



# Conversion of sleeve gastrectomy to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass : indications, management and results

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

**None**



# 1. BACKGROUND



- SG : 60% of all bariatric procedures worldwide

- Conversion to RYGB is increasing:  
10 % at 10 years *Lazzati A et al SOARD 2020*

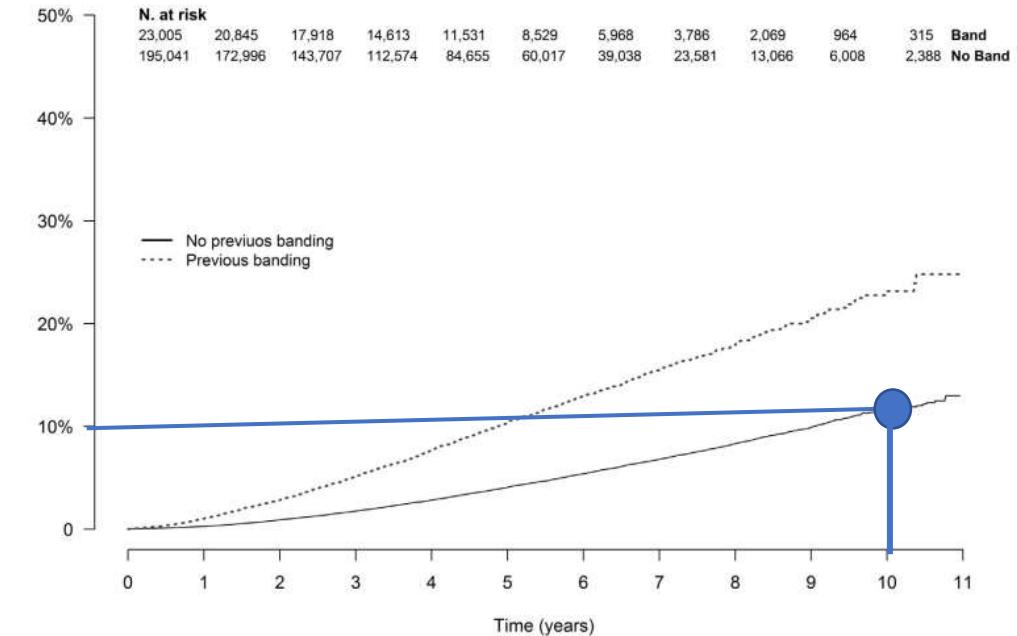


Fig. 2. Cumulative incidence of revision surgery after sleeve gastrectomy by history of adjustable gastric banding.

Weight loss failure (insufficient weight loss, weight regain)

Complications (GERD and/or food intolerance)

- Intrathoracic migration



Review > Am J Surg. 2016 Jan;211(1):250-67. doi: 10.1016/j.amjsurg.2015.05.031.

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### Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastroesophageal reflux disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Saber A, obesity surgery 2017  
Soricelli E, SOARD 2013  
Sheppard CE, obesity surgery 2014

## AIMS OF STUDY

- Indications
- Prevalence of intrathoracic sleeve migration
- Weight efficiency and GERD evolution

## 2. Materials & Methods



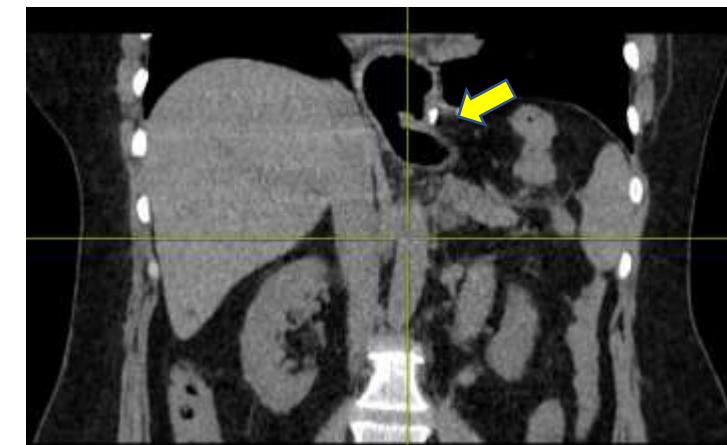
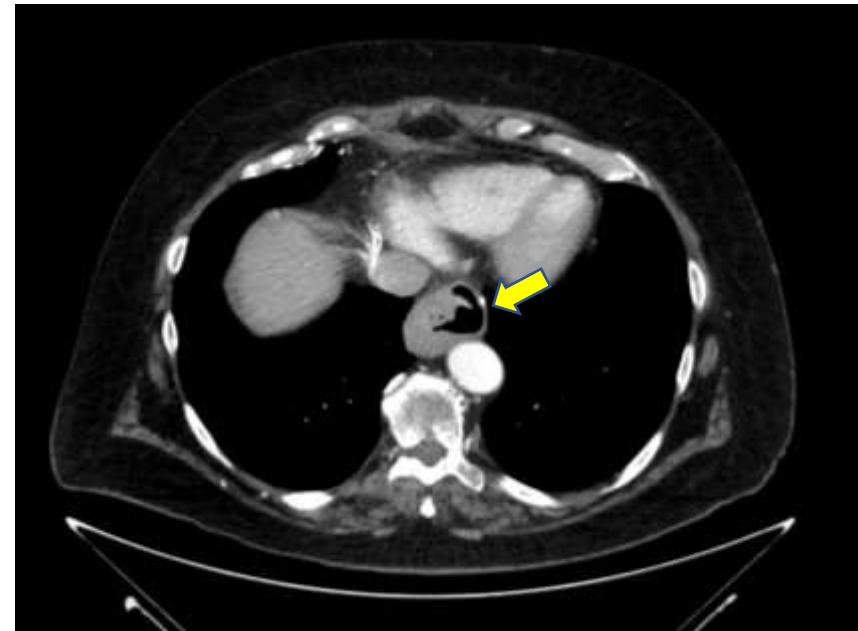
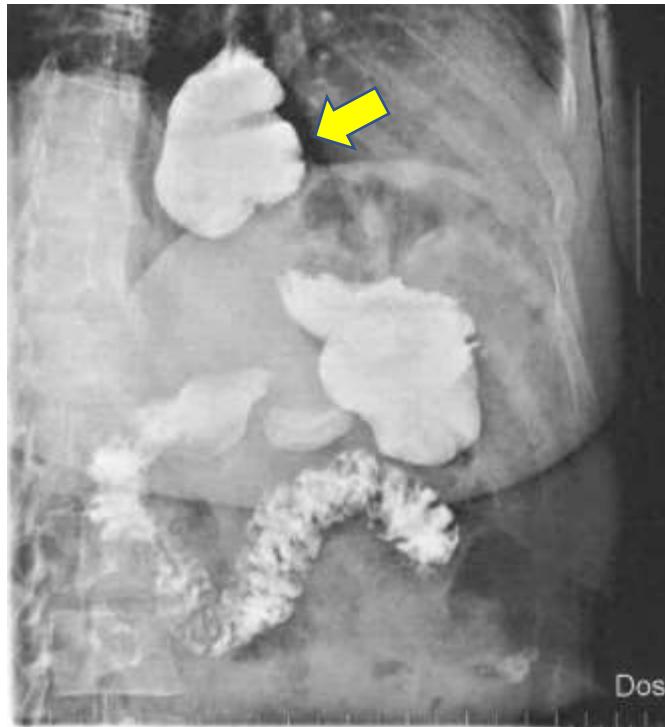
- Single center study
  - Retrospective
  - August 2013 to December 2022
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- Inclusion : SG converted to RYGB



- Main objective:

Incidence of intrathoracic migration

Hiatal hernia  $\geq 4$  cm at upper GI endoscopy  
Confirmed by CT scan/ Gastro-grafin swallow



- Secondary objectives:

Associated repair by posterior crural closure

Remission of GERD

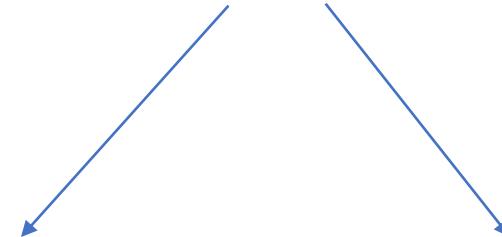
Weight evolution

Morbidity

## 3. Results



59 conversions from SG to RYGB



46 for GERD(78%)

13 for weight loss failure(22%)

Mean follow-up: 32 months  $\pm$  25

### Baseline characteristics of the population

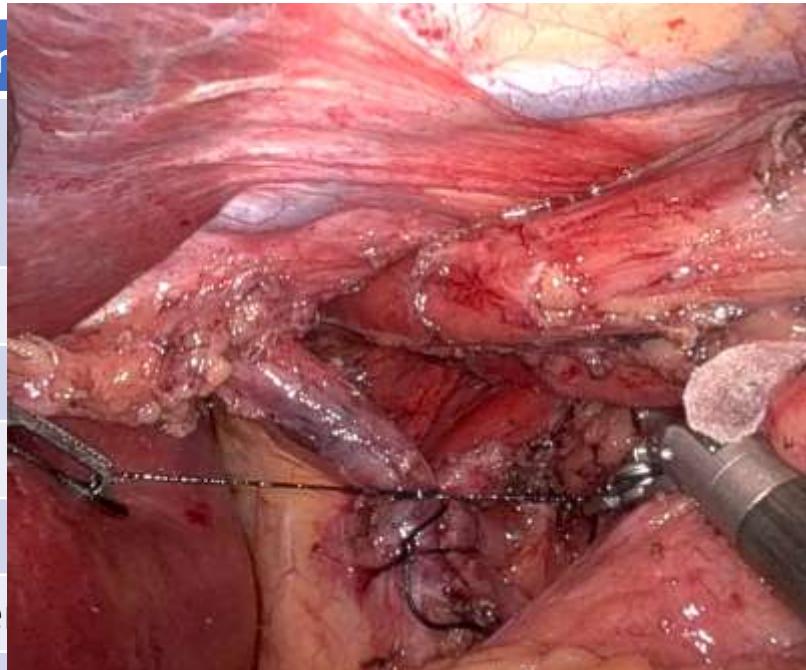
	<b>GERD</b> (n=46)	<b>WLF</b> (n=13)	<i>p</i>
Men, %	22	31	0,49
Mean Age, years	47	47	0,93
Weight before conversion, Kg	92.3 ± 23	118.5 ± 17	<b>0,0001</b>
BMI before conversion, kg/m <sup>2</sup> (range)	33,3 (20,3 - 47,7)	41,8 (37,4 – 50,5)	<b>0,0001</b>
PPI before conversion, mg	67,6 ± 24	11,5 ± 18	<b>0,0001</b>
Time from SG to conversion, months	46 ± 36	72,3 ± 34	<b>0,02</b>

**Intra thoracic migration : endoscopic and intraoperative data**

	GERD (n=46)	WLF (n=13)	p
GI Endoscopy, n (%)	46 (100%)	13 (100%)	
CT scan	91%	100%	
GG swallow	9 %	0%	
ITM, n (%)	22/46 (48%)	3/13 (23%)	0,11
Average size of the ITM at endoscopy, cm	4,2	4,6	0,14
Esophagitis, n (%)	14 (30%)	0	0,023

### Intra thoracic migration : endoscopy

	WLF n=13)	<i>p</i>
GI Endoscopy, n (%)	13 (100%)	
CT scan	100%	
GG swallow	0%	
ITM, n (%)	3 (23%)	0,11
Average size of the ITM at endoscopy, cm	4,6	0,14
Esophagitis, n (%)	0	<b>0,023</b>
Intrathoracic migration repair, n (%)	22 (100%)	<b>0,002</b>



posterior crural closure

**GERD evolution**

	GERD (n=46)	WLF (n=13)	p
Gastroesophageal reflux decrease, %	93	23	<b>0,001</b>
Postoperative PPI, mg	19,5	9,2	0,12
Stop PPI, %	52	15	<b>0,02</b>

**Weight loss outcomes**

	GERD (n=46)	WLF (n=13)	p
Body weight at last news, kg	86,6	100,7	0,03
BMI at last news, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	31,4	35,3	0,06
TWL at last news, %	4,6	15,3	0,01
Average BMI loss, pts	- 1,9	- 6,5	0,003

Complications			
	GERD (n=46)	WLF (n=13)	<i>p</i>
Complications <30 days, %	5/46 (11%)	1/13 (8%)	1
Complications >30 days, %	1 (2%)	0	1
Mortality	0	0	1

## 4. Conclusion



- The main indications for conversion from SG to RYGB  
→ **GERD** not consistent with Lazzati data (*SOARD 2020*)



- Incidence of ITM: **48%**!
- Very good efficacy on symptomatology

*Conversion of sleeve gastrectomy to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease: results of a multicenter study.*  
Carandina S et al. *SOARD 2020*

- Low efficacy on weight loss
- A CT scan or gastro-grafin swallow should be performed systematically in case of GERD to assess a possible ITM

*Thank you for your attention*

