

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review summarizes the underlying mechanism of bariatric surgery on obesity treatment, focusing on gut microbiota. However, the novelty of the manuscript is low and the reference over past five year is less than 50%. In addition, some definition is misleading. The last but not the least, some of the context has been published, without any change in this manuscript. Gut microbiome is not an alternative name of gut microbiota. The armamentarium of metabolic surgery procedures includes laparoscopic adjustable gastric band (LAGB), vertical sleeve gastrectomy (VSG), Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB), biliopancreatic diversion (BPD), and BPD with duodenal switch (BPD/DS)[37][38]. In a recent systematic review, Davies et al. summarized 14 clinical studies, with a total of 222 subjects (RYGB = 146, VSG = 25, biliointestinal bypass = 30, vertical banded gastroplasty = 7, and adjustable gastric band = 14). The exact contributing mechanisms which induce the GM alterations after bariatric surgery are not clear as different factors have been suggested namely diet, weight loss, or surgery itself. Moreover, no differences regarding GM modulation were observed among the two most currently performed weight loss surgery techniques, i.e., RYGB and VSG. (Gut Microbiome-Related Diseases and Therapies, edited by one of the authors). A calibrated transgastric window is created using a circular stapler creating a 20 mL gastric pouch volume. The sentence is from reference [36], but authors reference between [41] and [42,43]. In the same study, the lowest calcium concentrations were observed after 1200 days in the RYGB group, and after 239 days in the VSG group, respectively. (doi: 10.3390/nu12010235) Grammar errors: the GM affect obesity > the GM affects obesity; to the narcotic bowel syndrome > the narcotic bowel syndrome; the growth of facultative



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

The authors reported an interesting minireview linking together obesity, bariatric surgery, and associated clinical outcomes under a single focus. There are a few issues that should be addressed by the authors before consideration for publication:  
----- 1. The authors should explain how their findings make a difference for the readers of the Journal of World Journal of Gastroenterology? 2. Improvements to the English language within your manuscript are requested.

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1 Title. Does the title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript) YES 2 Abstract. Does the abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript? YES 3 Key words. Do the key words reflect the focus of the manuscript? YES 4 Background. Does the manuscript adequately describe the background, present status and significance of the study? IT IS ADEQUATE. 5 Methods. Does the manuscript describe methods (e.g., experiments, data analysis, surveys, and clinical trials, etc.) in adequate detail? EXCEPTIONAL, WELL DESIGNED 6 Results. Are the research objectives achieved by the experiments used in this study? What are the contributions that the study has made for research progress in this field? WELL REVIEWED AND DOCUMENTED 7 Discussion. Does the manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically? Are the findings and their applicability/relevance to the literature stated in a clear and definite manner? Is the discussion accurate and does it discuss the paper's scientific significance and/or relevance to clinical practice sufficiently? EXCELLENT 8 Illustrations and tables. Are the figures, diagrams and tables sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents? Do figures require labeling with arrows, asterisks etc., better legends? TABLES ARE OK I HAVE A SUGGESTION; I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SIMPLE PICTURES OF THE SURGICAL TECHNIQUES WERE PLACED AND THE READER BRIEFLY IMAGINED THE PROCEDURE. 9 Biostatistics. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of biostatistics? - 10 Units. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of use of SI units? NO 11 References. Does the manuscript cite appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the introduction and



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The revised manuscript does not include appropriate Tables data. A new upload is needed. No additional question.