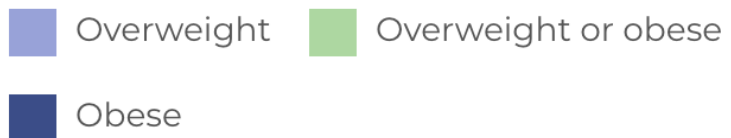
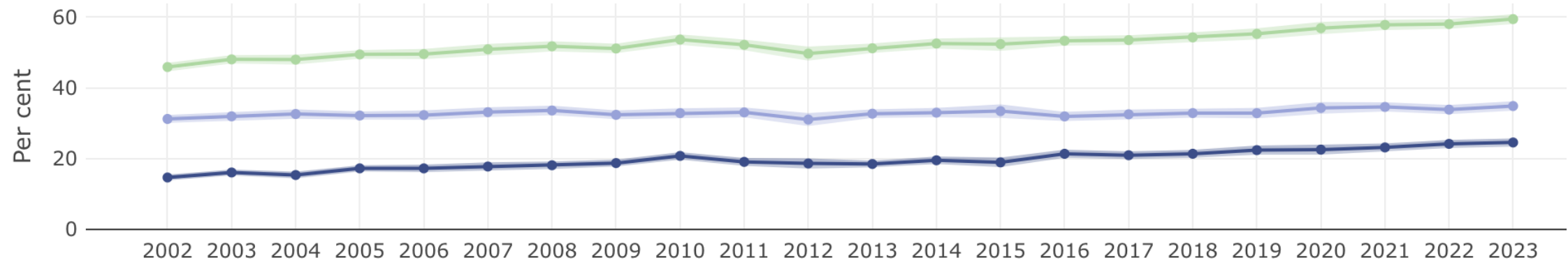


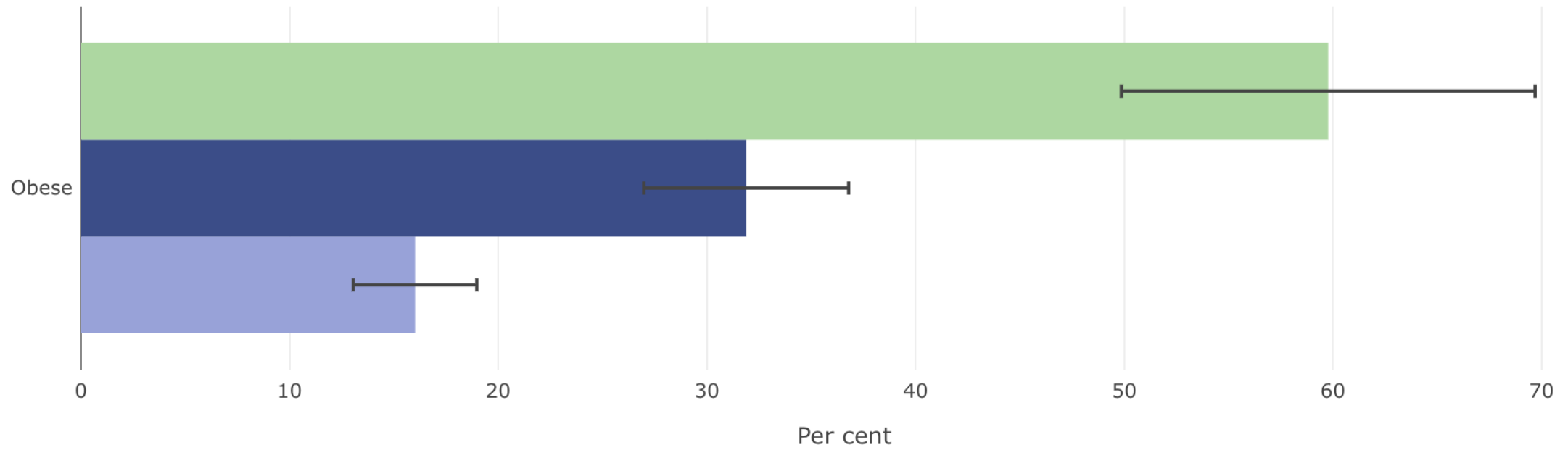
A misty forest at sunrise with silhouettes of riders on horseback. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and long shadows. The trees are silhouetted against the light, and the ground is covered in a layer of mist or fog. In the foreground, several riders on horseback are silhouetted against the light, moving through the forest. The overall atmosphere is serene and quiet.

Public Bariatric Surgery in Rural areas

The Dilemma

Dr Nick Williams





 Sydney LHD  Murrumbidgee LHD  Far West LHD



72%



Bariatric Surgery Registry
2023 Annual Report



Funding



- Public (5%)
- Private (95%)

A person is walking on a sandy beach at sunset, carrying a surfboard under their arm. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow over the scene. The ocean waves are visible in the background, and the sky is a mix of light blue and orange. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Every surgeon in Australia would have to do a list of only bariatric surgery, **every** week, for two years straight, to surgically treat all of these patients





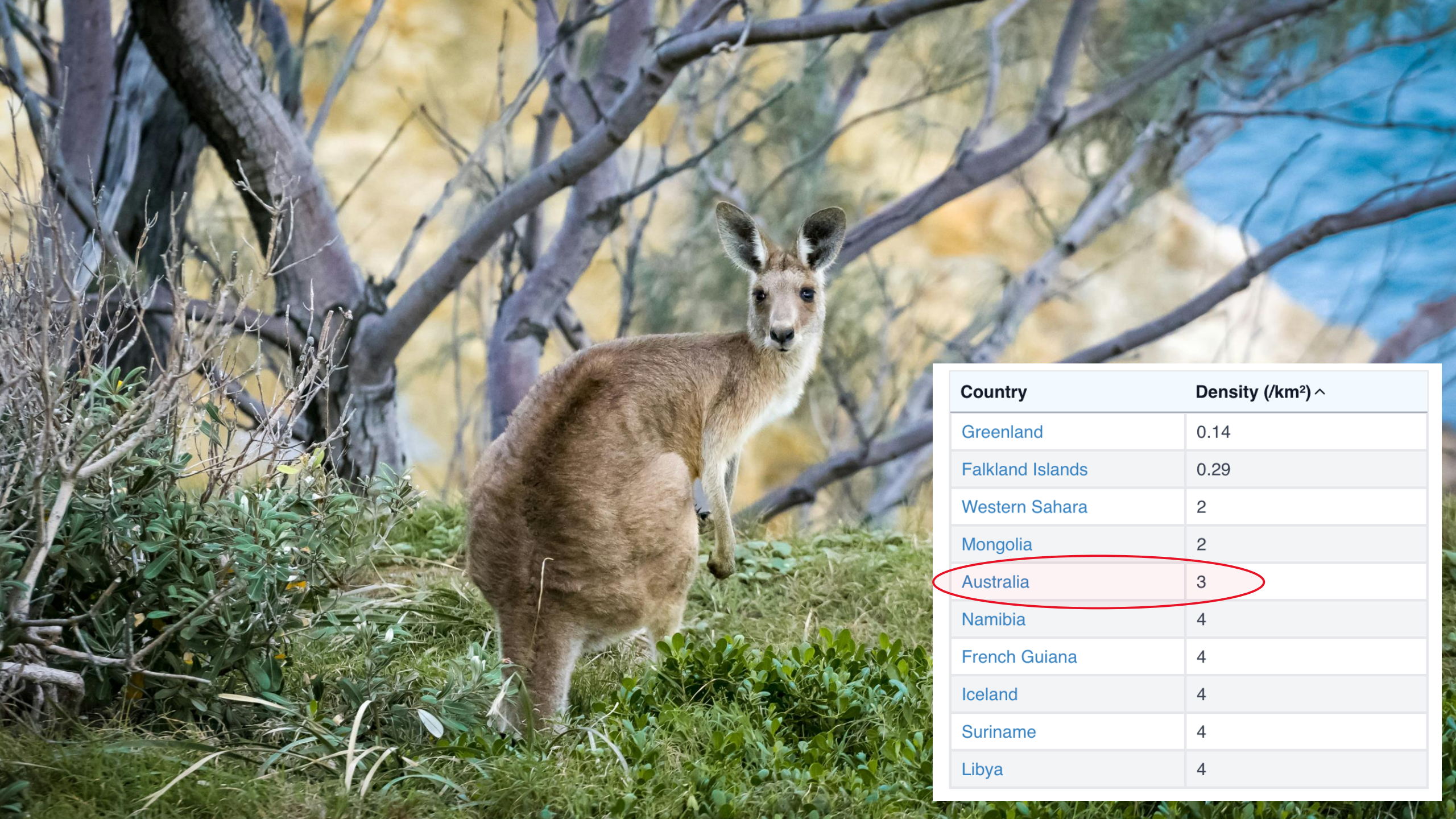
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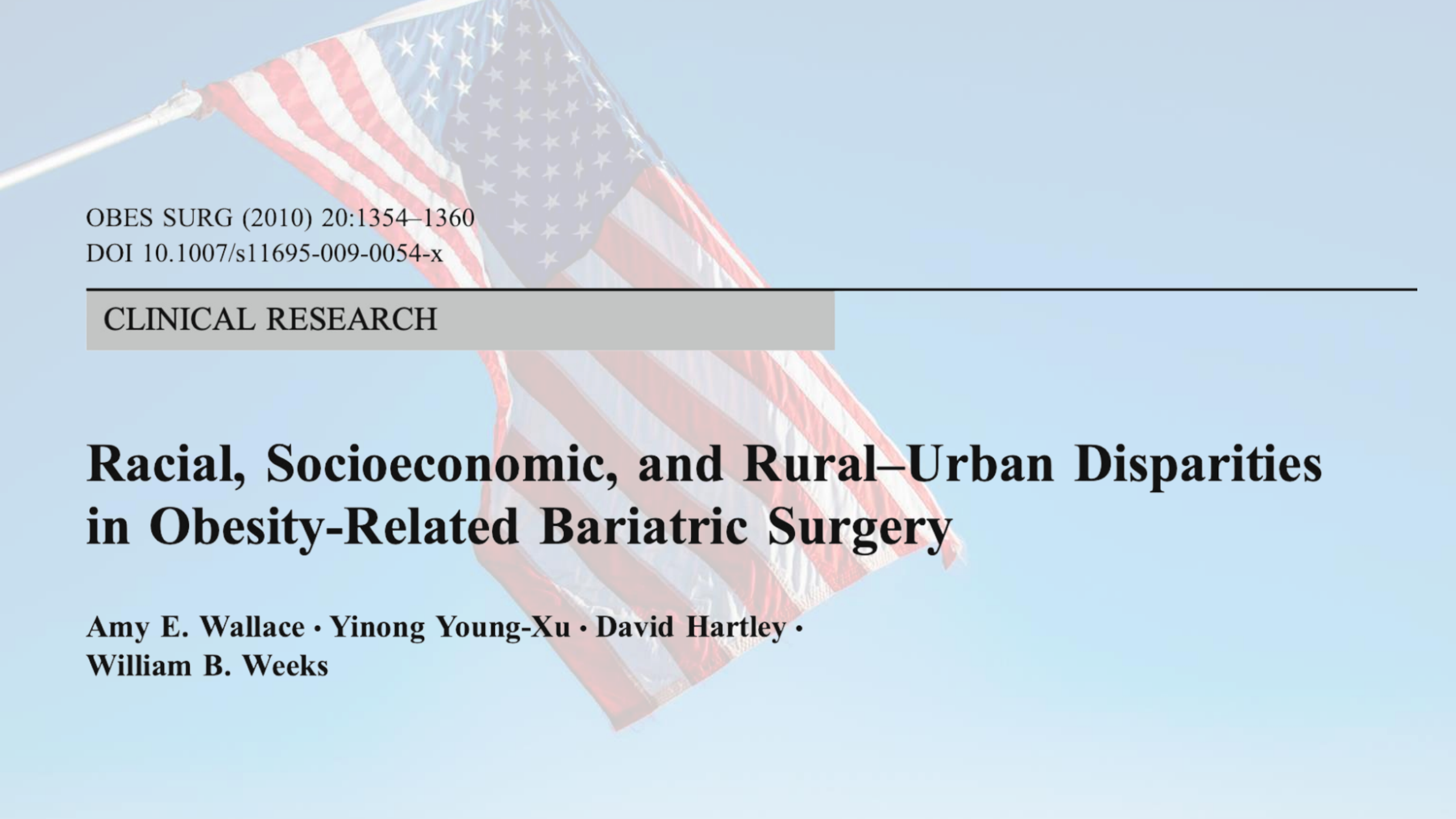
Great
Australian
Bight

Bass Strait



Country	Density (/km ²) ^
Greenland	0.14
Falkland Islands	0.29
Western Sahara	2
Mongolia	2
Australia	3
Namibia	4
French Guiana	4
Iceland	4
Suriname	4
Libya	4



An American flag is shown in the background, waving against a light blue sky. The flag is positioned in the upper left and middle sections of the page.

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CLINICAL RESEARCH

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So there should be a bariatric centre of excellence in every major regional centre...

The Reality...

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Can the post-op care be done by telehealth?

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REVIEW

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Is It Safe?

Is it Effective?

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Australian & New Zealand
Metabolic and Obesity Surgery Society

Collaborating organisations:



So What Is The Dilemma?

Surgically vs medically led metabolic/obesity clinics

Hard to make a business case for short term gain

Obesity & obesity surgery are not politically sexy

Injections are more appealing

We still haven't overcome weight stigma

