM	BMI	BMI	BMI, HLP	BMI	BMI, body mass index; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; otein.
Follow-up time (month)			36.0	12.0	12.0	60.0		36.0	12.0	36.0	60.0	60.0		36.0	37.2 (13.2)	53.5	35.4 (13.5)	60.0	60	82.2	75.8 (8.4)	60.0	s of interventions w Density Lipopr
	DST		44.9 (3.4)	42.5 (5.2)	43.5 (3.2)	45.5 (6.2)		36.1 (3.91)	45.57 (4.79)	31.8 (3)	38.5 (4.2)	43.6 (5.3)		51.6 (15.9)	45.8 (6.0)	35	49.8 (7.2)	41.1 (4.9)	51.6 (6.7)	47 (37–77)	47.4 (4.2)	37.5 (6.1)	omised studie cose; LDL, Lor
BMI (kg/m ²)	LRYGB		45.8 (3.7)	42.0 (4.8)	43.1 (3.9)	46.4 (5.9)		37.1 (3.39)	47.09 (5.64)	32.3 (2.4)	39.3 (3.8)	44.2 (5.3)		47.4 (8.0)	47.2 (5.8)	42.5	44.8 (4.6)	42.1 (4.7)	47.4 (6)	49 (39–68)	46.8 (3.6)	37.5 (6.0)	RSI, non-rand ing blood glu
ange/SD)	DSJ		33.7 (9.9)	47.7 (11.7)	49.63 (9.6)	48.5 (9.6)		47.8 (8.08)	35.13 (9.7)	40.4 (9.4)	29.3 (9.8)	43.0 (11.1)		46.6 (4.2)	39.7 (10.0)	23	52.4 (9.1)	34.6 (9.2)	46.6 (11.6)	49 (24–67)	41.8 (4.6)	36.0 (9.1)	ontrol trial; NJ 1ia; FBG, fast
Mean age (ra	LRYGB		36.0 (8.4)	51.45 (8.3)	45.86 (8.6)	48.4 (9.3)		48.0 (8.45)	35.23 (9.37)	41.4 (9.3)	32.2 (9.2)	42.1 (11.2)		53 (8.3)	41.2 (9.7)	38	49.6 (8.2)	38 (9.9)	45.2 (10.6)	47 (24–63)	43.8 (4.6)	36.1 (9.3)	andomized co hyperlipiden
Gender (M/ F)	(1		16/44	21/39	0/15	73/120		31/66	18/82	22/33	26/38	61/156		11/25	88/402	30/25	60/93	22/49	88/267	92/165	94/210	272/62	ctomy; RCT, r tension; HLP,
Sample size		LRYGB/LSG	30/30	30/30	7/8	95/98		48/49	45/55	27/28	32/32	110/107		16/20	245/245	33/23	98/55	47/24	294/61	163/94	142/162	218/116	ic sleeve gastre n; HTN, hyper
Study design			RCT	parallel un-blinded RCT	RCT	multicenter, multisurgeon,	open-label RCT	RCT	RCT	RCT	RCT	Multicenter RCT	intions (NRSI)	Retrospective	Retrospective	Prospective	Prospective	Prospective	Prospective	Retrospective	Prospective	Prospective	stric bypass; LSG, laparoscop of life; SD, standard deviatio
Country		trials (RCTs)	Greece	Israel	Spain	Finland		SU	France	China	China	Switzerland	ies of interve	Italy	Netherlands	India	Spain	Venezuela	Spain	Finland	Italy	China	toux-en-Y gas oL, quality o
Study (author/year)		Randomized control	Kehagias I et al., 2011	Keidar A et al., 2013	Nogues X et al., 2010	Salminen P et al.,	2018	Schauer PR et al., 2014	Vix M et al., 2013	Yang J et al., 2015	Zhang Y et al., 2014	Peterli R et al., 2018	Non-randomised stud	Abbatini F et al., 2010	Dogan K et al., 2015	Jammu GS et al., 2016	Jimenez A et al., 2012	Leyba JL et al., 2014	Moize V et al., 2013	Pekkarinen T et al., 2016	Perrone F et al., 2016	Lee WJ et al., 2015	LRYGB, laparoscopic F AEs, adverse events; (

 Table 1

 The characteristics of included studies for the analysis of LRYGB versus LSG for weight loss and resolution of co-morbidity.

Table 2

The pooled results of the comparison of T2DM resolution between LRYGB and LSG.

Groups/subgroups	No. of studies	Pooled results			Heterogeneity			
		Estimate	95% CI	P value	I^2	P_h value	Analytical effect model	
RCTs								
T2DM remission [6,10,11,21-26]	9	RR: 1.12	0.95, 1.33	0.16	0%	0.48	Fixed-effect model	
Midterm remission [21,26]	2	RR: 1.06	0.90, 1.25	0.47	0%	0.83	Fixed-effect model	
Long-term remission [6,10,11,21]	4	RR: 1.18	0.94, 1.47	0.16	0%	0.71	Fixed-effect model	
T2DM improved [10,21]	2	RR: 0.57	0.26, 1.24	0.16	0%	0.76	Fixed-effect model	
T2DM unchanged [10,21]	2	RR: 0.93	0.21, 4.20	0.92	0%	0.54	Fixed-effect model	
T2DM worsened [10,21]	2	RR: 0.42	0.03, 6.62	0.54	68%	0.08	Random-effect model	
NRSI								
T2DM remission [29,30,32]	3	OR: 1.85	1.00, 3.44	0.05	0%	0.74	Fixed-effect model	
Midterm remission [29,30]	2	OR: 1.92	1.03, 3.61	0.04	0%	0.65	Fixed-effect model	
Long-term remission [32]	1	OR: 0.56	0.01, 24.51	0.76	-	-	-	

RCT, randomized control trial; NRSI, non-randomised studies of interventions; RR, risk ratio; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence intervals; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

0.88 to 1.88; P = 0.19). In addition, we also compared the reoperation rate of both comparative groups and found that patients received LRYGB may experience higher rate of reoperation with a pooled RR of 1.73 (95% CI: 1.14 to 2.62; P = 0.01) (Table 3). The analysis was performed using a fixed-effect model, as no significant heterogeneity among the studies was found.

3.5. Resolution of co-morbidities with LRYGB and LSG

We also compared LRYGB and LSG in terms of the resolution of comorbidities. The pooled results indicated LRYGB may be superior to LSG in dyslipidemia remission, with pooled RRs of 1.36 (95% CI: 1.17 to 1.59; *P* < 0.0001) for overall remission and 1.43 (95% CI: 1.19 to 1.72; P = 0.0001) for long-term remission. However, no difference was found in midterm dyslipidemia remission (RR 1.13; 95% CI: 0.93 to 1.38; P = 0.23) and in dyslipidemia unchanged (RR 0.50; 95% CI: 0.16) to 1.59; P = 0.24). LRYGB may also have higher hypertension remission rate, with pooed RRs of 1.23 (95% CI: 1.05 to 1.44; P = 0.01) for overall remission and 1.23 (95% CI: 1.04 to 1.45; P = 0.01) for longterm remission. However, in dyslipidemia midterm remission, improved and unchanged, there was no difference. In addition, we found that LRYGB may be superior to LSG in GERD improvement with pooled RR of 1.48 (95% CI: 1.07 to 2.04; P = 0.02). In contrast, LSG may worsen GERD symptoms and may lead to de novo GERD, with pooled RRs of 0.16 (95% CI: 0.06 to 0.44; P = 0.0004) and 0.33 (95% CI: 0.15 to 0.68; P = 0.003) respectively. No significant difference was found in the analysis of remission of OSAHS, back or joint pain, hyperuricemia and depression (Table 4).

3.6. Publication bias, sensitivity analysis and heterogeneity

We omitted each study individually to perform a sensitivity analysis and to examine the stability of the pooled results. As shown in Fig. 6, no significant effect was observed from the exclusion of any single study, and the pooled results indicated good stability, which was described in above paragraphs. In addition, to evaluate the heterogeneity of studies, we further prepared a Galbraith plot (Fig. 7) and found no significant between-study heterogeneity. Finally, we prepared Begg's funnel plot and Egger's publication bias plot for detecting publication bias. The absence of any significant asymmetry of plot suggested that no such bias occurred in the present analysis (Fig. 8).

4. Discussion and conclusion

Bariatric surgery has many benefits, including promoting weight loss and the resolution of T2DM and other comorbidities of obesity [36,37]. Weight loss is associated with short-term amelioration and prevention of metabolic and cardiovascular disorders, but whether these benefits persist over time is unknown. In addition, Sjöström et al. reported that bariatric surgery appears to be a more viable option for treating severe obesity compared with conventional therapy, being associated with long-term weight loss, improved lifestyle and, except for hypercholesterolemia, amelioration of risk factors present at baseline. Furthermore, the 2- and 10-year rates of recovery from diabetes, hypertriglyceridaemia, low levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, hypertension and hyperuricemia were more favourable in the surgery group than in the control group, whereas recovery from hypercholesterolemia did not differ between the groups. Moreover, the surgery group had lower 2- and 10-year incidence rates of diabetes, hypertriglyceridaemia and hyperuricemia than the control group; no differences between the groups in the incidence of hypercholesterolemia and hypertension were detected [3]. LRYGB and LSG are the most commonly performed procedures in bariatric surgery. However, their weight loss efficacy in the mid- and long-term has not been compared. Thus, this study compared LRYGB and LSG in terms of midand long-term weight loss, and the resolution of comorbidities.

Our pooled analysis of both RCTs and NRSI data indicated that LRYGB and LSG had similar efficacy with respect to weight loss, including midterm and long-term weight loss. However, LSG showed a lower incidence of reoperation and postoperative complications,



Fig. 5. Forest plot of comparison of complications between LRYGB and LSG based on RCTs.

Table 3

The pooled results of the complications after operation between LRYGB and LSG based on RCTs.

Groups/subgroups	Number of studies	Pooled re	esults		Heterog	Heterogeneity			
		RR	95% CI	P value	I^2	P_h value	Analytical effect model		
Complications									
Early complications [10,11]	2	2.14	1.26, 3.64	0.005	0%	0.42	Fixed-effect model		
Late complications [10,11]	2	1.29	0.88, 1.88	0.19	0%	0.69	Fixed-effect model		
Overall complications [6,10,11,21]	4	1.59	1.25, 2.02	0.0001	0%	0.82	Fixed-effect model		
Reoperation [6,10,11,21]	4	1.73	1.14, 2.62	0.010	0%	0.81	Fixed-effect model		

RR, risk ratio; CI, confidence intervals.

especially in early complications defined as 0-30 days after operation. These early complications included in the sleeve gastrectomy obstruction, intra-abdominal abscess formation, pleural empyema, obstruction of the biliopancreatic limb and leakage at the gastrojejunostomy. In the study of Peterli R [10], one patient had a leakage at the gastrojejunostomy with a complicated course, which eventually led to multiorgan failure and death. In addition, LRYGB and LSG had similar efficacy in terms of both mid- and long-term resolution of T2DM, as well other comorbidities. Yip et al. compared T2DM remission and weight loss rates between patients with T2DM undergoing gastric bypass versus sleeve gastrectomy. Their analysis included 21 prospective studies (3 RCTs) and 12 retrospective studies, involving 1375 patients in total; no significant difference in either T2DM remission or weight loss was observed between gastric bypass and sleeve gastrectomy, which resulted in similar early T2DM remission rates at 3 months of 67% and 56%, respectively, with modest rates of additional T2DM remission thereafter; meanwhile, weight loss increased substantially between 3 and 12 months postoperatively, for both procedures [4]. LRYGB may be superior to LSG in dyslipidemia, hypertension and GERD remission. Our

subgroup analysis further indicated that the superior effect of LRYGB in dyslipidemia, hypertension and GERD remission was only observed in long-term remission. No significance was found in midterm remission. Two RCTs were performed to compare the long-term efficacy of LRYGB and LSG with respect to BMI reduction and resolution of comorbidities in morbidly obese subjects, at least 5 years after surgery [10,11]. Peterli et al. performed an RCT that included 217 patients, and a 5-year followup, to determine any differences between SG and GBP in terms of weight loss, comorbidities, quality of life and adverse events [10]. There found no significant difference in the rate of BMI reduction at 5 years between SG and GBP (61.1% and 68.3%, respectively; absolute difference, -7.18%; 95% CI: -14.30% to -0.06%; P = 0.22 after adjusting for multiple comparisons). Gastric reflux remission was observed more frequently after GBP (60.4%) than after SG (25.0%). Gastric reflux worsened (more symptoms or therapy) more frequently after SG (31.8%) than after GBP (6.3%). There were 16 (of 101; 15.8%) and 23 (of 104; 22.1%) patients who underwent reoperations or interventions after SG and GBP, respectively [40]. In addition, a multicentre, multi-surgeon, open-label, randomised clinical equivalence trial

Table 4

The pooled results of the resolution of co-morbidities with LRYGB and LSG based on RCTs.

Outcomes	No. of studies	Pooled re	esults		heteroger	heterogeneity			
		RR	95% CI	P value	I^2	P_h value	Analytical effect model		
Dyslipidemia									
Overall remission [6,10,11,21,26]	5	1.36	1.17, 1.59	< 0.0001	40%	0.14	Fixed-effect model		
Midterm remission [21,26]	2	1.13	0.93, 1.38	0.23	0%	0.72	Fixed-effect model		
Long-term remission [6,10,11]	3	1.43	1.19, 1.72	0.0001	34%	0.21	Fixed-effect model		
Improved [10,11,21]	3	0.67	0.47, 0.95	0.03	0%	0.40	Fixed-effect model		
Unchanged [10,11,21]	3	0.50	0.16, 1.59	0.24	68%	0.05	Random-effect model		
Hypertension									
Overall remission [6,10,11,21,26]	5	1.23	1.05, 1.44	0.01	1%	0.41	Fixed-effect model		
Midterm remission [21,26]	2	1.23	0.71, 2.15	0.46	14%	0.28	Fixed-effect model		
Long-term remission [6,10,11]	3	1.23	1.04, 1.45	0.01	22%	0.28	Fixed-effect model		
Improved [10,11,21]	3	0.80	0.59, 1.10	0.17	0%	0.82	Fixed-effect model		
Unchanged [10,11,21]	3	0.62	0.37, 1.04	0.07	9%	0.33	Fixed-effect model		
OSAHS									
Remission [10,21]	2	0.93	0.78, 1.12	0.46	0%	0.81	Fixed-effect model		
Improved [10,21]	2	1.15	0.78, 1.69	0.49	0%	0.34	Fixed-effect model		
Back or Joint Pain									
Remission [10,21]	2	0.93	0.72, 1.19	0.57	0%	0.68	Fixed-effect model		
Improved [10,21]	2	1.03	0.76, 1.40	0.85	52%	0.15	Fixed-effect model		
Unchanged [10,21]	2	1.30	0.18, 9.27	0.79	84%	0.01	Random-effect model		
Worsened [10,21]	2	0.87	0.22, 3.41	0.84	0%	0.49	Fixed-effect model		
GERD									
GERD remission [10,21]	2	1.68	0.86, 3.29	0.13	79%	0.03	Random-effect model		
GERD improved [10,21]	2	1.48	1.07, 2.04	0.02	7%	0.34	Fixed-effect model		
GERD unchanged [10,21]	2	0.67	0.38, 1.17	0.16	0%	0.35	Fixed-effect model		
GERD worsened [10,21]	2	0.16	0.06, 0.44	0.0004	0%	0.59	Fixed-effect model		
de novo GERD [10,21]	2	0.33	0.15, 0.68	0.003	0%	0.86	Fixed-effect model		
Hyperuricemia remission [10,21]	2	1.11	0.78, 1.59	0.55	80%	0.02	Random-effect model		
Depression									
Remission [10,21]	2	0.98	0.52, 1.88	0.96	2%	0.31	Fixed-effect model		
Improved [10,21]	2	2.07	0.24, 17.61	0.51	78%	0.03	Random-effect model		
Unchanged [10,21]	2	0.76	0.32, 1.79	0.53	58%	0.12	Fixed-effect model		

RR, risk ratio; CI, confidence intervals; OSAHS, obstructive sleep apnea hypopnea syndrome; GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease.



Fig. 6. Galbraith plot for detecting heterogeneity between LRYGB and LSG.



Fig. 7. Begg's funnel plot and Egger's publication bias plot for detecting publication bias of RCT studies.





enrolling 240 morbidly obese patients aged 18-60 years was conducted by Salminen et al., to determine whether LSG and LGB are equivalent in terms of weight loss outcomes at 5 years in patients with morbid obesity [10]. That study included 240 patients, and 80.4% completed the 5year follow-up. Their results showed that although GBP was associated with a greater likelihood of weight loss at 5 years, the difference was not significant [11]. Lee Y et al. (2019) indicated that LRYGB resulted in greater loss of body mass index compared to LSG at 1 year [MD -1.25 kg/m^2 , 95% CI -2.01 to -0.49, P = 0.001] which persisted at 3 years, but there was insufficient evidence at 5 years. Resolution of dyslipidemia was higher for LRYGB than LSG at 1 year (RR 0.58, 95% CI 0.46 to 0.73, *P* < 0.001) and 5 years (RR 0.68, 95%CI 0.46 to 0.99, P = 0.04). There was no difference between LRYGB and LSG for remission of T2DM, hypertension, and hemoglobin A1c, fasting insulin, homeostatic model assessment of insulin resistance, high-density lipoprotein, and the rate of 30-day major and minor complications [38]. However, our results indicated a higher incidence of complications and reoperation rate in LRYGB. Wang Y et al. (2019) compared RYGB and SG used for super obesity (SO) and super super obesity (SSO), and indicated that RYGB achieved higher excess weight loss (%EWL) at 12 months, but no significant difference at 24 months. Resolution of diabetes mellitus and dyslipidemia reached a statistical significance; however, there was no significant difference in hypertension [39]. Another meta-analysis from Lee Y et al. (2019) of six retrospective cohort studies compared the efficacy and safety between single-anastomosis duodeno-ileal bypass (SADI) or biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch (BPD-DS) versus Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) as a revisional procedure for SG and came to a conclusion that SADI, BPD-DS, and RYGB are safe and efficacious revisional surgeries for SG. Both SADI and RYGB were efficacious in lowering initial BMI but there was more evidence for excellent weight loss outcomes with the conversion to BPD-DS when the starting BMI is high [40]. Wu C et al.(2019) indicated that the patients in RYGB groups showed increased percent % EWL at 12 and 24 months after revision surgery but no statistically significant change was found about %EWL after 3, 6, or 36 months. In addition, RYGB was associated with a higher rate of complications, interventions, and readmission in addition to being of more operative time and this was consistent with our analysis results [41]. When considering these results as well as our analysis, a general conclusion about the efficacy and safety between LRYGB and LSG cannot be drawn at present. These results indicated both LRYGB and LSG have their advantages and disadvantages.

Our study had several limitations, the most serious of which was the variation in sample size among the included studies. Although we analysed 2917 participants, the sample size ranged widely among the studies, from 15 to 238 patients, which may have constituted a bias. In addition, the ages and preoperative BMIs of the included patients also varied widely, which may have led to heterogeneity. Though significant difference was found in reoperation rate, limited by the number of studies, we failed to conduct subgroup analysis to explore midterm or long-term reoperation rate as well as different cause of reoperation. For the analysis of resolution of co-morbidities, the number of studies included was small and this may result in bias of the pooled results. Additional, more rigorous studies are needed to determine the relative long-term efficacy of different bariatric surgeries.

In conclusion, the present meta-analysis indicated that both LRYGB and LSG are equivalent for excess weight loss and T2DM resolution. However, patients receiving LSG experienced fewer postoperative complications and reoperation rate than those who underwent LRYGB. In contrast, LRYGB may be superior in long-term remission of dyslipidemia and hypertension. LRYGB may be beneficial to GERD improvement but LSG may worsen GERD symptoms and may lead to de novo GERD. Base on this conclusion, when choose the type of operation, the main determinant should be the co-morbidities such as dyslipidemia, hypertension and GERD of patients, not the BMI or T2DM. Future studies should focus on the comparison of complication and comorbidities.

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Abbreviations

T2DM	type 2 diabetes mellitus
BMI	body mass index
LRYGB	laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass
LSG	laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy
RR	risk ratio
CI	confidence intervals
OR	odds ratio
SMD	standard mean difference

- RCT randomized control trial
- NRSI non-randomised studies of interventions
- AEs adverse events
- QoL quality of life
- SD standard deviation
- HTN hypertension
- HLP hyperlipidemia
- FBG fasting blood glucose
- LDL low density lipoprotein
- OSAHS obstructive sleep apnea hypopnea syndrome
- GERD gastroesophageal reflux disease
- SADI single-anastomosis duodeno-ileal bypass
- BPD-DS biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch
- SO super obesity
- SSO super super obesity
- EWL excess weight loss

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