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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This letter provides a good supplement to the original paper, and gives us a better understanding of the occurrence of hypoglycemia after bariatric surgery, including the incidences, mechanisms and treatment of post bariatric hypoglycaemia. Minor issues: 1. The authors mentioned that post bariatric hypoglycaemia (PBH) is an infrequent but potentially debilitating complication, with incidences of 0.47-0.2% and a two- to sevenfold increased relative risk reported from registries. 0.47-0.2%? According to many relative literatures, the actual incidence and prevalence is far more higher than expected [1]. Please further review the prevalence of PBH in detail. For example: 1. Tzovaras G, Papamargaritis D, Sioka E, et al. Symptoms suggestive of dumping syndrome after provocation in patients after laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy. *Obes Surg*, 2012, 22: 23-28. 2. As far as the management of PBH is concerned, the authors stated that the frequent intake of smaller meals comprising carbohydrates with a high glycaemic index helps prevent hypoglycaemia [18]. According to common sense or guidelines, it should actually be low glycemic index foods that reduce reactive hypoglycaemia. This should be corrected.

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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

It is a simple but interesting and concise letter to editor.

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The manuscript entitled "Beyond Diabetes Remission a step further: Post bariatric surgery hypoglycemia" is a Letter to the Editor which briefly describes the prevalence, signs and symptoms, pathophysiology, diagnosis and management of Post bariatric surgery hypoglycemia. Overall the data appears to be well summarised and would be very useful to improve the awareness of practicing physicians regarding Post bariatric surgery hypoglycemia. However, discussion regarding pharmacotherapy of Post bariatric surgery hypoglycemia needs more elaboration. The authors may also consider elaborating regarding the drugs in the pipeline including pre clinical studies.

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled “Beyond Diabetes Remission a step further: Post bariatric surgery hypoglycemia” in response to a recently published article on “Progress in treatment of type 2 diabetes by bariatric surgery” addresses an interesting topic on the underlying mechanisms that lead to postbariatric hypoglycemia (PBH) as an increasingly recognized complication of bariatric surgery and the novel emerging therapeutic targets that target these mechanisms. The title fully reflects the main subject of the manuscript. The abstract summarizes and reflects the conclusions described in the manuscript. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript. The manuscript adequately describes the background, present status and significance of the findings. The Core Tip is relevant, and sufficient information about the previous findings is presented for readers. The conclusions are clear. The discussion is appropriate. The authors made a systematic contribution to the research literature in the area of investigation. The manuscript may be accepted for publication in its current form.

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors have written an appropriate minireview on postbariatric hypoglycemia. This letter to editor will benefit the readers in understanding this important complication of bariatric surgery.