

# Evaluation of all Types of Metabolic Bariatric Surgery and its Consequences: a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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## Abstract

**Background** Considering conflicting results on the consequences of all types of obesity surgery, we were to summarize them via a systematic review.

**Methods** Electronic literature search was done via scientific search engines. After the removal of duplicates and selection of articles of interest, 771 studies were included.

**Results** Insulin resistance indicators were significantly improved after bariatric surgery. Leptin was also significantly decreased while adiponectin was significantly increased. Although the level of metabolic hormones changed after bariatric surgery, they were not statistically significant. Inflammation indicators were significantly decreased. Significant reduction was also detected in PAI-1 and sICAM-1.

**Conclusions** Bariatric surgery is beneficial in morbidly obese patients. Although treating obesity in a surgical way may cause some complications, the weight loss is generally safe and effective.

**Keywords** Obesity · Bariatric surgery · Metabolic · Weight · Insulin resistance

## Introduction

Upon its annual increase in prevalence, obesity has been associated with high rates of morbidity and mortality [1, 2]. The

role of low-grade inflammation in making a link between obesity and Insulin Resistance (IR) syndrome caused by endothelial dysfunction has been persistently evidenced [3]. Endothelial dysfunction represents a pathologic trait

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appearing in obese patients at the earliest stage of the atherogenic process [4, 5]. Atherosclerosis is pathophysiologically accompanied by the crucial stage of vascular wall inflammation inducing endothelial cells to increasingly secrete a variety of molecules; hence, measurements of the levels of these molecules can provide an assessment of abnormal endothelial cell function. The enhanced concentrations of soluble Inter-Cellular Adhesion Molecule-1 (sICAM-1) and Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) have been observed in obese patients [6, 7], thus serving as the earliest indicators of endothelial dysfunction [8, 9]. Adipose tissue has a role in energy storage and body health, while producing adipokines, which serve as pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory proteins contributing to metabolic control and regulations of appetite and energy expenditure. Pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory agents have been shown to be respectively decreased and increased through serum pattern rearrangements of circulating adipokines induced by the marked loss of adipose tissue following bariatric surgery. Thus, metabolic conditions can be improved after the operation. Nevertheless, investigations have failed to document any significantly modified concentrations of some serum adipokines after the surgery resulting in a weight loss [10]. Various gut and metabolic hormones have been documented in some research to play significant roles in hunger, satiation, and energy expenditure [11]. Yet, conflicting results on the association between these hormones and weight loss have been reported in the studies investigating post-surgical variations in metabolic hormones [12].

Anyhow, patients involved in severe obesity can be treated via the management of bariatric surgery as a renowned and established therapy. Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass are the most commonly performed procedures [13]. Due to the conflicting results of the previous studies on the complications and consequences of all types of surgeries for obesity, the aim of this study was to sum up those results via a systematic review.

## Materials and Methods

### Search Strategy

A comprehensive search adhering to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines [14] was performed by

using the databases of PubMed, Web of Science, EMBASE, and Scopus to identify the English articles published until November 1, 2017. The following keywords were used in this search: [(“Bariatric surgery” OR “obesity surgery” OR “gastric bypass” OR “Roux-en-Y gastric bypass” OR “sleeve gastrectomy” OR “adjustable gastric band” OR “Duodenal switch” OR “Lap band” OR “gastric balloon”)] AND [(“vascular function” OR “endothelial function” OR endothelin-1 OR “nitric oxide” OR e-selectin OR p-selectin OR l-selectin OR sVCAM-1 OR sICAM-1 OR “plasminogen activator inhibitor-1” OR PAI-1 OR fibrinolysis OR “thrombomodulin”) OR (inflammation OR inflamat\* OR CRP OR hs-CRP OR IL-6 OR fibrinogen OR TNF-alpha OR TNF OR TNF- $\alpha$  OR “soluble TNF-receptor” OR (sTNF-R)-1 OR (sTNF-R)-2 OR IFN- ) OR (“Visceral fat” OR “visceral adiposity” OR “abdominal fat” OR “Intra-Abdominal Fat”) OR (“insulin sensitivity” OR chemerin OR Hb-A1C OR HOMA-IR OR “insulin resistance” OR hyperglycemia OR hyperinsulinemia) OR (adipokine\* OR chemerin OR visfatin OR adiponectin OR leptin OR apelin OR omentin OR vaspin) OR (“metabolic hormone\*” OR obestatin OR ghrelin OR GLP-1 OR PYY OR peptide-YY OR “pancreatic polypeptide” OR insulin) OR mortality]. Additionally, the references of the extracted articles were reviewed to obtain any other related articles.

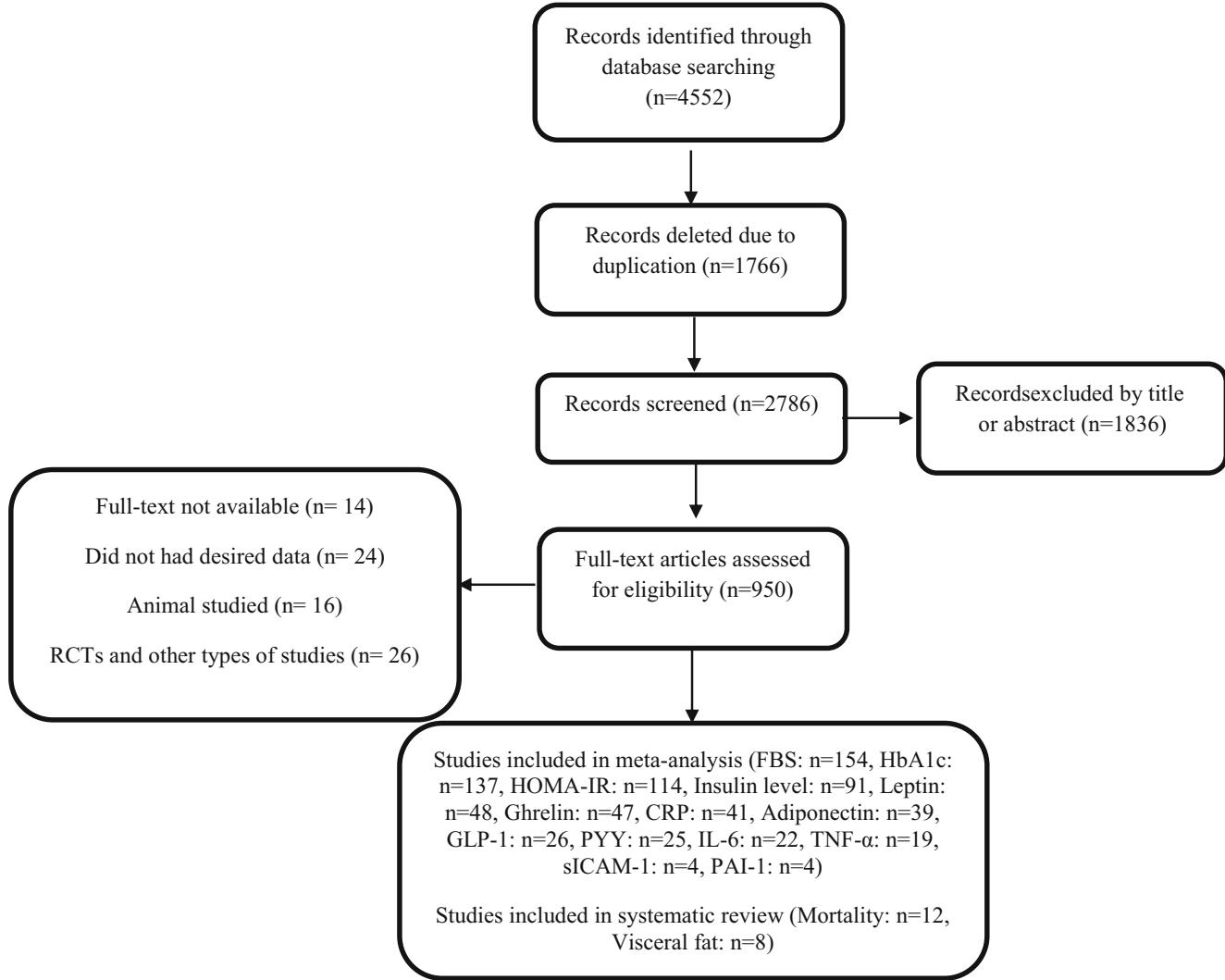
### Study Selection

After identifying a total of 4552 articles and removing the duplicates, 2786 records were reviewed by title and abstract to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the project. Then, the full texts of 950 articles were reviewed and the articles of interest were selected according to the inclusion criteria.

The inclusion criteria were as follows: [1] cohort studies comparing the outcomes before and after the surgery, [2] studies on adult patients (18–80 years old), and [3] the studies published in English. The exclusion criteria were as follows: [1] animal studies; [2] lack of access to full-text articles; [3] randomized clinical trials, case reports, and review articles; and [4] studies on adolescents. The selection process of the articles is presented in Fig. 1.

### Data Extraction and Quality Assessment

Data extraction from each included paper was performed by three independent authors (M. Kh., A.M., and R.A.) based on author’s name, publication year, journal name,



**Fig. 1** PRISMA flowchart of study selection

study population, country of the study population, sex, sample size, procedure type, follow-up period, and outcomes before and after bariatric surgery. The same eligibility criteria were applied to the full-text articles. Any disagreements between the authors for selecting the studies were resolved via a discussion with another reviewer (M. N.). Also, we would contact the authors if there were any areas in need of clarification. The inter-reviewer agreement was determined by calculating the kappa-statistic ( $\kappa$ ). The agreement was very good for the abstracts and titles ( $\kappa = 0.82$ ), as well as for full-text screening ( $\kappa = 0.75$ ). Each included study was evaluated by the nine-star Newcastle–Ottawa Scale (NOS) in terms of

quality. The mentioned scale consists of the three parts of participant selection, comparability of the study groups, and outcome assessment provided by follow-up adequacy [15].

### Statistical Analysis

The data were analyzed using STATA, version 12.0 (STATA Corporation, College Station, TX, USA). Mean Difference (MD) and a Confidence Interval (CI) of 95% were utilized as measures for the estimated effects of the outcomes of interest. Calculations of the MDs and Standard Deviations (SDs) of the included studies were

**Table 1** Summary of studies included in meta-analysis based on outcome of interest

| Author name               | Year | Country        | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                                 | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|---------------------------|------|----------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Adiponectin               |      |                |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |
| Netto BD et al.           | 2014 | Brazil         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 41              | 39             |
| Piché ME et al.           | 2017 | Canada         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 72              | 71             |
| Piché ME et al.           | 2017 | Canada         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 72              | 69             |
| Richette P et al.         | 2011 | France         | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 44              | 44             |
| Schmatz R et al.          | 2017 | Brazil         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Schmatz R et al.          | 2017 | Brazil         | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al.    | 2009 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al.    | 2009 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al.    | 2009 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al.    | 2009 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al.    | 2009 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al.    | 2009 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Arismendi E et al.        | 2014 | USA            | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 129             | 129            |
| Bose M et al.             | 2010 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et al.             | 2010 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et al.             | 2010 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 11              | 11             |
| Bužga M et al.            | 2014 | Czech Republic | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon                           | 22              | 22             |
| Bužga M et al.            | 2014 | Czech Republic | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon                           | 22              | 22             |
| Costa Justus JF et al.    | 2016 | Brazil         | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 6               | 6              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 13              | 13             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 13              | 13             |
| Engl J et al.             | 2007 | Austria        | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Gastric banding                                | 13              | 13             |
| García-Fuentes E et al.   | 2007 | Spain          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 7                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 32              | 32             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.      | 2012 | Spain          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.      | 2012 | Spain          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Lima MM et al.            | 2010 | Brazil         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 9               | 9              |
| Lima MM et al.            | 2010 | Brazil         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |

**Table 1** (continued)

| Author name            | Year | Country     | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                                 | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|------------------------|------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Linscheid P et al.     | 2008 | Switzerland | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 7               | 7              |
| Linscheid P et al.     | 2008 | Switzerland | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 5               | 5              |
| Fellici AC et al.      | 2014 | Brazil      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et al.      | 2014 | Brazil      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et al.      | 2014 | Brazil      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 36              | 36             |
| Leptin                 |      |             |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |
| Netto BD et al.        | 2014 | Brazil      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 41              | 39             |
| Perathoner A et al.    | 2013 | Austria     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 93              | 93             |
| Pérez-Romero N et al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Piché ME et al.        | 2017 | Canada      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 67              | 71             |
| Piché ME et al.        | 2017 | Canada      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 67              | 68             |
| Richette P et al.      | 2011 | France      | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 44              | 44             |
| Stoeckli R et al.      | 2004 | Switzerland | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 5               | 5              |
| Stoeckli R et al.      | 2004 | Switzerland | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 8               | 8              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2007 | Italy       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 11              | 11             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2004 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 24              | 24             |
| Valera Mora ME et al.  | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 25              | 23             |
| Adami GF et al.        | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 25              | 19             |
| Alamuddin N et al.     | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 129             | 129            |
| Alamuddin N et al.     | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 19              | 18             |
| Alamuddin N et al.     | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 19              | 14             |
| Alosco ML et al.       | 2015 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 84              | 84             |
| Arismendi E et al.     | 2014 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et al.         | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et al.         | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et al.         | 2010 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et al.          | 2010 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et al.          | 2010 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 11              | 11             |

**Table 1** (continued)

| Author name               | Year | Country         | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|---------------------------|------|-----------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bose M et al.             | 2010 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Bužga M et al.            | 2014 | Czech Republic  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon          | 22              | 22             |
| Bužga M et al.            | 2014 | Czech Republic  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon          | 22              | 22             |
| Costa Justus JF et al.    | 2016 | Brazil          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 6               | 6              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 13              | 13             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 13              | 13             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2003 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 14                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                | 30              | 30             |
| Carroll JF et al.         | 2009 | USA             | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                | 33              | 33             |
| Garcia-Fuentes E et al.   | 2007 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 7                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 32              | 32             |
| Gentili A et al.          | 2016 | Italy           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 10                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 80              | 80             |
| Lima MM et al.            | 2010 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 9               | 9              |
| Lima MM et al.            | 2010 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 10              | 10             |
| Mancio M et al.           | 2007 | Italy           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 10              | 10             |
| CRP                       |      |                 |     |                            |                   |        |                               |                 |                |
| Netto BD et al.           | 2014 | Brazil          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 41              | 39             |
| Richette P et al.         | 2011 | France          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 44              | 44             |
| Santos J et al.           | 2014 | Portugal        | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric banding               | 46              | 46             |
| Søvik TT et al.           | 2011 | Norway          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                | 31              | 31             |
| Søvik TT et al.           | 2011 | Norway          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Duodenal switch               | 29              | 29             |
| Søvik TT et al.           | 2011 | Norway          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                | 31              | 31             |
| Søvik TT et al.           | 2011 | Norway          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Duodenal switch               | 29              | 29             |
| Zagorski SM et al.        | 2005 | USA             | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric bypass                | 20              | 20             |
| Arismendi E et al.        | 2014 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 129             | 129            |
| Buetter M et al.          | 2010 | UK              | 7   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Gastric banding               | 13              | 13             |
| Buetter M et al.          | 2010 | UK              | 7   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 10              | 10             |
| Buetter M et al.          | 2010 | UK              | 7   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 11              | 11             |
| de Jonge C et al.         | 2014 | The Netherlands | 6   | Morbid obese t2dm subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 17              | 17             |
| de Jonge C et al.         | 2014 | The Netherlands | 6   | Morbid obese t2dm subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et al. | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 9               | 9              |

**Table 1** (continued)

| Author name                 | Year | Country | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                                 | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|-----------------------------|------|---------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 13              | 13             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 13              | 13             |
| Emery Ch et. al.            | 2007 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 13              | 13             |
| Dominik-Karlowicz J et. al. | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 40              | 40             |
| Carroll JF et. al.          | 2009 | USA     | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 30              | 30             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.       | 2012 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.       | 2012 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.       | 2012 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.       | 2016 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 79              | 79             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.       | 2016 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 79              | 79             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.       | 2016 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 79              | 79             |
| Hawkins MA et. al.          | 2015 | USA     | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 77              | 77             |
| Gjessing HR et. al.         | 2013 | Norway  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 150             | 139            |
| Gjessing HR et. al.         | 2013 | Norway  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 150             | 125            |
| Hagman DK et. al.           | 2017 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 9               | 9              |
| Hagman DK et. al.           | 2017 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 14              | 14             |
| Fellici AC et. al.          | 2014 | Brazil  | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et. al.          | 2014 | Brazil  | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et. al.          | 2014 | Brazil  | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 36              | 36             |
| Lima MM et. al.             | 2010 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 9               | 9              |
| Lima MM et. al.             | 2010 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| IL-6                        |      |         |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |
| Netto BD et. al.            | 2014 | Brazil  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 41              | 39             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.      | 2010 | Spain   | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.      | 2010 | Spain   | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.      | 2010 | Spain   | 7   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Piché ME et. al.            | 2017 | Canada  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 69              | 72             |
| Piché ME et. al.            | 2017 | Canada  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 69              | 70             |
| Richette P et. al.          | 2011 | France  | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 44              | 44             |
| Schmalz R et. al.           | 2017 | Brazil  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |

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| Author name            | Year | Country         | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                                 | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|------------------------|------|-----------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Schmatz R et al.       | 2017 | Brazil          | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| de Jonge C et al.      | 2014 | The Netherlands | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner                  | 17              | 17             |
| de Jonge C et al.      | 2014 | The Netherlands | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner                  | 17              | 17             |
| Emery Ch et al.        | 2007 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 13              | 13             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2012 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2012 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2012 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Lima MM et al.         | 2010 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 9               | 9              |
| Lima MM et al.         | 2010 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2016 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 79              | 79             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2016 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 79              | 79             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2016 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 79              | 79             |
| Hagman DK et al.       | 2017 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 9               | 9              |
| Hagman DK et al.       | 2017 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 14              | 14             |
| TNF- $\alpha$          |      |                 |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |
| Netto BD et al.        | 2014 | Brazil          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 41              | 39             |
| Pérez-Romero N et al.  | 2010 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et al.  | 2010 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et al.  | 2010 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Piché ME et al.        | 2017 | Canada          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 72              | 72             |
| Piché ME et al.        | 2017 | Canada          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 72              | 70             |
| Schmatz R et al.       | 2017 | Brazil          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Schmatz R et al.       | 2017 | Brazil          | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2009 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2014 | The Netherlands | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner                  | 17              | 17             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et al. | 2014 | The Netherlands | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner                  | 17              | 17             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2012 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2012 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| Illán Gómez F et al.   | 2012 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                                 | 60              | 53             |
| HbA1c                  |      |                 |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |

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| Author name             | Year | Country | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                                 | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|-------------------------|------|---------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Musella M et. al.       | 2015 | Italy   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 60                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 138             | 110            |
| Musella M et. al.       | 2015 | Italy   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 60                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                            | 175             | 96             |
| Nergård BJ et. al.      | 2015 | Sweden  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Nergård BJ et. al.      | 2015 | Sweden  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 8               | 8              |
| Nosso G et. al.         | 2011 | Italy   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 25              | 25             |
| Nosso G et. al.         | 2011 | Italy   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 25              | 15             |
| Özdaş S et. al.         | 2017 | Turkey  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 29              | 29             |
| Perathoner A et. al.    | 2013 | Austria | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 93              | 93             |
| Perna M et. al.         | 2012 | America | 6   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 310             | 310            |
| Perna M et. al.         | 2012 | America | 6   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 92              | 99             |
| Perna M et. al.         | 2012 | America | 6   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 66              | 66             |
| Piché ME et. al.        | 2017 | Canada  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 73              | 60             |
| Piché ME et. al.        | 2017 | Canada  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 73              | 73             |
| Pournaras DJ et. al.    | 2012 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese               | 23                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 160             | 160            |
| Pournaras DJ et. al.    | 2012 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese               | 23                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 19              | 19             |
| Pournaras DJ et. al.    | 2012 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese               | 23                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 30              | 30             |
| Ramos AC et. al.        | 2009 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Laparoscopic duodenal–jejunum exclusion        | 20              | 20             |
| Ramos AC et. al.        | 2009 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Laparoscopic duodenal–jejunum exclusion        | 20              | 20             |
| Ren Y et. al.           | 2015 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 36              | 36             |
| Ren Y et. al.           | 2015 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 33              | 33             |
| Romero Lluch AR et. al. | 2014 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 36              | 36             |
| Romero Lluch AR et. al. | 2014 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 36              | 36             |
| Schnatz R et. al.       | 2017 | Brazil  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 36              | 17             |
| Schnatz R et. al.       | 2017 | Brazil  | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Sharaiha RZ et. al.     | 2017 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Singhal R et. al.       | 2008 | UK      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 114             | 101            |
| Sista F et. al.         | 2016 | Italy   | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 225             | 225            |
| Sista F et. al.         | 2016 | Italy   | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 53              | 53             |
| Sista F et. al.         | 2016 | Italy   | 7   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 225             | 225            |
| To VT et. al.           | 2012 | Germany | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 52              | 52             |
| To VT et. al.           | 2012 | Germany | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 52              | 41             |
| To VT et. al.           | 2012 | Germany | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 52              | 5              |
| Turkmen S et. al.       | 2016 | Sweden  | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 13              | 13             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM  | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |

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|-------------------------|------|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 6                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 12                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 24                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 36                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 3                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 6                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 12                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 24                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 36                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Aarts EO et. al.        | 2013 | The Netherlands | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 43                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 56              | 56             |
| Bebehani F et. al.      | 2014 | UK              | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 24                | Mix | Gastric bypass                | 101             | 101            |
| Beleigoli AM et. al.    | 2014 | Brasil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 60                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 61              | 61             |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 4                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 8                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 12                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 28                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 4                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 8                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 12                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Spain           | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 28                | Mix | Intragastric balloon          | 7               | 7              |
| Blanco J et. al.        | 2014 | Czech Republic  | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix | Intragastric balloon          | 22              | 22             |
| Bužga M et. al.         | 2014 | Czech Republic  | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Bužga M et. al.         | 2011 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 20                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| de Sa VC et. al.        | 2012 | Brazil          | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 13                | Mix | Duodenal–jejunal bypass liner | 22              | 13             |
| de Moura EG et. al.     | 2015 | Turkey          | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 9                 | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 73              | 73             |
| Çetinkünar S et. al.    | 2015 | Germany         | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 5               | 5              |
| Damms-Machado A et. al. | 2015 | Germany         | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 5               | 5              |
| Damms-Machado A et. al. | 2016 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 24                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 41              | 22             |
| Chong K et. al.         | 2016 | Taiwan          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 24                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 30              | 14             |
| Cohen R et. al.         | 2013 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 3                 | Mix | Duodenal–jejunal bypass liner | 16              | 16             |
| Cohen R et. al.         | 2013 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 13                | Mix | Duodenal–jejunal bypass liner | 16              | 16             |
| DePaula AL et. al.      | 2010 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 24                | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 72              | 72             |
| DePaula AL et. al.      | 2012 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 39                | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 200             | 200            |
| Di J et. al.            | 2016 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 6                 | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 66              | 66             |
| Di J et. al.            | 2016 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 12                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 66              | 66             |

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| Author name                  | Year | Country         | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|------------------------------|------|-----------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Di J et. al.                 | 2016 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 66              | 66             |
| Ding SA et. al.              | 2015 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Gastric banding               | 23              | 23             |
| Dixon JB et. al.             | 2013 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 103             | 103            |
| Dogan K et. al.              | 2014 | The Netherlands | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 84                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 52              | 52             |
| Elazary R et. al.            | 2013 | Israel          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 10              | 10             |
| Elazary R et. al.            | 2013 | Israel          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 10              | 10             |
| Pournaras DJ et. al.         | 2015 | Sweden          | ?   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 6132            | 6132           |
| Faucher P et. al.            | 2016 | France          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 13              | 13             |
| Faucher P et. al.            | 2016 | France          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et. al.              | 2015 | USA             | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                | 13              | 13             |
| Elbanna H et. al.            | 2016 | Egypt           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 173             | 173            |
| Elbanna H et. al.            | 2016 | Egypt           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 173             | 173            |
| Elbanna H et. al.            | 2016 | Egypt           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 60                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 173             | 173            |
| Domienik-Karlowicz J et. al. | 2015 | Poland          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 40              | 40             |
| Carroll JF et. al.           | 2009 | USA             | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding               | 31              | 31             |
| Fellici AC et. al.           | 2014 | Brazil          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et. al.           | 2014 | Brazil          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et. al.           | 2014 | Brazil          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et. al.           | 2014 | Brazil          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 36              | 36             |
| Lindegaard KK et. al.        | 2015 | Denmark         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 13              | 13             |
| Lindegaard KK et. al.        | 2015 | Denmark         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 13              | 13             |
| Lindegaard KK et. al.        | 2015 | Denmark         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 12              | 11             |
| Lindegaard KK et. al.        | 2015 | Denmark         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 12              | 11             |
| Gjessing HR et. al.          | 2013 | Norway          | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 150             | 125            |
| Kadam PD et. al.             | 2011 | India           | 5   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 5               | 5              |
| Kadam PD et. al.             | 2011 | India           | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 5               | 5              |
| Kadam PD et. al.             | 2011 | India           | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 5               | 5              |
| Jiang F et. al.              | 2013 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et. al.              | 2013 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et. al.              | 2013 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et. al.              | 2013 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et. al.              | 2013 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 10              | 10             |
| Keidar A et. al.             | 2013 | Israel          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 19              | 19             |
| Keidar A et. al.             | 2013 | Israel          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 19              | 19             |
| Keidar A et. al.             | 2013 | Israel          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 18              | 18             |

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| Author name                      | Year | Country | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                           | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|----------------------------------|------|---------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Keidar A et al.                  | 2013 | Israel  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 18              | 18             |
| Kular KS et al.                  | 2015 | India   | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                      | 128             | 128            |
| Kular KS et al.                  | 2015 | India   | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                      | 128             | 128            |
| Kular KS et al.                  | 2015 | India   | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 36                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                      | 128             | 128            |
| Kular KS et al.                  | 2015 | India   | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 48                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                      | 128             | 128            |
| Kular KS et al.                  | 2015 | India   | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 60                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                      | 128             | 128            |
| Kular KS et al.                  | 2015 | India   | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 72                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                      | 128             | 128            |
| Kular KS et al.                  | 2015 | India   | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 84                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                      | 128             | 128            |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 62             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 62             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 45             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 40             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 30             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 20             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et al. | 2017 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion                | 12              | 12             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et al. | 2017 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Laparoscopic greater curvature plication | 15              | 15             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et al. | 2017 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Gastric banding                          | 12              | 12             |
| Middlebeek RJ et al.             | 2014 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T1DM subjects | 5                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 9               | 9              |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese with IGT      | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese with IGT      | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 10              | 10             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 10              | 10             |
| Mazidi M et al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 152             | 141            |
| Mazidi M et al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 152             | 146            |
| Mazidi M et al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 152             | 139            |
| Mazidi M et al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 152             | 125            |
| Mazidi M et al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 152             | 133            |
| Mäkinen J et al.                 | 2015 | Finland | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 21              | 21             |
| Huang CK et al.                  | 2016 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 30              | 30             |
| Huang CK et al.                  | 2016 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 30              | 30             |
| FBS                              |      |         |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |
| Musella M et al.                 | 2015 | Italy   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 60                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 138             | 110            |
| Musella M et al.                 | 2015 | Italy   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 60                | Mix    | Mini-gastric bypass                      | 175             | 96             |

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|-------------------------|------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Natoudi M et. al.       | 2013 | Greece      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 12              | 12             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Peterli R et. al.       | 2009 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 13              | 13             |
| Peterli R et. al.       | 2009 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 14              | 14             |
| Piché ME et. al.        | 2017 | Canada      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 73              | 73             |
| Piché ME et. al.        | 2017 | Canada      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 73              | 73             |
| Pinhel MA et. al.       | 2015 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 598             | 598            |
| Pinhel MA et. al.       | 2015 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 598             | 598            |
| Pontiroli AE et. al.    | 2009 | Italy       | 5   | Morbid obese               | 65                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 23              | 23             |
| Pontiroli AE et. al.    | 2009 | Italy       | 5   | Morbid obese               | 65                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 78              | 78             |
| Pournaras DJ et. al.    | 2012 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 23                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 160             | 160            |
| Pournaras DJ et. al.    | 2012 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 23                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 19              | 19             |
| Pournaras DJ et. al.    | 2012 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 23                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 30              | 30             |
| Ramos AC et. al.        | 2009 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner                  | 20              | 20             |
| Ramos AC et. al.        | 2009 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner                  | 20              | 20             |
| Ramos AC et. al.        | 2015 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 36              | 36             |
| Ren Y et. al.           | 2015 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 33              | 33             |
| Ren Y et. al.           | 2011 | France      | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y bypass                               | 44              | 44             |
| Richette P et. al.      | 2015 | Norway      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 60                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 31              | 30             |
| Rissstad H et. al.      | 2015 | Norway      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 60                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 29              | 29             |
| Rissstad H et. al.      | 2017 | Brazil      | 5   | Morbid Obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Schmatz R et. al.       | 2017 | Brazil      | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Schmatz R et. al.       | 2017 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 17              | 17             |
| Shankar SS et. al.      | 2008 | UK          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 114             | 101            |
| Singhal R et. al.       | 2011 | Croatia     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon                           | 165             | 165            |
| Stimac D et. al.        | 2012 | Germany     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 52              | 52             |
| To VT et. al.           | 2012 | Germany     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 52              | 41             |
| To VT et. al.           | 2012 | Germany     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 52              | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |

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|-------------------------|------|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 24                | Female | Gastric banding               | 5               | 5              |
| Turkmen S et. al.       | 2016 | Sweden          | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 6                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 13              | 13             |
| Viana EC et. al.        | 2013 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 24              | 24             |
| Viana EC et. al.        | 2013 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Female | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 24              | 24             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L. et. al.           | 2015 | China           | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Aarts EO et. al.        | 2013 | The Netherlands | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 43                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 56              | 56             |
| Abrahamsson N et. al.   | 2013 | Sweden          | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                | 20              | 20             |
| Alam ML et. al.         | 2011 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 16              | 16             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.     | 2015 | Italy           | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 24              | 24             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.     | 2015 | Italy           | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 24              | 24             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.     | 2015 | Italy           | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 24              | 24             |
| Belejogoli AM et. al.   | 2014 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 60                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 61              | 61             |
| Benedetti G et. al.     | 2000 | Italy           | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 30                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 40              | 40             |
| Borges Mde C et. al.    | 2015 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 6                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass       | 70              | 70             |
| Bose M. et. al.         | 2010 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M. et. al.         | 2010 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M. et. al.         | 2010 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Bratti LOS et. al.      | 2017 | Brazil          | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 40              | 40             |
| Bužga M et. al.         | 2014 | Czech Republic  | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon          | 22              | 22             |
| Bužga M et. al.         | 2014 | Czech Republic  | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon          | 22              | 22             |
| de Sa VC et. al.        | 2011 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 20                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 27              | 27             |
| de Moura EG et. al.     | 2012 | Brazil          | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 13                | Mix    | duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 22              | 13             |
| Costa Justus JF et. al. | 2016 | Brazil          | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Female | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 6               | 6              |
| Çetinküçük S et. al.    | 2015 | Turkey          | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 9                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 73              | 73             |
| Damms-Machado A et. al. | 2015 | Germany         | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 5               | 5              |
| Damms-Machado A et. al. | 2015 | Germany         | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 5               | 5              |

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|------------------------------|------|-----------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Catalan V et al.             | 2007 | Spain           | 5   | Morbid obese               | 13                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 14              | 14             |
| Chong K et. al.              | 2016 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 41              | 22             |
| Chong K et. al.              | 2016 | Taiwan          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 30              | 14             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.   | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion           | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.   | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion           | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.   | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion           | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.   | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion           | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.   | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                  | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.   | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                  | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.   | 2015 | Spain           | 6   | Morbid obese               | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                  | 13              | 13             |
| Cohen R et. al.              | 2013 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 0.25              | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner       | 16              | 16             |
| Cohen R et. al.              | 2013 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner       | 16              | 16             |
| Cohen R et. al.              | 2013 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 13                | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner       | 16              | 16             |
| Cătoi AF et. al.             | 2013 | Romania         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Silastic ring vertical gastroplasty | 20              | 20             |
| Cătoi AF et. al.             | 2013 | Romania         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Silastic ring vertical gastroplasty | 20              | 20             |
| Cătoi AF et. al.             | 2013 | Romania         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Silastic ring vertical gastroplasty | 20              | 20             |
| DePaula AL et. al.           | 2012 | Brazil          | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 36                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                  | 200             | 200            |
| Di J et. al.                 | 2016 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 66              | 66             |
| Di J et. al.                 | 2016 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 66              | 66             |
| Di J et. al.                 | 2016 | China           | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 66              | 66             |
| Ding SA et. al.              | 2015 | USA             | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Gastric banding                     | 23              | 23             |
| Dogan K et. al.              | 2014 | The Netherlands | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 84                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 52              | 52             |
| Elazary R et. al.            | 2013 | Israel          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                  | 10              | 10             |
| Elazary R et. al.            | 2013 | Israel          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                  | 10              | 10             |
| Engl J et. al.               | 2007 | Austria         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Gastric banding                     | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et. al.              | 2015 | USA             | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass                      | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et. al.              | 2015 | USA             | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                      | 13              | 13             |
| Domienik-Karlowicz J et. al. | 2015 | Poland          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                      | 40              | 40             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 11              | 11             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 11              | 11             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece          | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass            | 11              | 11             |

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|----------------------------------|------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Carroll JF et al.                | 2009 | USA         | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding                          | 33              | 33             |
| Hagman DK et al.                 | 2017 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 9               | 9              |
| Hagman DK et al.                 | 2017 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 14              | 14             |
| Fellici AC et al.                | 2014 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et al.                | 2014 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et al.                | 2014 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et al.                | 2014 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 36              | 36             |
| Gong K et al.                    | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 31              | 31             |
| Gong K et al.                    | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 31              | 31             |
| Gong K et al.                    | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 31              | 31             |
| Lafèvre B et al.                 | 2007 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 8               | 8              |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese with IGT      | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese with IGT      | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 10              | 10             |
| Morínigo R et al.                | 2006 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et al.                   | 2013 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner            | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et al.                   | 2013 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner            | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et al.                   | 2013 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner            | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et al.                   | 2013 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner            | 10              | 10             |
| Jiang F et al.                   | 2013 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner            | 10              | 10             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 62             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 62             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 45             |
| Lee WJ et al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6.5               | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 40             |
| Martínez de la Escalera L et al. | 2017 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion                | 12              | 12             |
| Martínez de la Escalera L et al. | 2017 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Laparoscopic greater curvature plication | 15              | 15             |
| Martínez de la Escalera L et al. | 2017 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Gastric banding                          | 12              | 12             |
| Lee W et al.                     | 2011 | South Korea | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Billroth I                               | 119             | 119            |
| Lee W et al.                     | 2011 | South Korea | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Billroth II                              | 54              | 54             |
| Lee W et al.                     | 2011 | South Korea | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 40              | 40             |
| Lee W et al.                     | 2011 | South Korea | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 16              | 16             |

**Table 1** (continued)

| Author name             | Year | Country     | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                                 | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|-------------------------|------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Lima MM et. al.         | 2010 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 9               | 9              |
| Lima MM et. al.         | 2010 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Manco M et. al.         | 2007 | Italy       | 5   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 10              | 10             |
| Mazidi M et. al.        | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 152            |
| Mazidi M et. al.        | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 141            |
| Mazidi M et. al.        | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 146            |
| Mazidi M et. al.        | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 139            |
| Mazidi M et. al.        | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 125            |
| Mäkinen J et. al.       | 2015 | Finland     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 21              | 21             |
| Huang CK et. al.        | 2016 | Taiwan      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 30              | 30             |
| Huang CK et. al.        | 2016 | Taiwan      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 30              | 30             |
| Gjessing HR et. al.     | 2013 | Norway      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 150             | 125            |
| HOMA-IR                 |      |             |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |
| Nosso G et. al.         | 2011 | Italy       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 25              | 25             |
| Nosso G et. al.         | 2011 | Italy       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 25              | 15             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.  | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 96              | 96             |
| Péterli R et. al.       | 2009 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 13              | 13             |
| Péterli R et. al.       | 2009 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 14              | 14             |
| Piché ME et. al.        | 2017 | Canada      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 73              | 72             |
| Piché ME et. al.        | 2017 | Canada      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 73              | 73             |
| Richette P et. al.      | 2011 | France      | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 44              | 44             |
| To VT et. al.           | 2012 | Germany     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 52              | 52             |
| To VT et. al.           | 2012 | Germany     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Gastric banding                                | 52              | 41             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al. | 2009 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM  | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM  | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM  | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.            | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM  | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |

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| Author name                | Year | Country     | NOS | Study population                     | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|----------------------------|------|-------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China       | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 22              | 22             |
| Abrahamsson N et. al.      | 2013 | Sweden      | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                | 20              | 20             |
| Adami GF et. al.           | 2004 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 24              | 24             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.        | 2015 | Italy       | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 24              | 24             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.        | 2015 | Italy       | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 24              | 24             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.        | 2015 | Italy       | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 24              | 24             |
| Borg CM et. al.            | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et. al.            | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et. al.            | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 7               | 7              |
| Bose M et. al.             | 2010 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et. al.             | 2010 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et. al.             | 2010 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Brattti LOS et. al.        | 2017 | Brazil      | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 40              | 40             |
| Cătoi AF et. al.           | 2016 | Romania     | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 1                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 20              | 20             |
| Catalan V et. al.          | 2007 | Spain       | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 13                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 14              | 14             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion     | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 13              | 13             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy            | 13              | 13             |
| Cohen R et. al.            | 2013 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 0.25              | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 16              | 16             |
| Cohen R et. al.            | 2013 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 16              | 16             |
| Cohen R et. al.            | 2013 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 13                | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner | 16              | 16             |
| Di J et. al.               | 2016 | China       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 66              | 66             |
| Di J et. al.               | 2016 | China       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 66              | 66             |
| Di J et. al.               | 2016 | China       | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass      | 66              | 66             |
| Engl J et. al.             | 2007 | Austria     | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Female | Gastric banding               | 13              | 13             |

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| Author name                  | Year | Country | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type           | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|------------------------------|------|---------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Dutia R et. al.              | 2015 | USA     | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass           | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et. al.              | 2015 | USA     | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass           | 13              | 13             |
| Domienik-Karlowicz J et. al. | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 40              | 40             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 11              | 11             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 11              | 11             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 11              | 11             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.          | 2009 | USA     | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding          | 31              | 31             |
| Carroll JF et. al.           | 2016 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass           | 79              | 79             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.        | 2016 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass           | 79              | 79             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.        | 2016 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass           | 79              | 79             |
| Lindegaard KK et. al.        | 2015 | Denmark | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 13              | 13             |
| Lindegaard KK et. al.        | 2015 | Denmark | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 13              | 13             |
| Lindegaard KK et. al.        | 2015 | Denmark | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 11             |
| Lindegaard KK et. al.        | 2015 | Denmark | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 11             |
| Hagman DK et. al.            | 2017 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 9               | 9              |
| Hagman DK et. al.            | 2017 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 14              | 14             |
| Laferrière B et. al.         | 2008 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 9               | 9              |
| Morínigo R et. al.           | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et. al.           | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et. al.           | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese with IGT      | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et. al.           | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese with IGT      | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Morínigo R et. al.           | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1.5               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 10              | 10             |
| Morínigo R et. al.           | 2006 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 10              | 10             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 0.13              | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 24              | 24             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 1                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 24              | 24             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 24              | 24             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 24              | 24             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 0.13              | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 27              | 27             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 27              | 27             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 27              | 27             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 27              | 27             |
| Kaska Ł et. al.              | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 0.13              | Mix    | Gastric bypass           | 30              | 30             |

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| Author name                       | Year | Country | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                                 | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Kaska L et. al.                   | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 1                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 30              | 30             |
| Kaska L et. al.                   | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 30              | 30             |
| Kaska L et. al.                   | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obesity             | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 30              | 30             |
| Lee WJ et. al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 0.25              | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 62              | 62             |
| Lee WJ et. al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 62              | 62             |
| Lee WJ et. al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 62              | 45             |
| Lee WJ et. al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6.5               | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 62              | 40             |
| Lee WJ et. al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 62              | 30             |
| Lee WJ et. al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                                 | 62              | 20             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et. al. | 2017 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion                      | 12              | 12             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et. al. | 2017 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Laparoscopic greater curvature plication       | 15              | 15             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et. al. | 2017 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 12              | 12             |
| Lima MM et. al.                   | 2010 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obesity             | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 9               | 9              |
| Lima MM et. al.                   | 2010 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obesity             | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Mazidi M et. al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 141            |
| Mazidi M et. al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 146            |
| Mazidi M et. al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 139            |
| Mazidi M et. al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 125            |
| Mazidi M et. al.                  | 2016 | China   | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 133               | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 152             | 133            |
| Huang CK et. al.                  | 2016 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 30              | 30             |
| Huang CK et. al.                  | 2016 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 30              | 30             |
| Gjessing HR et. al.               | 2013 | Norway  | 6   | Morbid obesity             | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                             | 150             | 125            |
| Insulin level                     |      |         |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |
| Piché ME et. al.                  | 2017 | Canada  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 73              | 72             |
| Piché ME et. al.                  | 2017 | Canada  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch | 73              | 73             |
| Richeffe P et. al.                | 2011 | France  | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 44              | 44             |
| Schmatz R et. al.                 | 2017 | Brazil  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Schmatz R et. al.                 | 2017 | Brazil  | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 20              | 20             |
| Shankar SS et. al.                | 2017 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 17              | 17             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al.           | 2009 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al.           | 2009 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al.           | 2009 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                       | 10              | 10             |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al.           | 2009 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al.           | 2009 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 9                 | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |
| Trakhtenbrot MA et. al.           | 2009 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Gastric banding                                | 5               | 5              |

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| Author name                | Year | Country | NOS | Study population                     | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type            | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|----------------------------|------|---------|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity class I plus T2DM            | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 20              | 20             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | China   | 6   | Obesity classes II and III plus T2DM | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 22              | 22             |
| Xu L et. al.               | 2015 | Sweden  | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass            | 20              | 20             |
| Abrahamsson N et. al.      | 2011 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 16              | 16             |
| Alam ML et. al.            | 2015 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 84              | 84             |
| Alosco ML et. al.          | 2015 | Italy   | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 24              | 24             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.        | 2015 | Italy   | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 24              | 24             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.        | 2015 | Italy   | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 24              | 24             |
| Barazzoni R et. al.        | 2000 | Italy   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 30                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion | 40              | 40             |
| Benedetti G et. al.        | 2006 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et. al.            | 2006 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et. al.            | 2006 | UK      | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 7               | 7              |
| Bose M et. al.             | 2010 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass            | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et. al.             | 2010 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass            | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et. al.             | 2010 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass            | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et. al.             | 2017 | Brazil  | 5   | Morbid obese                         | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 40              | 40             |
| Braitti LOS et. al.        | 2016 | Romania | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 1                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy        | 20              | 20             |
| Cătoi AF et. al.           | 2016 | Romania | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy        | 20              | 20             |
| Cătoi AF et. al.           | 2016 | Romania | 7   | Morbid obese                         | 9                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy        | 73              | 73             |
| Çetinküñar S et. al.       | 2015 | Turkey  | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 0.25              | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy        | 20              | 20             |
| Catalan V et. al.          | 2007 | Spain   | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 13                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass  | 14              | 14             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion | 9               | 9              |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 0.5               | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects           | 3                 | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion | 17              | 17             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al. | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese                         | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy        | 11              | 11             |

**Table 1** (continued)

| Author name                 | Year | Country | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                          | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|-----------------------------|------|---------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                      | 11              | 11             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 0.5               | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                      | 13              | 13             |
| Clemente-Postigo M et. al.  | 2015 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                      | 13              | 13             |
| Cohen R et. al.             | 2013 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 0.25              | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner placement | 16              | 16             |
| Cohen R et. al.             | 2013 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner placement | 16              | 16             |
| Cohen R et. al.             | 2013 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 13                | Mix    | Duodenal-jejunal bypass liner placement | 16              | 16             |
| Di J et. al.                | 2016 | China   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 66              | 66             |
| Di J et. al.                | 2016 | China   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 66              | 66             |
| Di J et. al.                | 2016 | China   | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 36                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 66              | 66             |
| Eng J et. al.               | 2007 | Austria | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Gastric banding                         | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et. al.             | 2015 | USA     | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass                          | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et. al.             | 2015 | USA     | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass                          | 13              | 13             |
| Domenik-Karlowicz J et. al. | 2015 | Poland  | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 40              | 40             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.         | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.         | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.         | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 9               | 9              |
| Chronaiou A et. al.         | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.         | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.         | 2012 | Greece  | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 11              | 11             |
| Carroll JF et. al.          | 2009 | USA     | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding                         | 31              | 31             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.       | 2016 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                          | 79              | 79             |
| Illán Gómez F et. al.       | 2016 | Spain   | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                          | 79              | 79             |
| Gjessing HR et. al.         | 2013 | Norway  | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                      | 150             | 125            |
| Fellici AC et. al.          | 2014 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et. al.          | 2014 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et. al.          | 2014 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 36              | 36             |
| Fellici AC et. al.          | 2014 | Brazil  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 36              | 36             |
| Laferrère B et. al.         | 2007 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 8               | 8              |
| Laferrère B et. al.         | 2008 | USA     | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                | 9               | 9              |
| Lee WJ et. al.              | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 0.25              | Mix    | Gastric bypass                          | 62              | 62             |
| Lee WJ et. al.              | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                          | 62              | 62             |
| Lee WJ et. al.              | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Gastric bypass                          | 62              | 45             |
| Lee WJ et. al.              | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6.5               | Mix    | Gastric bypass                          | 62              | 40             |
| Lee WJ et. al.              | 2011 | Taiwan  | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                          | 62              | 30             |

**Table 1** (continued)

| Author name                       | Year | Country     | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type                           | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Lee WJ et. al.                    | 2011 | Taiwan      | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 24                | Mix    | Gastric bypass                           | 62              | 20             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et. al. | 2017 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion                | 12              | 12             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et. al. | 2017 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Laparoscopic greater curvature plication | 15              | 15             |
| Martinez de la Escalera L et. al. | 2017 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Gastric banding                          | 12              | 12             |
| Lima MM et. al.                   | 2010 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 9               | 9              |
| Lima MM et. al.                   | 2010 | Brazil      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 10              | 10             |
| Manco M et. al.                   | 2007 | Italy       | 5   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion                | 10              | 10             |
| Hagman DK et. al.                 | 2017 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 9               | 9              |
| Hagman DK et. al.                 | 2017 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 14              | 14             |
| Ghrelin                           |      |             |     |                            |                   |        |  |                 |                |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.            | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.            | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 96              | 96             |
| Pérez-Romero N et. al.            | 2010 | Spain       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 96              | 96             |
| Peterli R et. al.                 | 2009 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 13              | 13             |
| Peterli R et. al.                 | 2009 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 14              | 14             |
| Ram E et. al.                     | 2005 | Israel      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding                          | 23              | 23             |
| Ram E et. al.                     | 2005 | Israel      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 14                | Mix    | Gastric banding                          | 23              | 23             |
| Schindler K et. al.               | 2004 | Austria     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Female | Gastric banding                          | 23              | 23             |
| Schmatz R et. al.                 | 2017 | Brazil      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 20              | 20             |
| Schmatz R et. al.                 | 2017 | Brazil      | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 20              | 20             |
| Stoeckli R et. al.                | 2004 | Switzerland | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 5               | 5              |
| Stoeckli R et. al.                | 2004 | Switzerland | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Gastric banding                          | 8               | 8              |
| Sundbom M et. al.                 | 2007 | Sweden      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 15              | 15             |
| Valera Mora ME et. al.            | 2007 | Italy       | 7   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Female | Biliopancreatic diversion                | 11              | 11             |
| Wang Y et. al.                    | 2009 | China       | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Gastric banding                          | 15              | 15             |
| Wang Y et. al.                    | 2009 | China       | 6   | Morbid obese               | 24                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 10              | 10             |
| Adami GF et. al.                  | 2004 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Biliopancreatic diversion                | 24              | 24             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.               | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 25              | 23             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.               | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 25              | 19             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.               | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 19              | 18             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.               | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 19              | 14             |
| Alosco ML et. al.                 | 2015 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 84              | 84             |
| Bohdjalian A et. al.              | 2010 | Austria     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 26              | 26             |
| Bohdjalian A et. al.              | 2010 | Austria     | 6   | Morbid obese               | 60                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy                       | 26              | 26             |
| Borg CM et. al.                   | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass                 | 7               | 7              |

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| Author name            | Year | Country        | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type           | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|------------------------|------|----------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Borg CM et al.         | 2006 | UK             | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et al.         | 2006 | UK             | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 7               | 7              |
| Bužga M et al.         | 2014 | Czech Republic | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon     | 22              | 22             |
| Bužga M et al.         | 2014 | Czech Republic | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Intragastric balloon     | 22              | 22             |
| Dutia R et al.         | 2015 | USA            | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass           | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et al.         | 2015 | USA            | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass           | 13              | 13             |
| Chronaiou A et al.     | 2012 | Greece         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et al.     | 2012 | Greece         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et al.     | 2012 | Greece         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et al.     | 2012 | Greece         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et al.     | 2012 | Greece         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et al.     | 2012 | Greece         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Carroll JF et al.      | 2009 | USA            | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding          | 33              | 33             |
| Mancini MC et al.      | 2006 | Brazil         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Female | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 10              | 10             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece         | 6   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 16              | 16             |
| GLP-1                  |      |                |     |                            |                   |        |                          |                 |                |
| Peterli R. et. al.     | 2009 | Switzerland    | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 13              | 13             |
| Peterli R. et. al.     | 2009 | Switzerland    | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 14              | 14             |
| Alam ML et. al.        | 2011 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y Gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.    | 2016 | USA            | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 25              | 23             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.    | 2016 | USA            | 5   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 25              | 19             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.    | 2016 | USA            | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 19              | 18             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.    | 2016 | USA            | 5   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 19              | 14             |
| Borg CM et. al.        | 2006 | UK             | 7   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et. al.        | 2006 | UK             | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et. al.        | 2010 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass           | 11              | 11             |
| Bose M et. al.         | 2010 | USA            | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Female | Gastric bypass           | 11              | 11             |

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| Author name            | Year | Country     | NOS | Study population           | Follow-up (month) | Sex    | Procedure type           | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|------------------------|------|-------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bose M et. al.         | 2010 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass           | 11              | 11             |
| Dutia R et. al.        | 2015 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass           | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et. al.        | 2015 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass           | 13              | 13             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2009 | USA         | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Gastric banding          | 32              | 32             |
| Gong K et. al.         | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 31              | 31             |
| Gong K et. al.         | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 31              | 31             |
| Gong K et. al.         | 2016 | China       | 7   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 31              | 31             |
| Laferrière B et. al.   | 2007 | USA         | 6   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 8               | 8              |
| PYY                    |      |             |     |                            |                   |        |                          |                 |                |
| Peterli R et. al.      | 2009 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 13              | 13             |
| Peterli R et. al.      | 2009 | Switzerland | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 14              | 14             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.    | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 25              | 23             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.    | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 25              | 19             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.    | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 19              | 18             |
| Alamuddin N et. al.    | 2016 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese               | 18                | Mix    | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 19              | 14             |
| Borg CM et. al.        | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et. al.        | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 7               | 7              |
| Borg CM et. al.        | 2006 | UK          | 7   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 7               | 7              |
| Dutia R et. al.        | 2015 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 1                 | Female | Gastric bypass           | 13              | 13             |
| Dutia R et. al.        | 2015 | USA         | 5   | Morbid obese T2DM subjects | 12                | Female | Gastric bypass           | 13              | 13             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Chronaiou A et. al.    | 2012 | Greece      | 5   | Morbid obese               | 12                | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 12              | 12             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 1                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 3                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece      | 6   | Morbid obese               | 6                 | Mix    | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |

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| Author name            | Year | Country | NOS | Study population | Follow-up (month) | Sex | Procedure type           | Number (before) | Number (after) |
|------------------------|------|---------|-----|------------------|-------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece  | 6   | Morbid obese     | 12                | Mix | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece  | 6   | Morbid obese     | 1                 | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece  | 6   | Morbid obese     | 3                 | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece  | 6   | Morbid obese     | 6                 | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 16              | 16             |
| Karamanakos SN et. al. | 2008 | Greece  | 6   | Morbid obese     | 12                | Mix | Sleeve gastrectomy       | 16              | 16             |

followed. The available data would be employed if the studies did not directly provide the required SDs.

The statistical heterogeneity between the studies was assessed using Cochran's  $Q$  test (from chi-square) and the  $I^2$  statistic, which was able to measure the inconsistency across the results of the studies and describe the proportion of the total variations based on their estimates due to the presence of heterogeneity rather than sampling errors. In detail, the  $I^2$  values of 0, <30, 30–60, and >60% indicated no, low, moderate, and high heterogeneities, respectively [16].

Publication bias was assessed in more than three studies using the Egger's test and graphically presented by the funnel plots of mean difference vs. standard error. The visual inspections of the asymmetries of the funnel plots were performed to address any possible small-study effects, while the Egger's test was done to deal with the publication bias over and above any subjective evaluations.  $P < 0.10$  was considered statistically significant [17].

All the outcomes were analyzed based on surgical procedure and follow-up time. The procedures were categorized according to the restrictive (gastric bypass, gastroplasty, and sleeve gastrectomy), malabsorptive (Bilio-Pancreatic Diversion (BPD) with/without Duodenal Switch (DS)), and mixed restrictive and malabsorptive operations (gastric bypass and few surgical treatment groups) [18]. The follow-up times were divided into short-term (<12 months), medium-term (12–60 months), and long-term (>60 months) follow-up [19].

For each outcome of interest, the related effect size (mean effect after the surgery minus mean effect before the surgery) was used in the analysis. Due to the different surgical procedures and follow-up durations, as well as large related results (14 variables and a total of 126 reports), only the results of highest efficacy were reported in the present study.

## Results

### Study Characteristics

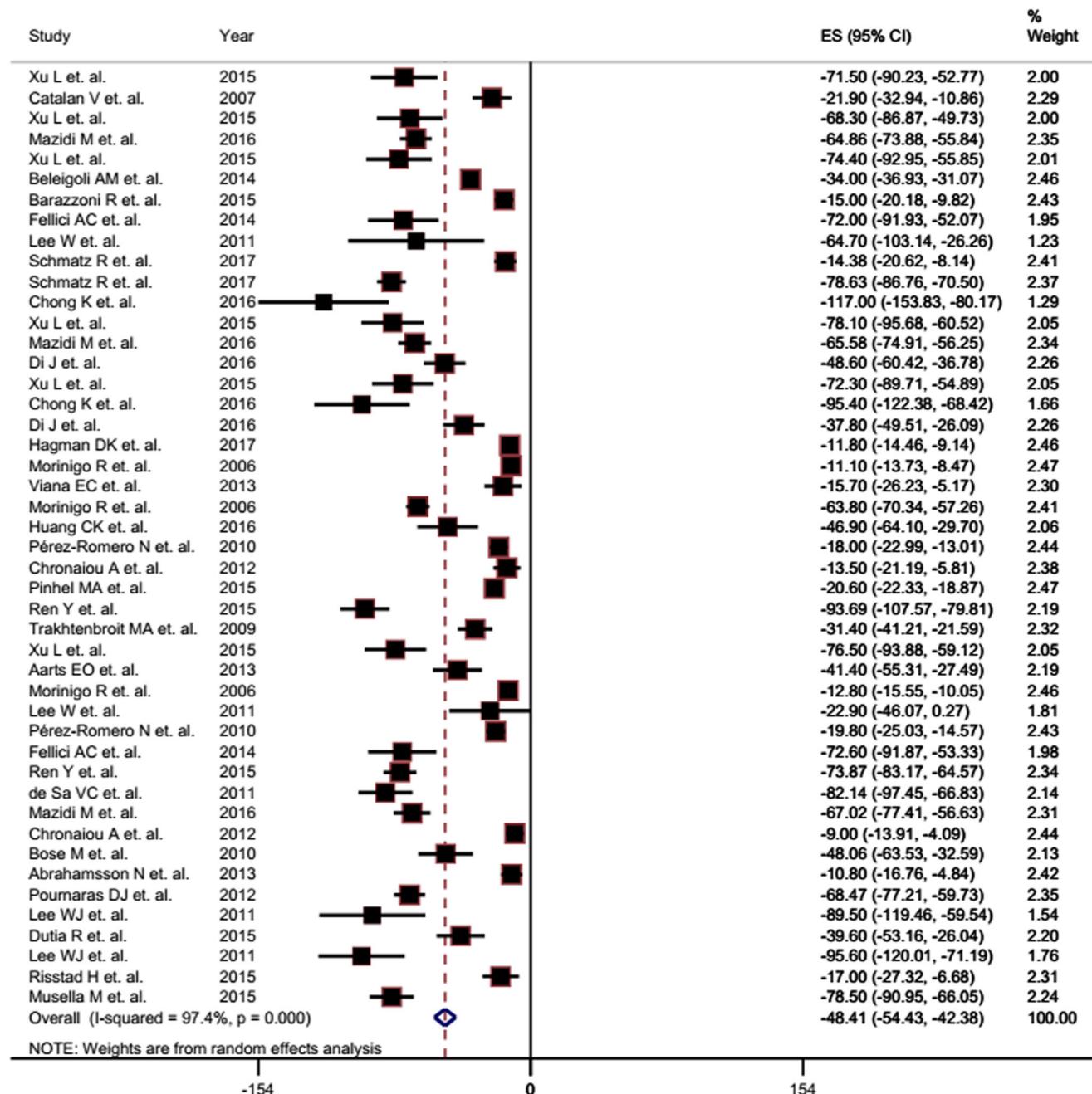
Four thousand five hundred fifty-two papers were initially retrieved from the electronic databases, from among which 771 studies were included in the meta-analysis after excluding some of them due to their inconsistencies with the inclusion criteria (FBS:  $n = 154$ ; HbA1c:  $n = 137$ ; HOMA-IR:  $n = 114$ ; insulin level:  $n = 91$ ; leptin:  $n = 48$ ; ghrelin:  $n = 47$ ; CRP:  $n = 41$ ; adiponectin:  $n = 39$ ; GLP-1:  $n = 26$ ; PYY:  $n = 25$ ; IL-6:  $n = 22$ ; TNF- $\alpha$ :  $n = 19$ ; sICAM-1:  $n = 4$ ; and PAI-1:  $n = 4$ ) (Fig. 1). The main characteristics are summarized in

**Table 1.** We only included the prospective human studies, which were written in English and their full texts were accessible. The minimum and maximum follow-up periods were 15 days and 84 months, respectively. The quality scores of the included studies based on NOS had a range of 5–7.

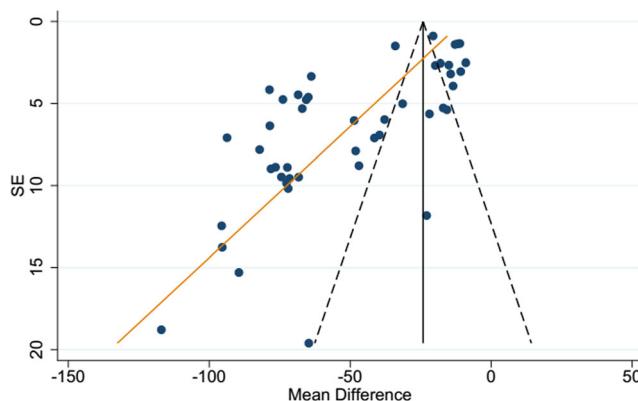
## Meta-Analysis Results of the Outcomes of Interest

### Fasting Blood Sugar

A total of 154 eligible studies were included in the analysis. The results related to the medium-term follow-up and mixed



**Fig. 2** Effect size of change in fasting blood sugar among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure after 12 to 60 months follow-up

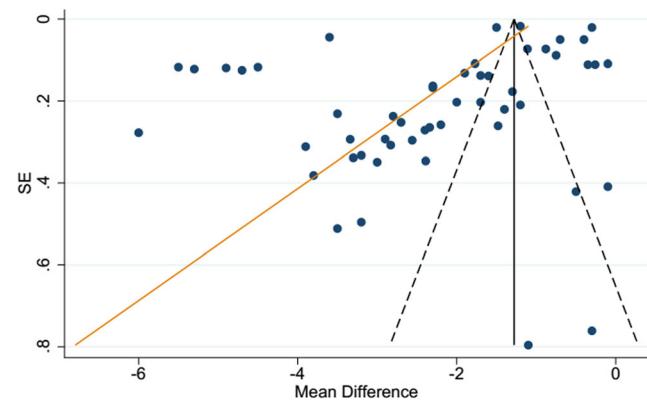


**Fig. 3** Funnel plot of mean difference of fasting blood sugar in patient before and after surgery

restrictive and malabsorptive methods were reported. A forest plot was used to illustrate the effect sizes before and after the surgery in each study and the pooled effect sizes (Fig. 2). A random effect model was utilized to combine the results of the studies because of their heterogeneity ( $Q = 1744.7$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ , and  $I^2 = 97.4\%$ ). The pooled analysis revealed that bariatric surgery had been associated with a significant decrease in the fasting blood sugar levels of obese adults ( $ES = -48.4$ , 95% CI  $(-54.4, -42.3)$ , and  $P$  value  $< 0.0001$ ). The funnel plot showed evidence of publication bias (Fig. 3).

### HbA1c

One of the most commonly reported biomarkers was HbA1c, which was pre- and post-operatively determined in 137 studies. The mean HbA1c levels were found to have been reduced in obese patients ( $ES = -4.537$ , 95% CI  $(-5.553, -3.522)$ , and  $P$  value  $< 0.0001$ ) after more

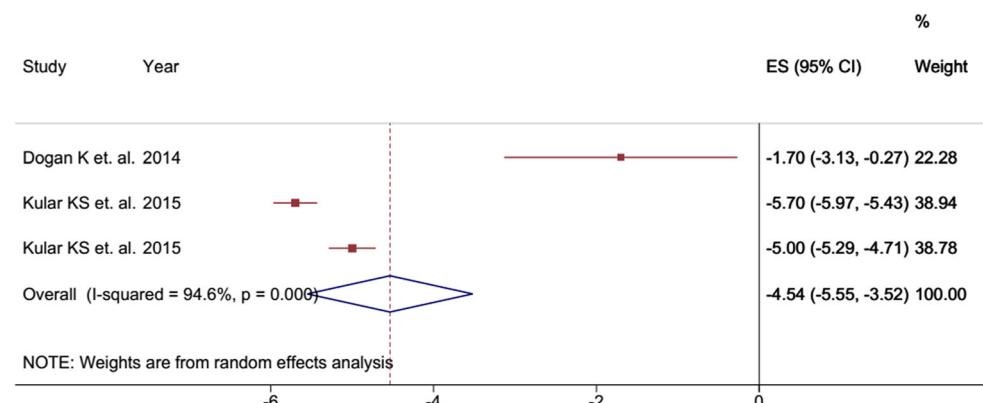


**Fig. 5** Funnel plot of mean difference of HbA1c in patient before and after surgery

than 60 months of surgically induced weight losses by the mixed restrictive and malabsorptive methods (Fig. 4). We evaluated the funnel plot for any evidence of publication bias and unfortunately found it to be unsymmetrical, indicating a publication bias (Fig. 5).

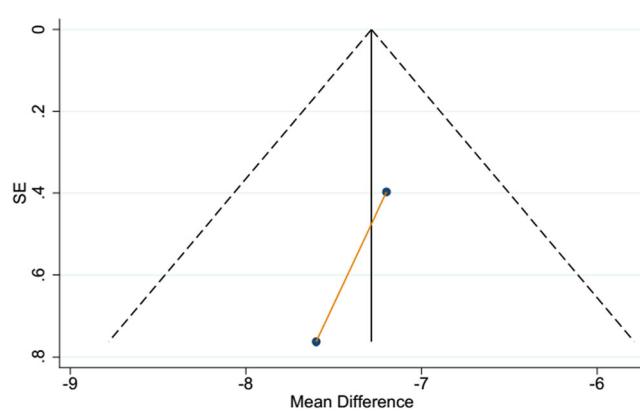
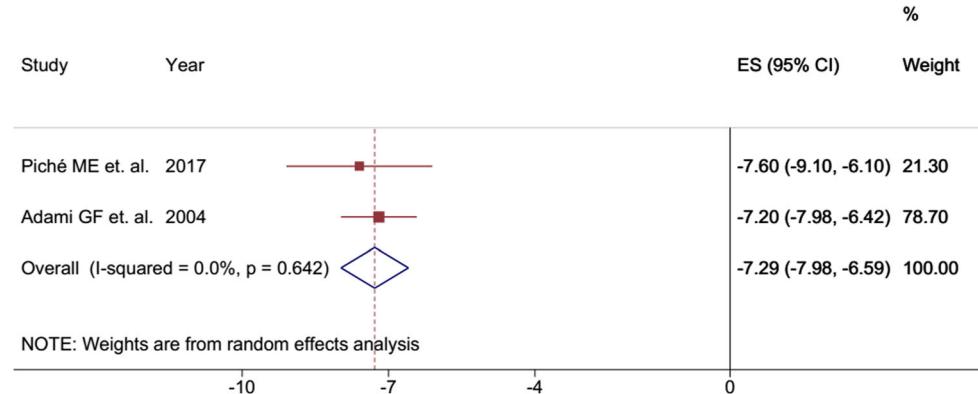
### HOMA-IR

There was a significant decrease in HOMA-IR level in patients undergoing a malabsorptive surgery within a medium-term follow-up ( $ES = -7.285$ , 95% CI  $(-7.975, -6.595)$ , and  $P$  value  $< 0.0001$ ) (Fig. 6). No significant heterogeneity was found between the studies ( $Q = 0.22$ ,  $P$  value = 0.642) by using the chi-square test prior to the analysis and pooling of the results. To this goal, the fixed effect model was employed to provide the pooled estimates of the studies with no adjustments for heterogeneity. Finally, no publication bias was found through the funnel plot (Fig. 7).



**Fig. 4** Effect size of change in HbA1c among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure more than 60 months follow-up

**Fig. 6** Effect size of change in HOMA-IR among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure after more than 60 months follow-up



**Fig. 7** Funnel plot of mean difference of HOMA-IR in patient before and after surgery

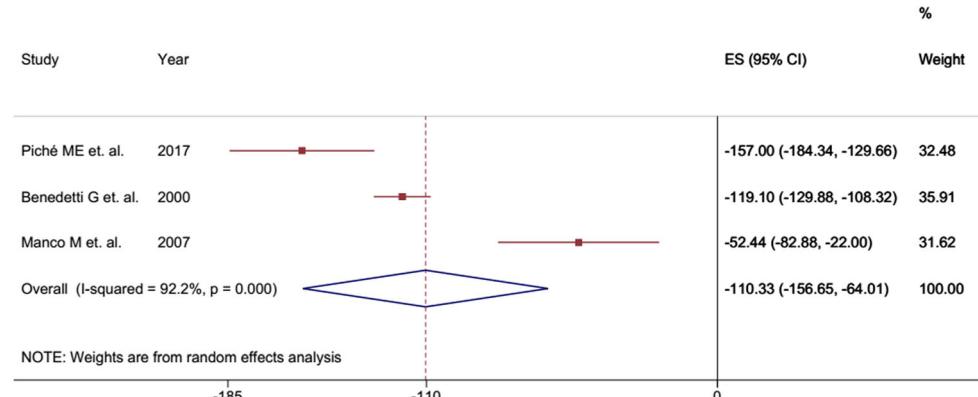
### Insulin

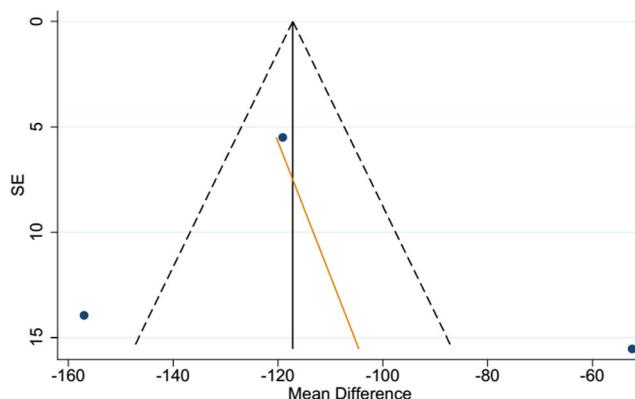
Ninety-one studies had reported insulin levels in the obese patients undergoing bariatric surgeries. Among them, only 3 studies presented the results relevant to the malabsorptive surgery procedure after 12–60 months. The pooled results displayed significant decreases in the means of insulin levels after bariatric surgery ( $ES = -110.332$ , 95% CI  $(-156.652, -64.011)$ , and  $P$  value  $< 0.0001$ ) (Fig. 8). The results indicated a heterogeneity between the studies ( $I^2 = 92.2\%$ ,  $P$  value  $< 0.001$ ). The funnel plot showed some evidence of publication bias (Fig. 9).

### Leptin

We found a significant reduction in leptin level associated with malabsorptive bariatric surgery after less than 12 months ( $ES = -46.265$ , 95% CI  $(-64.627, -27.903)$ , and  $P$  value  $< 0.0001$ ) (Fig. 10). The heterogeneity among these studies was statistically significant ( $I^2 = 95.1\%$ ,  $P$  value  $< 0.0001$ ) (Fig. 11).

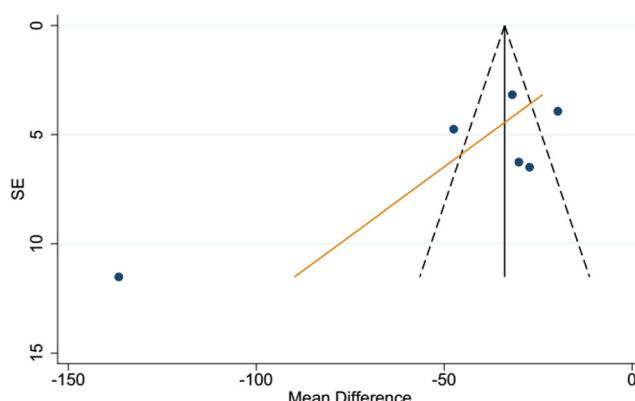
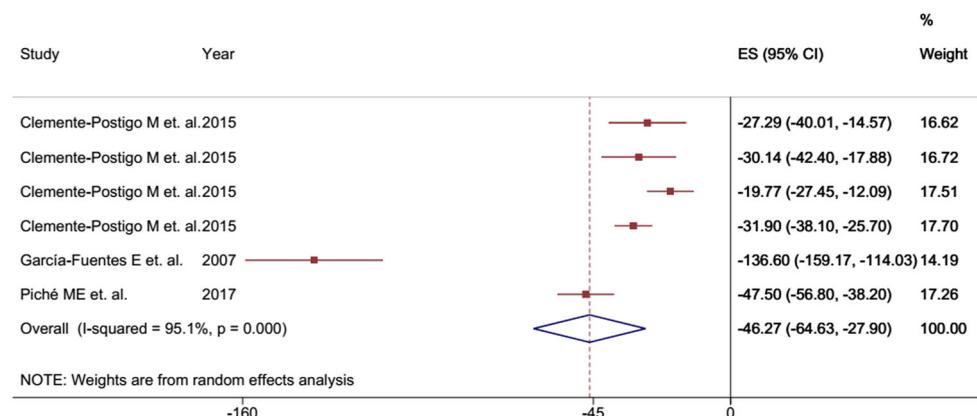
**Fig. 8** Effect size of change in insulin level among obese patients who underwent malabsorptive surgical procedure after 12 to 60 months follow-up





**Fig. 9** Funnel plot of mean difference of insulin level in patient before and after surgery

**Fig. 10** Effect size of change in leptin among obese patients who underwent malabsorptive surgical procedure after less than 12 months follow-up



**Fig. 11** Funnel plot of mean difference of leptin in patient before and after surgery

### Adiponectin

From among the included studies, 39 studies were found to report changes in adiponectin levels before and after bariatric surgeries. The pooled results of 8 sub-group studies demonstrated significant increases in adiponectin levels after a medium-term bariatric surgery based on the mixed method ( $ES = 11.965$ , 95% CI (4.403, 19.527) and  $P$  value = 0.002) (Fig. 12). Publication bias was evidenced through the funnel plot (Fig. 13). This could be due to the underestimated means and variances provided by the small sample sizes and probable oversight of some studies.

### Ghrelin

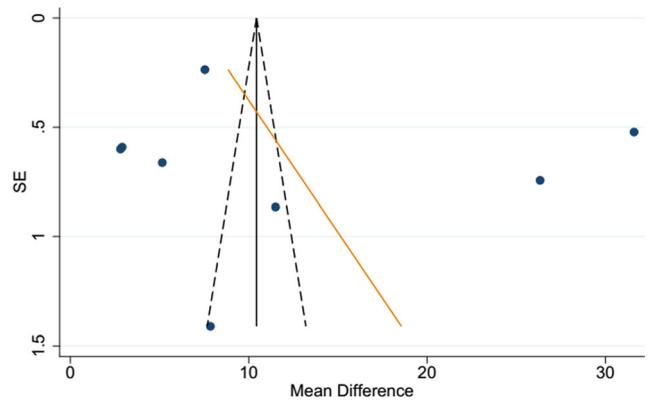
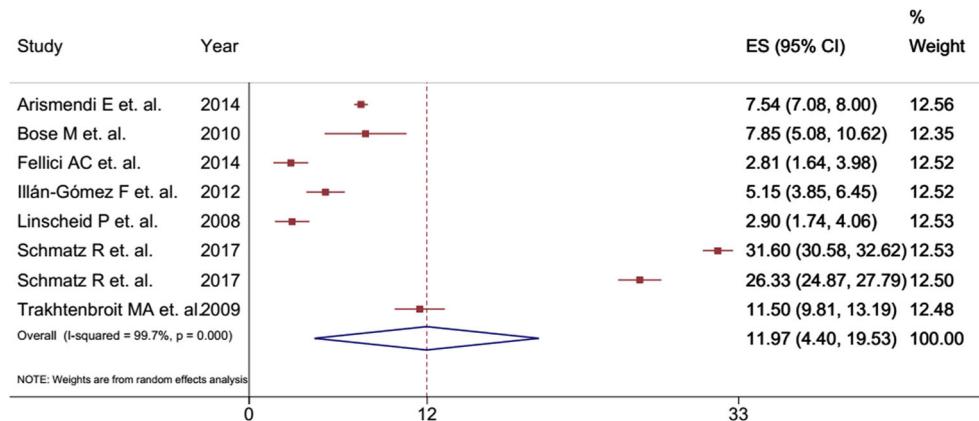
A reduction in ghrelin level was mostly seen after 12–60 months based on the restrictive method of bariatric

surgery, but it was not significant ( $ES = -64.241$ , 95% CI (−213.609, −85.128), and  $P$  value = 0.399) (Fig. 14). Again, the funnel plot showed some evidence of publication bias (Fig. 15).

### GLP-1

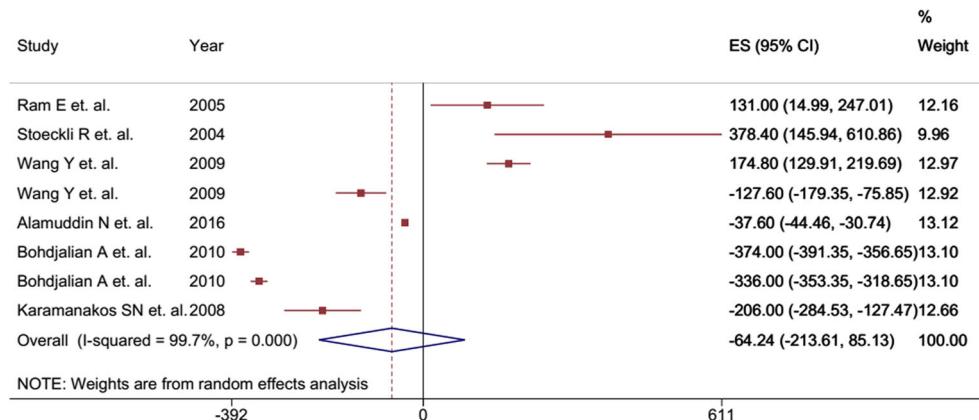
GLP-1 levels were obtained from 26 studies, from among which only 5 studies were included in the sub-group analysis based on the mixed surgery procedure and 12–60 months of follow-up. The pooled analysis revealed that bariatric surgery was associated with increased GLP-1 levels in obese participants ( $ES = 4.247$ , 95% CI (−0.923, 9.417), and  $P$  value = 0.107) as represented in Fig. 16. A funnel plot was drawn to evaluate any publication bias (Fig. 17).

**Fig. 12** Effect size of change in adiponectin among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure after less than 12 months follow-up



**Fig. 13** Funnel plot of mean difference of adiponectin in patient before and after surgery

**Fig. 14** Effect size of change in ghrelin among obese patients who underwent restrictive surgical procedure after 12–60 months follow-up

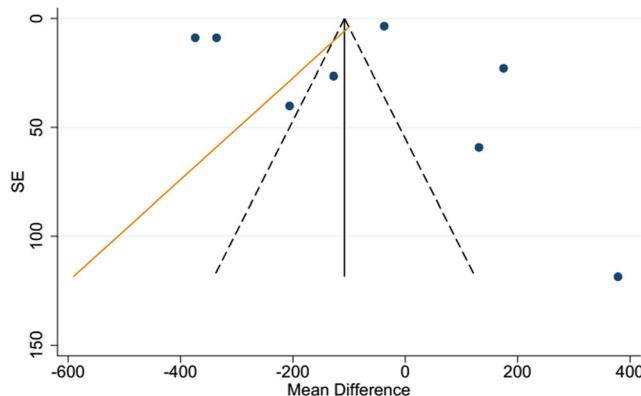


## PYY

After including 25 studies in the assessment of PYY level, 2 studies fell in the sub-group of the restrictive procedure and 12–60 months of follow-up. Their pooled results depicted no significant enhancements in PYY levels ( $ES = 42.33$ , 95% CI  $(-25.64, 110.30)$ , and  $P$  value = 0.222) (Fig. 18). Publication bias was discovered in the funnel plot (Fig. 19).

## CRP

Among the 41 studies reporting CRP data, 9 studies were classified into the sub-group of the mixed surgical procedure accompanied by 12–60 months of follow-up. Significant reductions were seen in CRP values after bariatric surgery ( $ES = -6.629$ , 95% CI  $(-8.582, -$



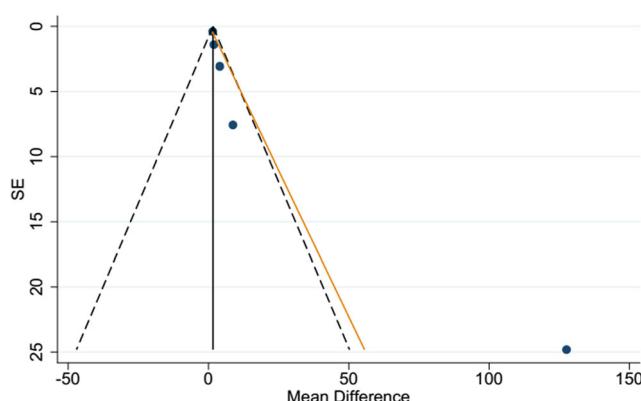
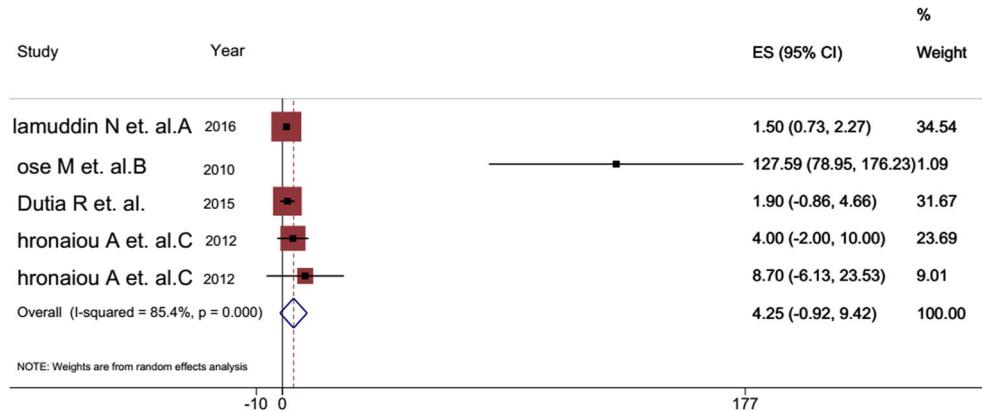
**Fig. 15** Funnel plot of mean difference of ghrelin in patient before and after surgery

4.677), and  $P$  value  $<0.0001$ ) (Fig. 20). Again, the random effect model was applied to combine the results of the studies due to their heterogeneities (Fig. 21).

## IL-6

Figure 22 illustrates the pooled results of 8 studies in the sub-group of the mixed surgical procedure with 12–60 months of follow-up. Significant decreases can be observed in the IL-6 levels of obese patients after bariatric surgery ( $ES = -5.433$ , 95% CI  $(-7.157, -3.709)$ , and  $P$  value  $<0.0001$ ). The funnel plot exhibits a heterogeneity between the studies ( $Q = 430.52$ ,  $I^2 = 98.4\%$ , and  $P$  value  $<0.0001$ ) (Fig. 23).

**Fig. 16** Effect size of change in GLP-1 among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure after 12–60 months follow-up



**Fig. 17** Funnel plot of mean difference of GLP-1 in patient before and after surgery

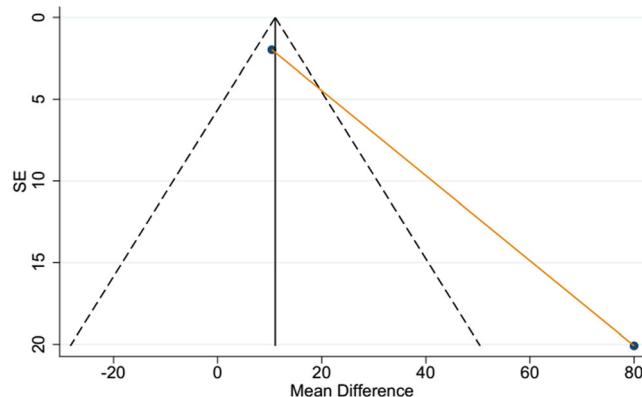
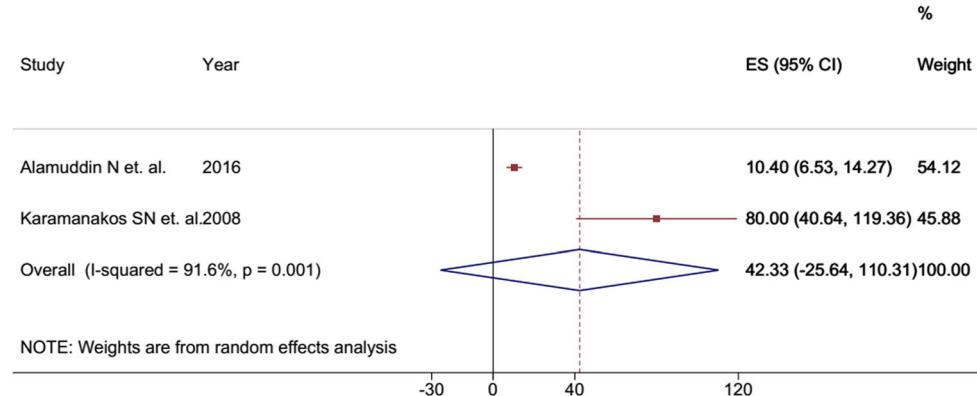
## TNF- $\alpha$

We found a significant reduction in TNF- $\alpha$  levels associated with the mixed procedure of bariatric surgery after 12–60 months of follow-up ( $ES = -12.197$ , 95% CI  $(-16.352, -8.043)$ , and  $P$  value  $<0.0001$ ) (Fig. 24). Unfortunately, the heterogeneity among these studies was statistically significant ( $I^2 = 98.5\%$ ,  $P$  value  $<0.0001$ ) (Fig. 25).

## PAI-1

Another significant decrease in the desired variables was the reduction of PAI-1 level ( $ES = -15.103$ , 95% CI  $(-18.916, -11.290)$ , and  $P$  value  $<0.0001$ ) within less than 12 months after the mixed surgical procedure (Fig. 26). A funnel plot was drawn for the evaluation of publication bias, but no bias was found (Fig. 27).

**Fig. 18** Effect size of change in PYY among obese patients who underwent restrictive surgical procedure after 12–60 months follow-up



**Fig. 19** Funnel plot of mean difference of PYY in patient before and after surgery

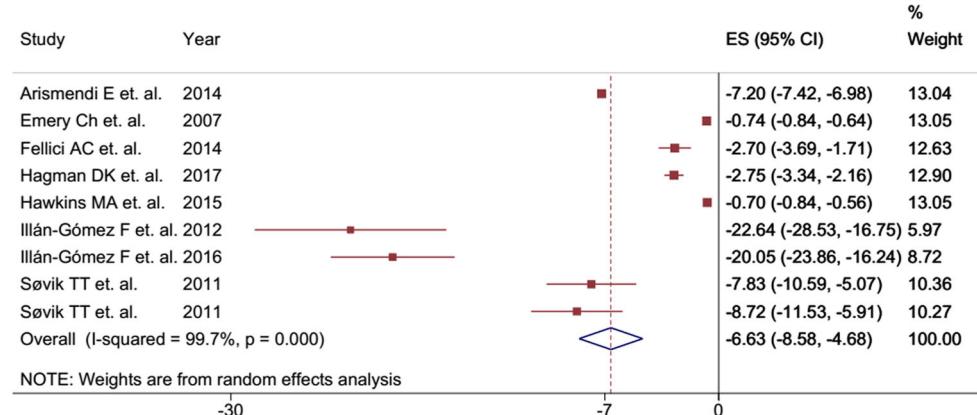
### sICAM-1

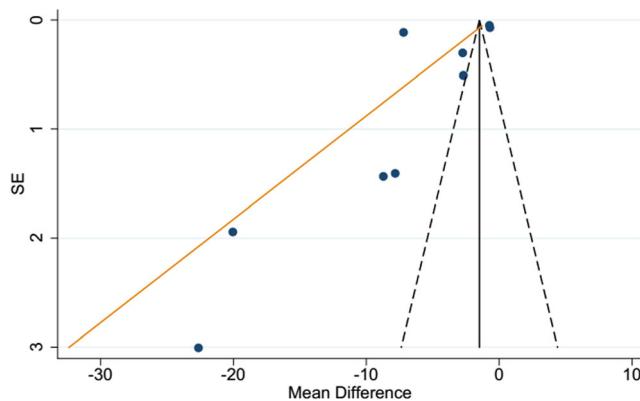
Three out of 4 studies reporting the results of sICAM-1 levels after bariatric surgery demonstrated a reduction most frequently occurring to this variable within less than 12 months after the mixed surgical procedure (ES = -39.037, 95% CI (-68.662, -9.411), and  $P$  value = 0.010) (Fig. 28). The funnel plot depicted some evidence of publication bias (Fig. 29).

## Discussion

Bariatric surgery was found to have a positive effect on insulin resistance, adipokines, inflammation, and vascular function, but its effects on metabolic hormones were insignificant. Moreover, the surgical treatments of obesity had increased GLP-1 and PYY levels and decreased ghrelin level, thus reducing appetite and resulting in

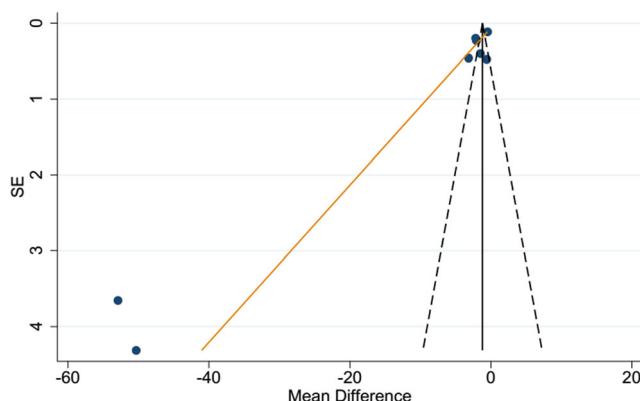
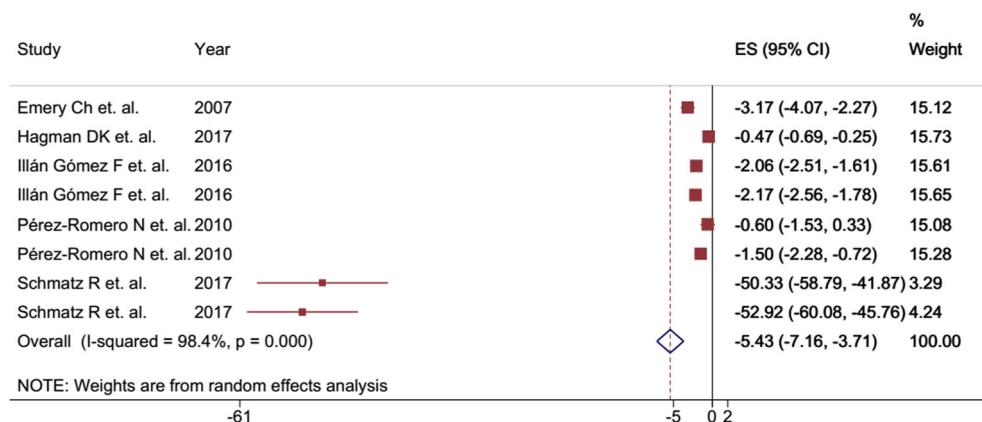
**Fig. 20** Effect size of change in CRP among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure after 12–60 months follow-up





**Fig. 21** Funnel plot of mean difference of CRP in patient before and after surgery

**Fig. 22** Effect size of change in IL-6 among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure after 12–60 months follow-up



**Fig. 23** Funnel plot of mean difference of IL-6 in patient before and after surgery

further weight loss. HbA1c, insulin level, FBS, and HOMA-IR were used as IR indicators. Our pooled analyses showed significant decreases in FBS, HbA1c, HOMA-IR, and insulin levels after bariatric surgery.

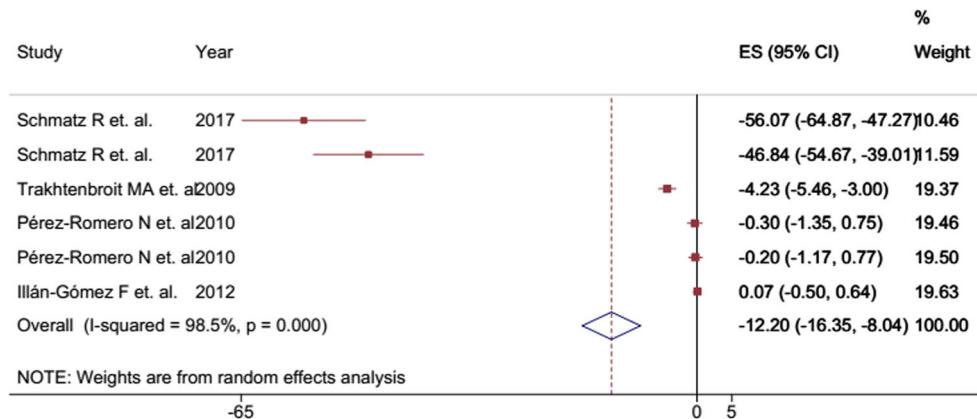
In a similar meta-analysis conducted on more than 22,000 bariatric surgeries by Buchwald et al., 989 diabetic patients were included. Diabetes was completely reversed in the majority of these patients (> 83%) [20]. Thus, bariatric surgery can be highly recommended for diabetes remission [21].

In a 52-week study, de Moura et al. [22] demonstrated substantial improvements in diabetes status besides showing that the subjects' percentages of HbA1c with HbA1c < 7% at the baseline had improved from 4.5 to 73.0% in

the final study assessment, independent of the baseline value. Although the underlying mechanism for the improvement of type 2 diabetes is not completely clear in bariatric surgery, the rapid decreases in the IR indicators suggests that weight loss is not solely responsible for the betterment [22]. Changes of GI anatomy [23–25]; changes in gastrointestinal hormones, such as incretins [26–28]; and bypassing dysregulated neuroendocrine signaling between the proximal intestine and pancreas may play some roles in the improvement of insulin sensitivity [22]. However, C-peptide level, insulin use, and duration of diabetes prior to bariatric surgery can be some indicators of diabetes severity and determinants of its remission after the surgery [29].

In this study, leptin and adiponectin were used to assess changes in the levels of adipokines after bariatric surgery. Our analysis indicated a significant decrease and increase in leptin and adiponectin levels associated with malabsorptive bariatric surgery, respectively.

**Fig. 24** Effect size of change in TNF- $\alpha$  among obese patients underwent mixed surgical procedure after 12–60 months follow-up



Leptin as an adipocyte-derived hormone secreted in a diurnal and pulsatile pattern [30] plays an important role in appetite regulation [31]. Its secretion decreases after weight loss [32, 33]. Several studies have demonstrated reduced serum leptin levels after bariatric surgery [34–36]. Downregulation of leptin gene expression after bariatric surgery may play a role in normalizing its level and insulin sensitivity [34].

In a study conducted by Camastra et al., the 24-h leptin levels were normalized by a 26% weight reduction based on the BPD technique 6 months after the surgery [37]. In another study, the diurnal secretion of leptin was normalized 1 year after Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgery [38].

Leptin may mediate both arterial and venous thromboses by changing PAI-1 and platelet aggregation levels in the overweight and obese patients [39, 40]. Several studies have indicated that leptin has a critical role in cardiovascular diseases by acting on different types of immune

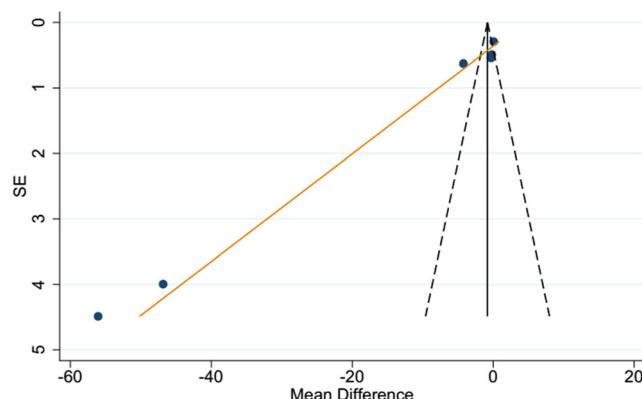
cells and enhancing the release of inflammatory cytokines [41, 42], while adiponectin as an adipocyte-secreted adipokine has a key role in vascular protection. Moreover, it has anti-atherosclerotic and antithrombotic effects by suppressing the pro-inflammatory events and stimulating the production of anti-inflammatory cytokines [43–45]. Also, it has a crucial impact on the modulation of insulin sensitivity. Its decreased secretion in some diseases, such as obesity and diabetes [46], precedes reduced insulin sensitivity [47].

Ghrelin, GLP-1, and PYY levels were assessed to show any changes in metabolic hormones. Although the results of our study revealed a decreased ghrelin level and increased GLP-1 and PYY levels in post-bariatric surgery, they were not statistically significant.

Ghrelin, which is mainly produced by the gastric fundus, has an important role in suppressing adiponectin, blocking hepatic insulin signaling, and lowering insulin secretion at pharmacological doses; hence, gastric fundus removal through bariatric surgery may result in reduced ghrelin production and improved insulin sensitivity [48, 49].

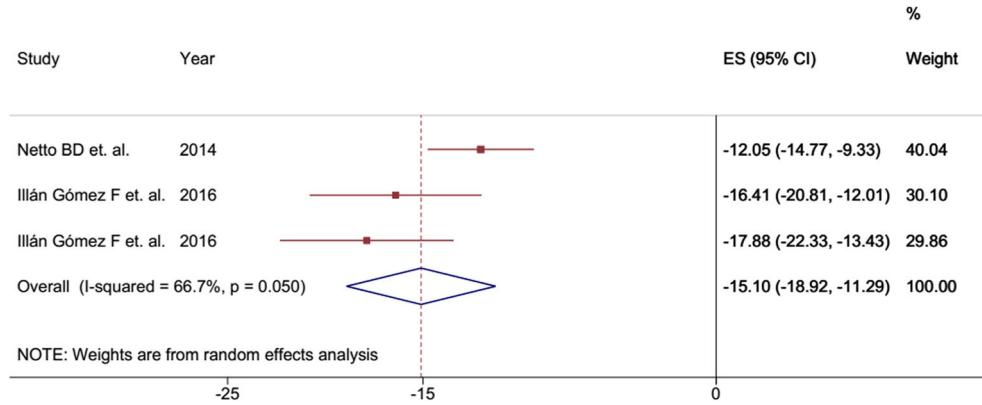
Ghrelin acts as a diabetogenic factor in several other ways like enhancing epinephrine, growth hormone, and cortisol [50, 51]. Thus, its suppression may lead to ameliorated glucose homeostasis [21].

GLP-1 as an incretin hormone secreted from the gut can promote the postprandial insulin responses [52]. Caloric restriction cannot be the cause of GLP-1 secretion due to the fact that nutrient intakes are needed to stimulate GLP-1 release. The reduced GLP-1 secretion before bariatric surgery can be explained by GLP-1 resistance, which shows a functional deficiency state leading to uncontrolled glycemia [53–55]. After bariatric



**Fig. 25** Funnel plot of mean difference of TNF- $\alpha$  in patient before and after surgery

**Fig. 26** Effect size of change in PAI-1 among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure less than 12 months follow-up



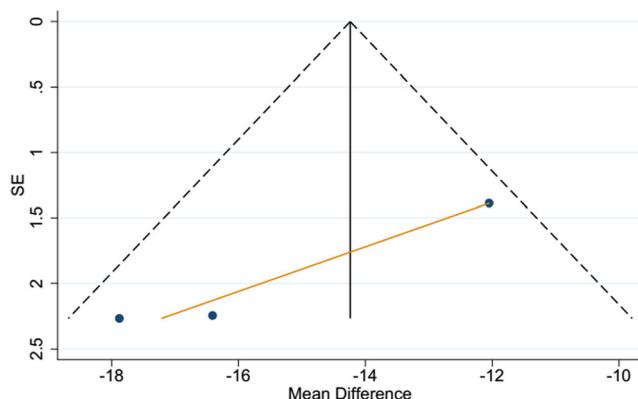
surgery, different mechanisms contribute to the rapid improvement of glycemic control. Moreover, the augmented GLP-1 level induces satiety, which can result in further weight loss [21].

Peptide YY (PYY) is a hormone secreted by L-cells in the distal gastrointestinal tract after food intake. Similar to GLP-1, the reduced PYY secretion before bariatric surgery indicates PYY resistance leading to uncontrolled appetite and glucose homeostasis [21].

Following bariatric surgery, an increase in PYY secretion could be due to accelerated gastric emptying and earlier contact of chyme with the L cells [56].

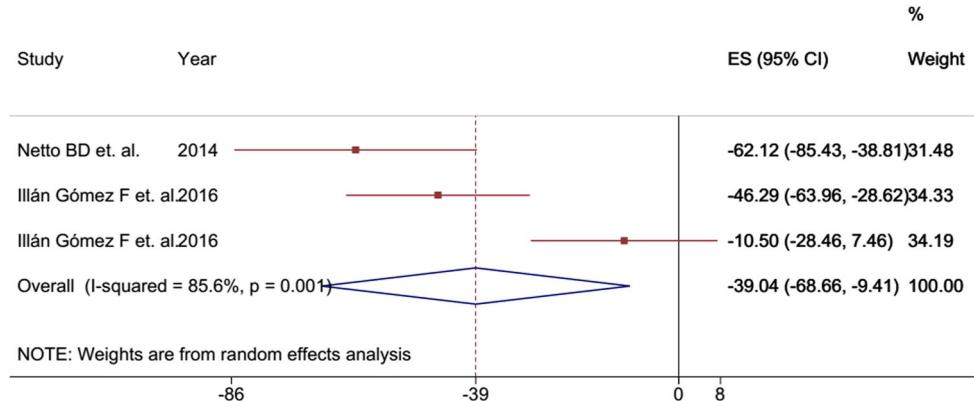
CRP, IL-6, and TNF- $\alpha$  were used to assess the levels of inflammation in the studies included in this meta-analysis. Our pooled analysis was indicative of the association of bariatric surgery with significantly improved inflammation. The greatest impact was observed in patients undergoing the mixed procedure of surgery after 12–60 months of follow-up. Adipose tissue is

recognized as an endocrine organ and a rich source of the so-called “adipocytokines,” including TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-6. It has been also shown to produce CRP [57]. A significant weight loss and ameliorated inflammatory profile in severely obese patients have been recently reported by Illán Gómez et al. to be resulted from gastric bypass surgery [58]. Bariatric surgery has significantly improved the obese patients’ chronic low-grade inflammatory states and consequently led to their BMI and weight reductions as a result of continuously decreasing hs-CRP and IL-6 concentrations [59–61]. Some studies [62], but not others [63, 64], have reported the lowered serum levels of TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-6 after the weight loss occurrence in morbidly obese patients. The following mechanisms have been already suggested for low-grade inflammation relevant to obesity: fat tissue serving as a significant source of pro-inflammatory (TNF and IL-6) and anti-inflammatory (adiponectin) cytokines, insulin resistance syndrome interfering with the anti-inflammatory effect of insulin to induce inflammation [65], and oxidative stress occurring in obesity mainly due to excessive macronutrient intakes or enhanced metabolic rates leading to inflammatory responses [66]. Indeed, obese or normal people may undergo inflammation, augmented generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS), and reduced vascular reactivity when subjected to glucose or lipid loads [67]. Other previous studies have further shown that bariatric surgery can lower systemic inflammation in obese patients [68, 69]. Besides revealing a profound impact on the patients’ levels of systemic inflammation after bariatric surgery, the study conducted by Arismendi et al. [70] was indicative of the effectiveness and safety of this kind of treatment in highly obese individuals. These advantages may be attributed to the declined



**Fig. 27** Funnel plot of mean difference of PAI-1 in patient before and after surgery

**Fig. 28** Effect size of change in sICAM-1 among obese patients who underwent mixed surgical procedure less than 12 months follow-up

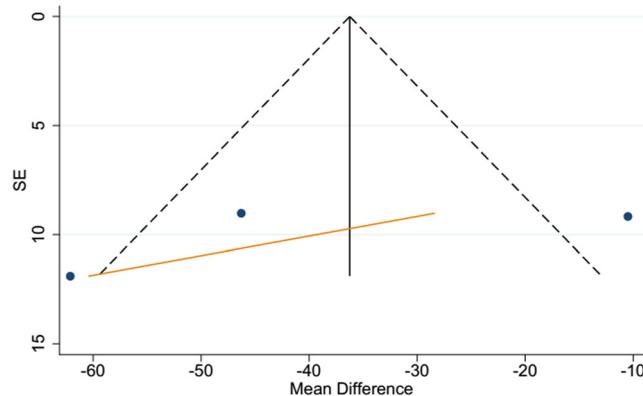


macrophage infiltration in adipose tissue and altered pro-inflammatory responses of macrophage phenotypes after a weight loss [71]. The involved mechanisms are further suggestive of the pathobiology of obesity based on the systemic inflammation of obese patients.

In a cardiovascular event, a tissue-type plasminogen activator (t-PA) is acutely secreted from endothelial cells causing the initiation of intravascular fibrinolysis and thrombus formation. Fibrin degradation is ensured via t-PA activation of plasminogen to plasmin. t-PA is mainly inhibited by PAI-1, the enhanced levels of which in the plasma would result in impaired thrombus removal triggered by the hypofibrinolysis state [72]. Furthermore, a robust correlation has been evidenced between BMI and the plasma levels of PAI-1, which is probably engaged in the development of adipose tissue. In several investigations, PAI-1 levels have been reported to be effectively declined by fat mass reduction via surgical resection or through a diet [73–76]. In this study, ICAM-1 was shown

to serve as the major molecule contributing to leukocyte adhesion to endothelium at sites of inflammation. ICAM-1 increase described in obese patients can be partially due to its enhanced expression in adipocytes [77]. Reduced ICAM-1 concentrations were also verified by the study of Ziccardi et al. on obese women losing at least 10% of their original weights after a 1-year multidisciplinary program of weight reduction through exercising, behavioral counseling, and dietary guidelines [78]. These findings have not been consistently reported in the different studies [79].

This meta-analysis had the following limitations: first, achievement of completely different outcomes of the assessment methods employed for the included studies, probably leading to a bias and affecting the statistical power analysis; second, inability to explore the publication bias due to the relatively small number of articles (sample size) included in each sub-group; and third, presence of highly heterogeneous studies despite the use of a random effect model for their partial rectification.



**Fig. 29** Funnel plot of mean difference of sICAM-1 in patient before and after surgery

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the reviewed observational studies provided consistent evidence that bariatric surgery is beneficial in morbidly obese patients. Although treating obesity in a surgical way can lead to some complications in the involved patients, the resulted weight loss is generally safe and effective in this process. The prospective randomized studies should evaluate if these changes may occur to the biochemical markers as well.

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