

# Innovative surgical procedures in the modern era of diabetes treatment: friend or foe?

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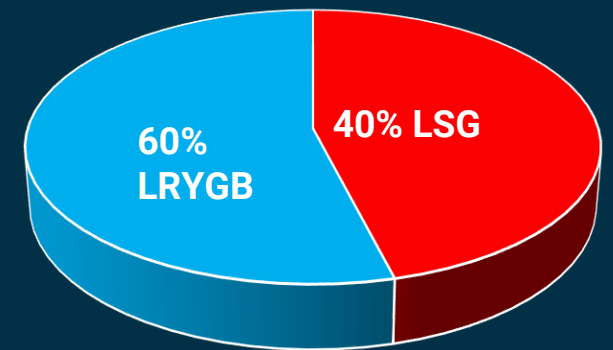
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Primary procedures



New era of diabetes treatment and OMMs > MBS science requirement

EBM: level of evidence in innovative surgical procedures

Case SADI-S

Randomized clinical trials

Long-term follow-up

MBS science in the new era

Innovative surgical procedures: what needs to be done?



# WELCOME TO THE ERA OF GLP1-RA'S!

**pb** Perinatal Biotechnology

Conference Welcome &  
Opening Ceremony.  
Plenary - Next Generation  
Bariatric Metabolic  
An Integrated Future

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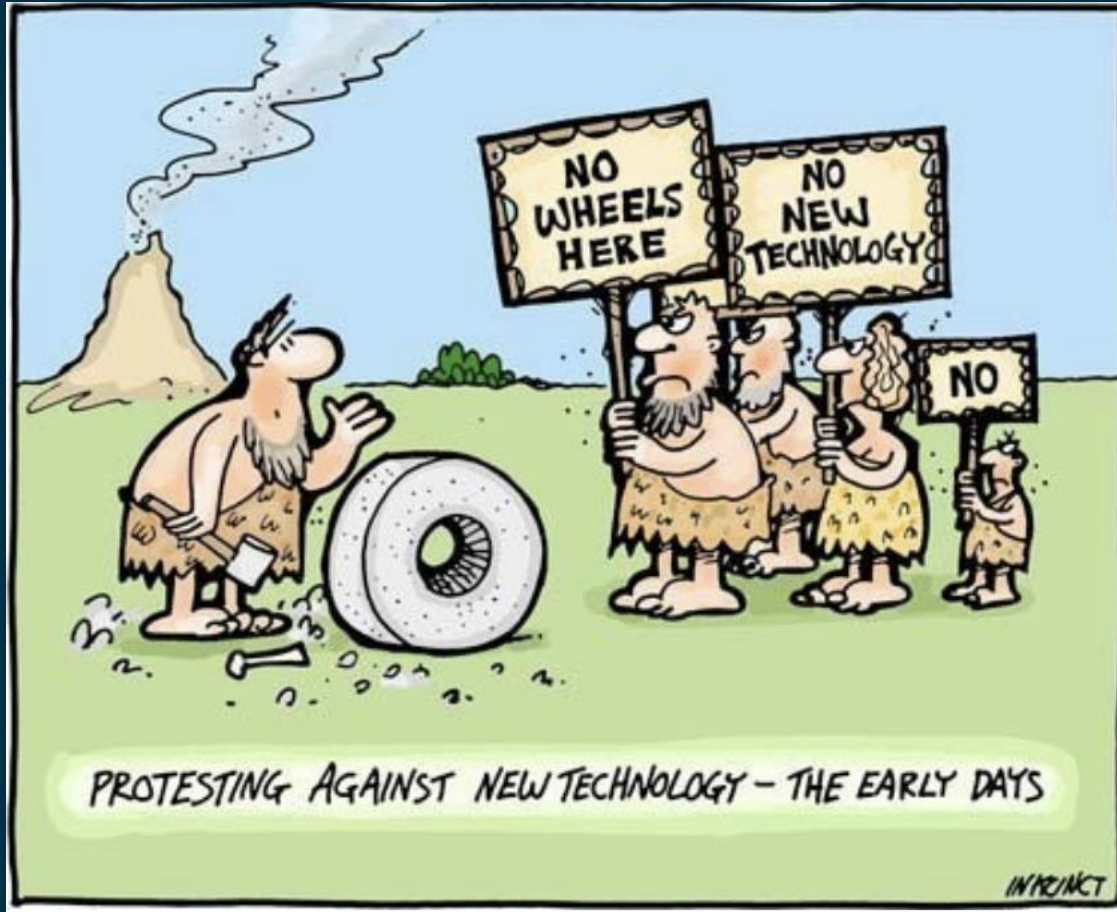
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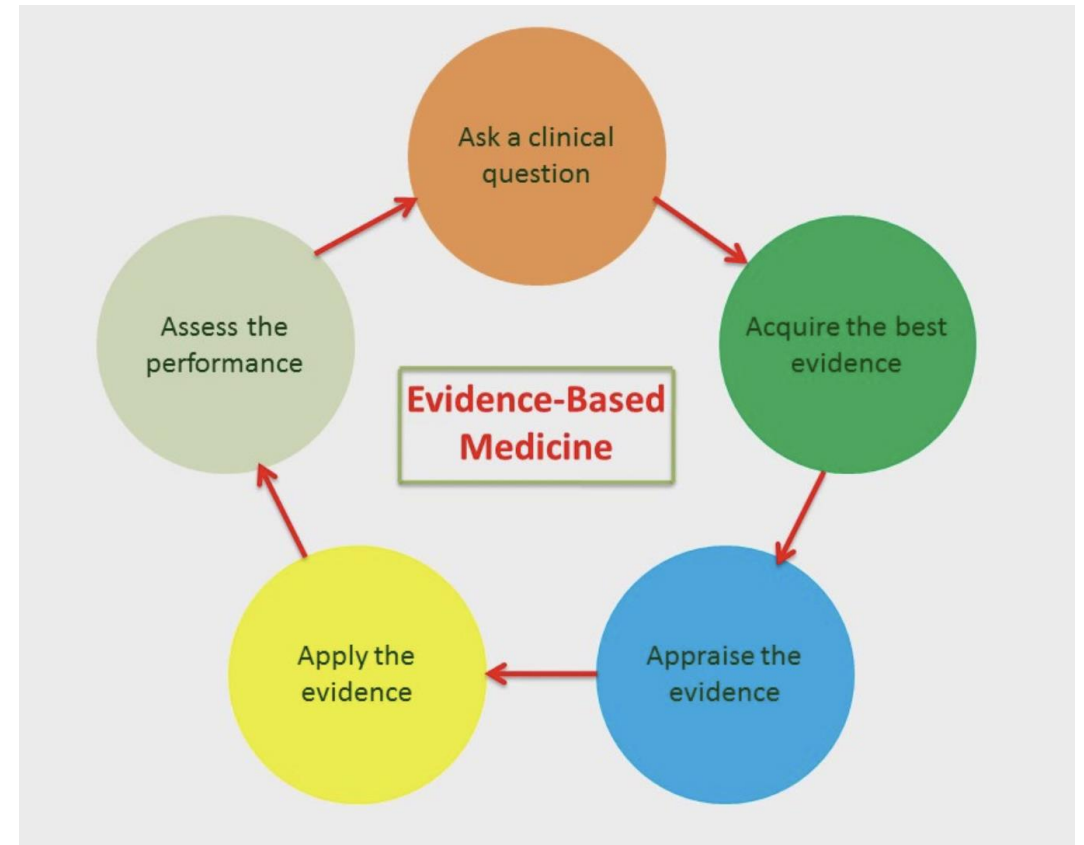
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# Innovation is important...



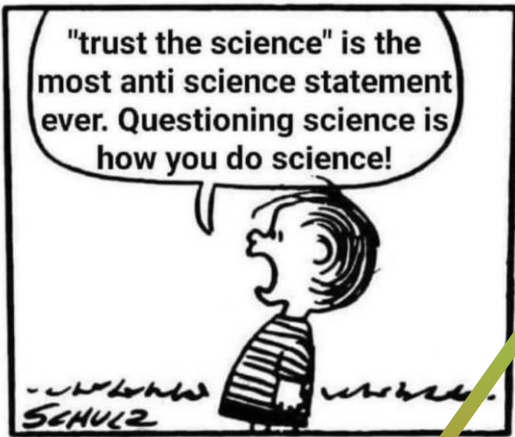


# Evidence based medicine – EBM Surgery





# Hierarchy of scientific evidence



**Strongest**

Meta-analyses & systematic reviews

Randomized controlled trials

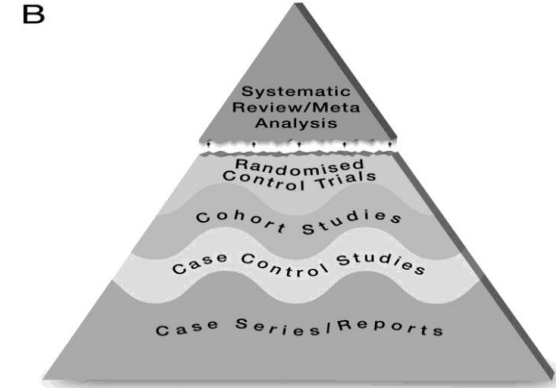
Cohort studies

Case-control studies

Animal trials & *in vitro* studies

Case reports, opinion papers and letters

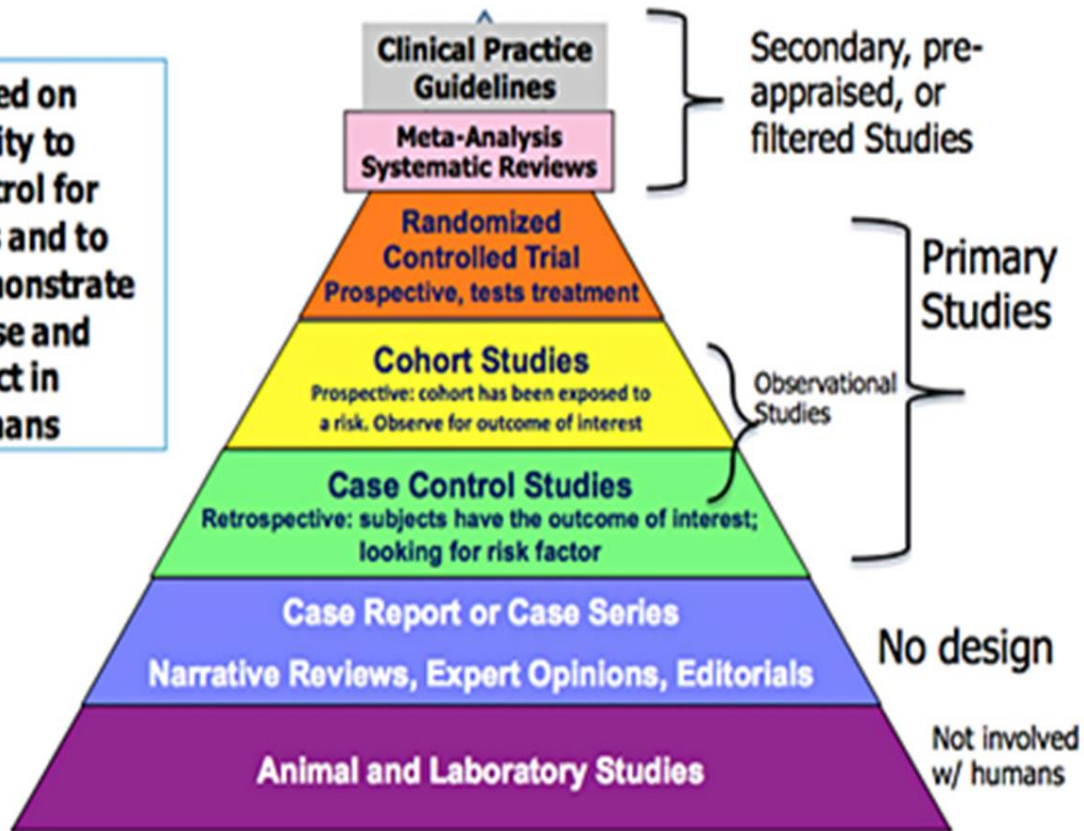
**Weakest**



# EBM: Levels of evidence

## Hierarchy of Research Designs & Levels of Scientific Evidence

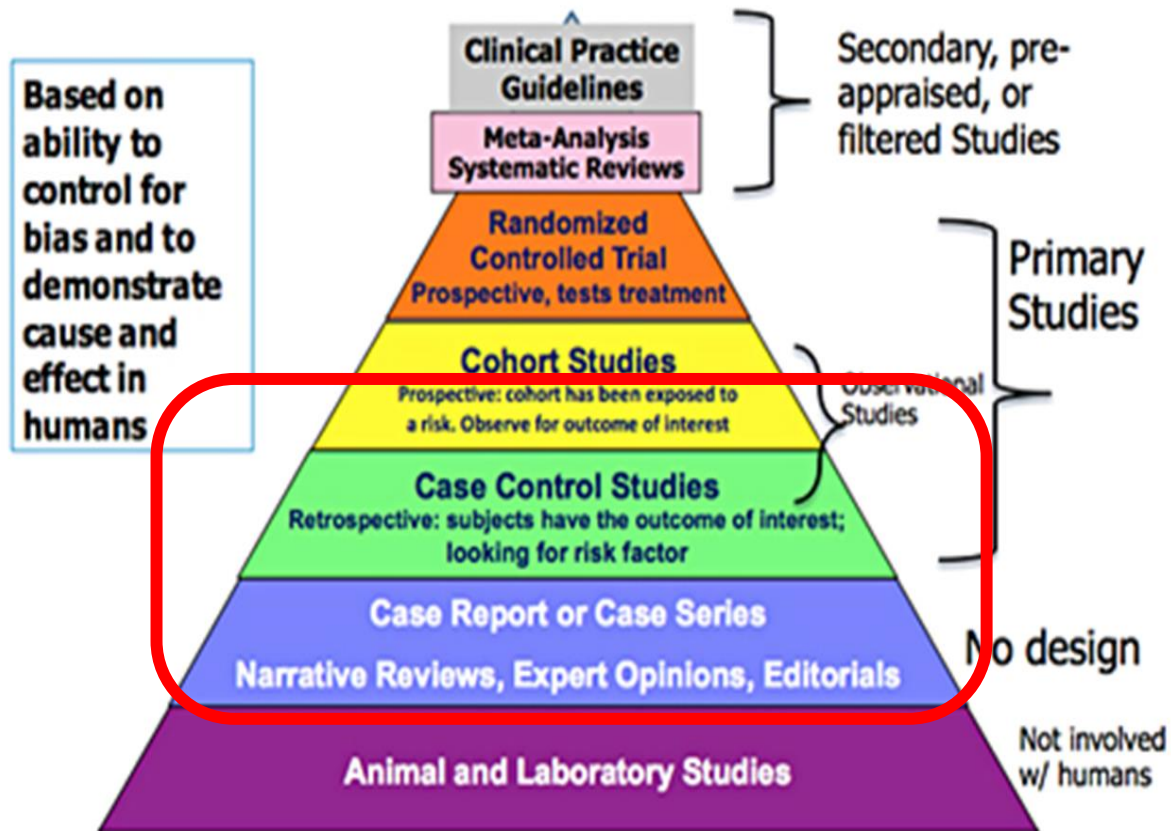
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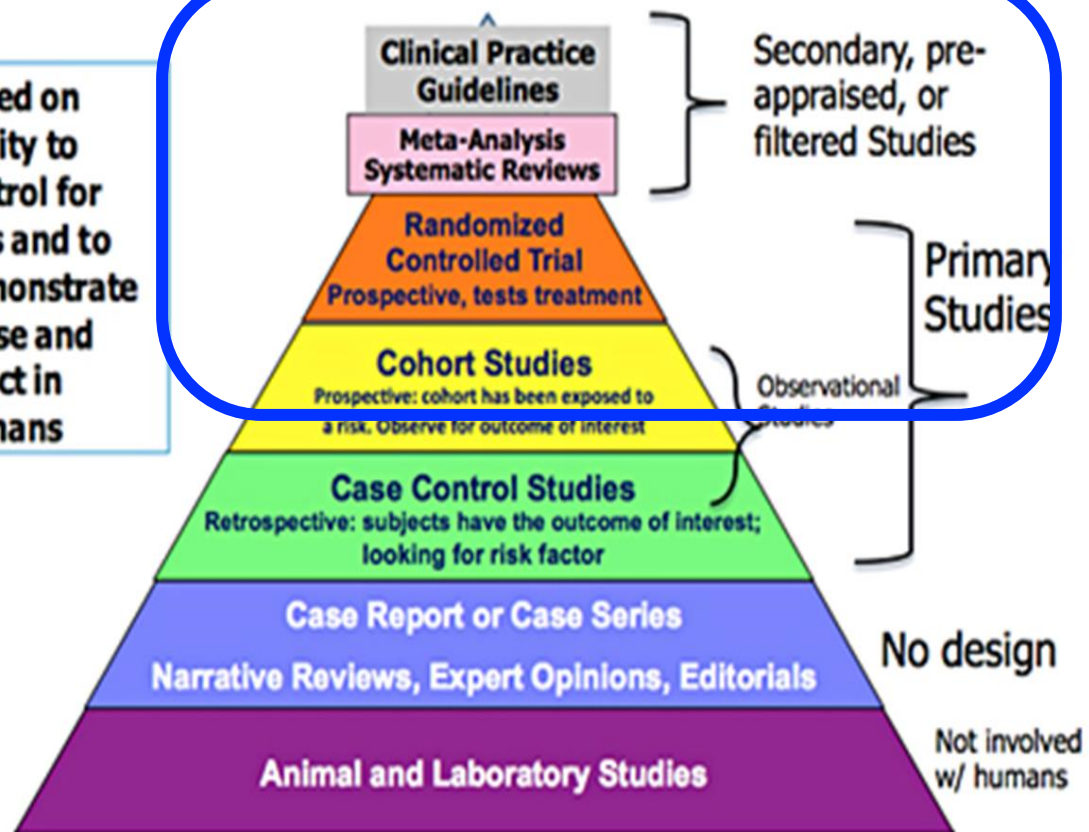
# EBM: New era of GLP1-RAs

## Outcomes and safety profile

## MBS with long-term follow-up LRYGB +, LSG +-?

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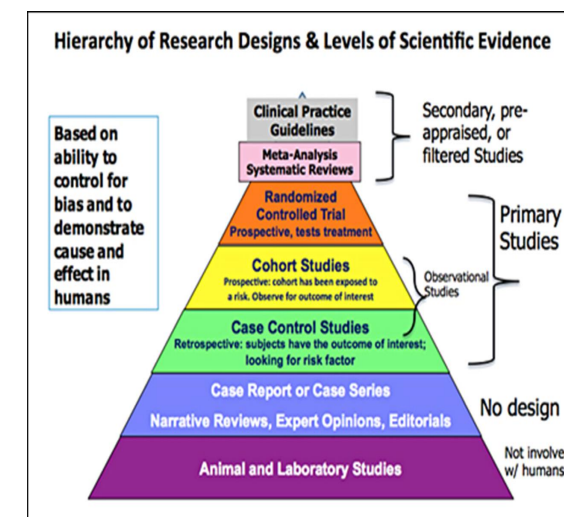


## Single Anastomosis Duodenal-Ileal Bypass with Sleeve Gastrectomy/One Anastomosis Duodenal Switch (SADI-S/OADS) IFSO Position Statement—Update 2020

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- Previous IFSO position statement in 2018
- 2018-2020: +25 case series and 3 case reports
- A total of 42 case series and 8 case reports
- Risk of bias: Newcastle-Ottawa scale (low, moderate or high)
- All case reports excluded (high risk of bias)
- 1 study with low risk of bias
- 41 studies with moderate risk of bias

**Quick Pubmed Search: all similar articles with IFSO 2020 position statement - 141 papers**



A flow-chart how to choose study type:

Is it possible to randomize?



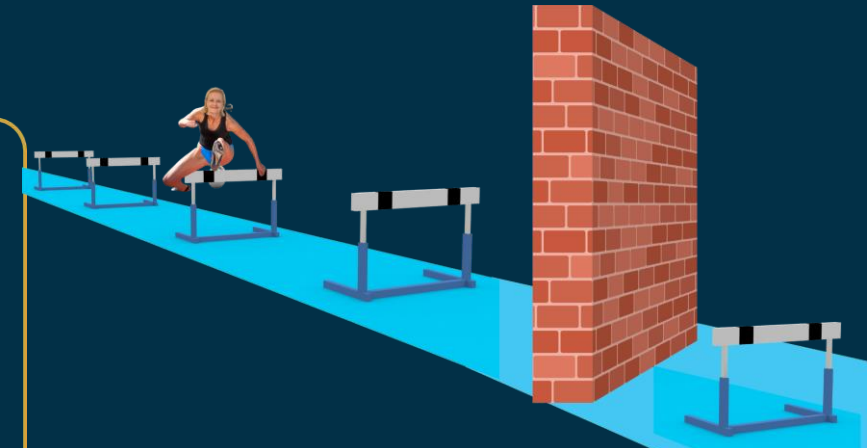
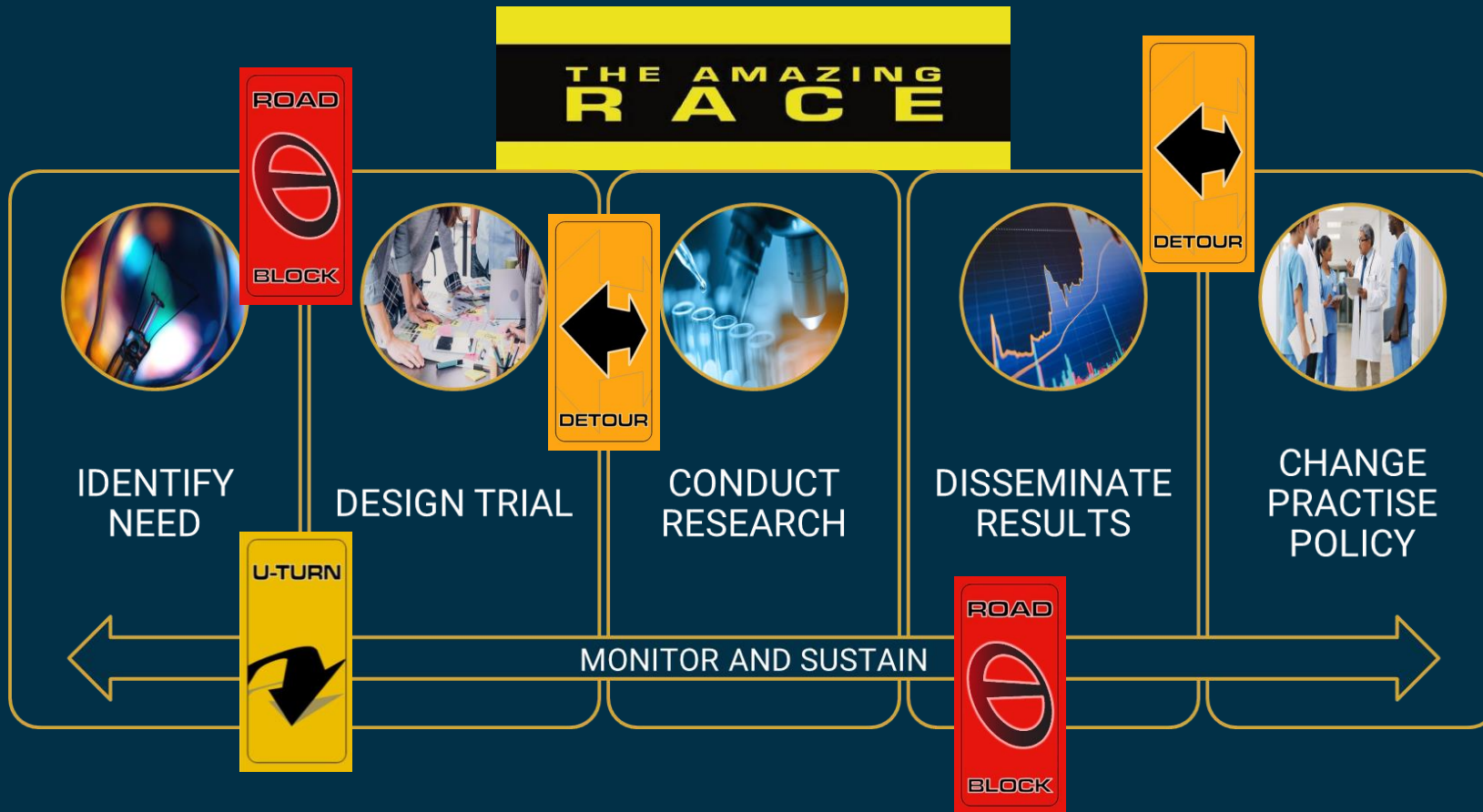
Do Randomized Controlled Study!

# Conducting a randomized clinical trial is challenging: Overarching model on improving research relevance and change practice\*



\*adopted from ANZMUSC

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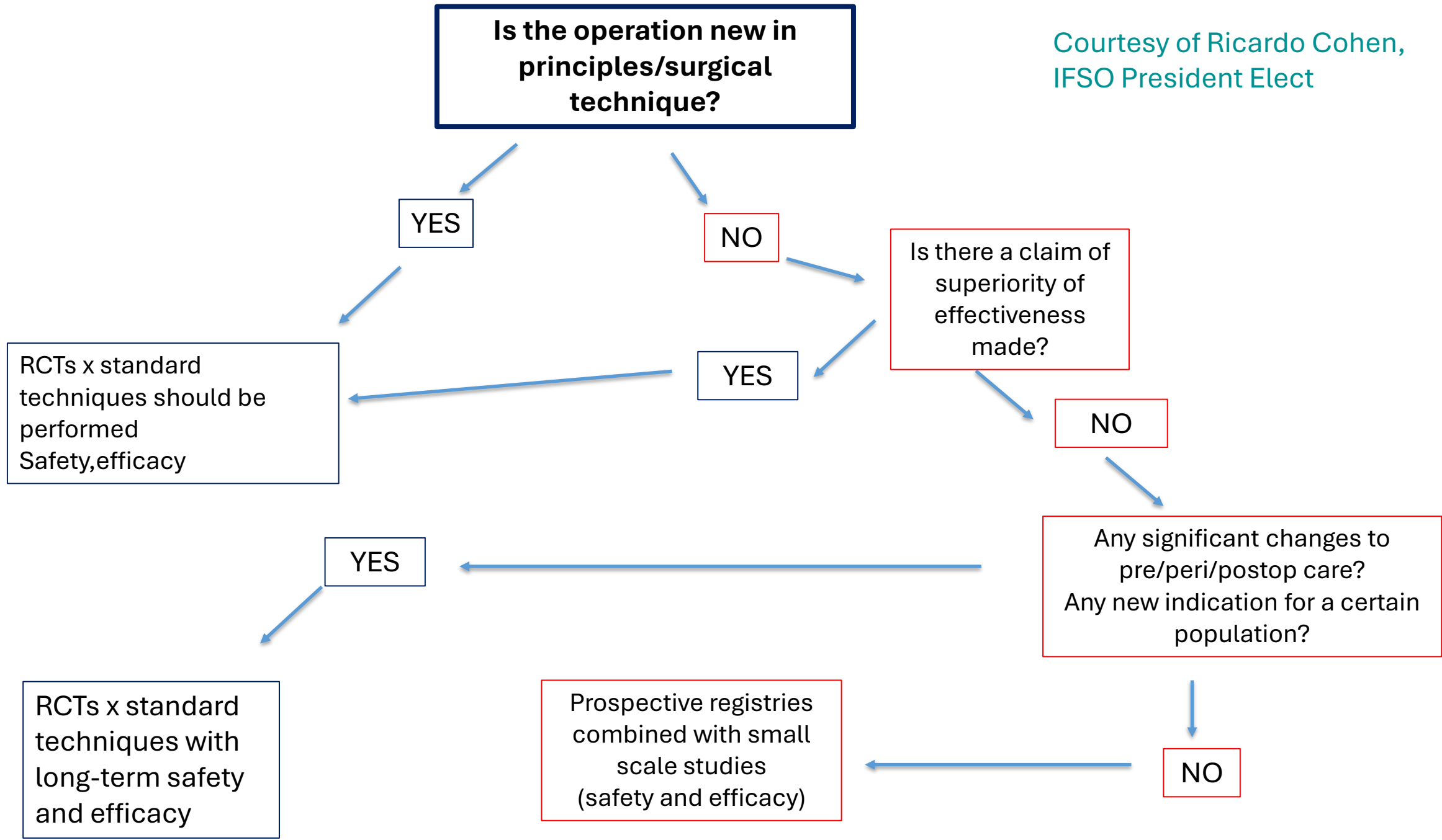




*When are  
Randomized  
Trials  
Unnecessary in  
MBS ?*

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**Systematic Review**

# Two decades of surgical randomized controlled trials: worldwide trends in volume and methodological quality

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## Abstract



**Background:** RCTs are essential in guiding clinical decision-making but are difficult to perform, especially in surgery. This review assessed the trend in volume and methodological quality of published surgical RCTs over two decades.

**Methods:** PubMed was searched systematically for surgical RCTs published in 1999, 2009, and 2019. The primary outcomes were volume of trials and RCTs with a low risk of bias. Secondary outcomes were clinical, geographical, and funding characteristics.

**Results:** Some 1188 surgical RCTs were identified, of which 300 were published in 1999, 450 in 2009, and 438 in 2019. The most common subspecialty in 2019 was gastrointestinal surgery (50.7 per cent). The volume of surgical RCTs increased mostly in Asia (61, 159, and 199 trials), especially in China (7, 40, and 81). In 2019, countries with the highest relative volume of published surgical RCTs were Finland and the Netherlands. Between 2009 and 2019, the proportion of RCTs with a low risk of bias increased from 14.7 to 22.1 per cent ( $P = 0.004$ ). In 2019, the proportion of trials with a low risk of bias was highest in Europe (30.5 per cent), with the UK and the Netherlands as leaders in this respect.

**Conclusion:** The volume of published surgical RCTs worldwide remained stable in the past decade but their methodological quality improved. Considerable geographical shifts were observed, with Asia and especially China leading in terms of volume. Individual European countries are leading in their relative volume and methodological quality of surgical RCTs.

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## Top 10 by relative volume of surgical RCTs per 10 million inhabitants

Rank	1999 (n = 300)	2009 (n = 450)	2019 (n = 438)
1	Denmark 23.9	Finland 19.0	Finland 23.5
2	Finland 17.1	Netherlands 10.8	Netherlands 15.8
3	Sweden 15.5	Ireland 10.6	Denmark 10.4
4	Netherlands 8.0	Sweden 9.9	Switzerland 9.3
5	Australia 5.8	Switzerland 9.1	Norway 9.3
6	Switzerland 5.5	Austria 7.3	Sweden 8.0
7	Italy 5.4	Greece 6.5	Estonia 7.5
8	UK 5.1	UK 6.2	Lithuania 7.2
9	Singapore 4.6	Italy 6.0	Bahrain 6.09
10	Greece 4.5	Norway 4.2	Bosnia 6.05



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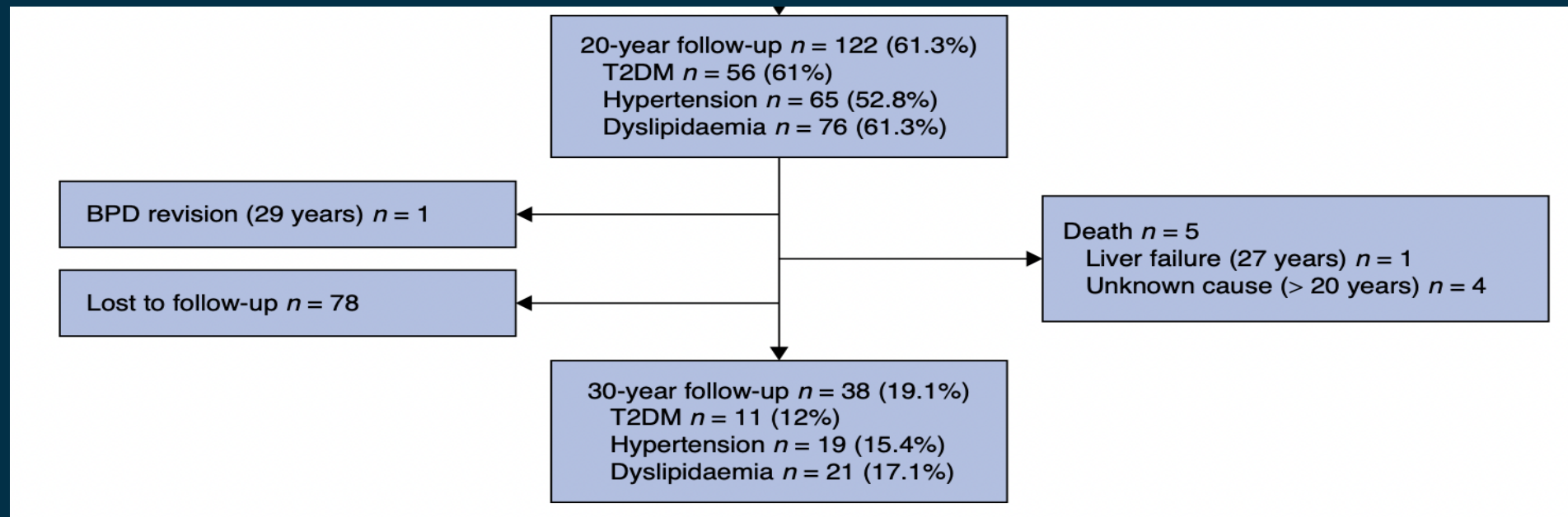
Table 4 Top 10 ranking for countries in 2019 based on the proportion of trials with a low risk of bias

	Trials with low risk of bias (%)†	No. of trials	Rank on the basis of no. trials per 10 <sup>7</sup> inhabitants	Impact factor*	Adequate generation of allocation	Adequate concealed allocation	Intention-to-treat analysis	Adequate handling of drop-outs
1 UK	57.1	15	19	3.37 (2.02–21.94)	93.3	73.3	66.7	73.3
2 Netherlands	51.9	27	2	4.28 (2.72–14.78)	85.2	88.9	66.7	77.8
3 Finland	38.5	13	1	4.50 (2.48–10.48)	61.5	92.3	53.9	76.9
4 Korea	30.0	20	44	2.11 (1.47–4.12)	85.7	60.0	43.8	80.0
5 Germany	27.3	11	27	4.84 (3.18–6.26)	63.6	54.6	72.7	81.8
6 Spain	26.7	15	15	3.15 (2.20–5.68)	86.7	73.3	46.7	73.3
7 USA	22.0	50	24	3.61 (1.98–8.76)	60.0	70.0	36.0	70.0
8 Japan	20.0	35	16	2.39 (1.88–6.08)	54.3	51.4	34.3	77.1
9 China	16.0	81	39	2.24 (1.70–3.65)	59.3	51.9	21.1	55.6
10 Italy	12.5	16	17	2.00 (0.77–5.53)	62.5	56.3	25.0	68.8


\*Values are median (i.q.r.) 2019 impact factors. Only countries with at least 10 published trials were analysed. †Trial with adequate generation of allocation, adequate concealment of allocation, intention-to-treat analyses, and adequate handling of drop-outs.

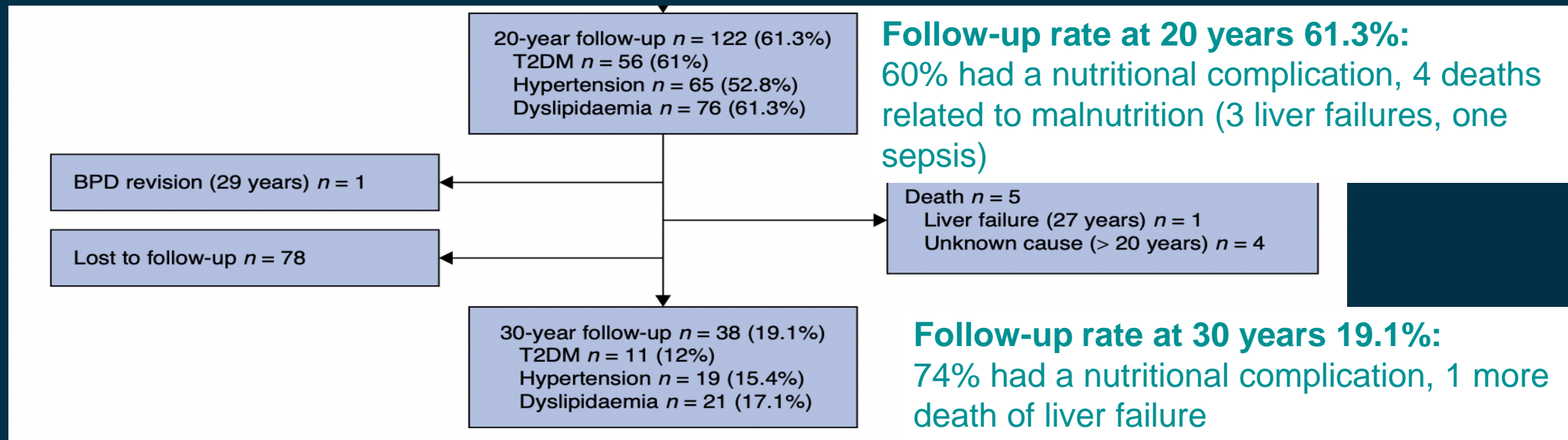
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Editorial

## Back to the future: malabsorption is the Achilles' heel of hypoabsorptive metabolic/bariatric procedures

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# Clinical Surgical Science



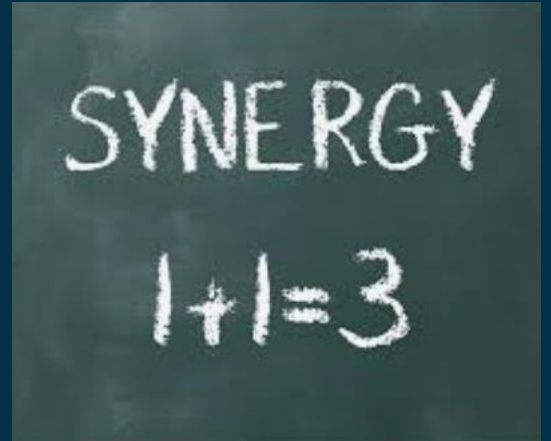
# Clinical Surgical Science > MBS science in multidisciplinary collaboration




# IFSO Consensus 2024 (Prager, Cohen, Busetto): The role of obesity management medications in the context of metabolic bariatric surgery





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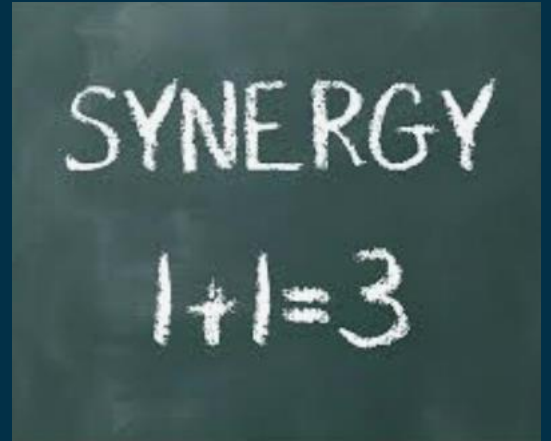
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- RCTs on adjuvant use of OMMs in the context of MBS are needed
- Fenotyping the patients > tailored treatment



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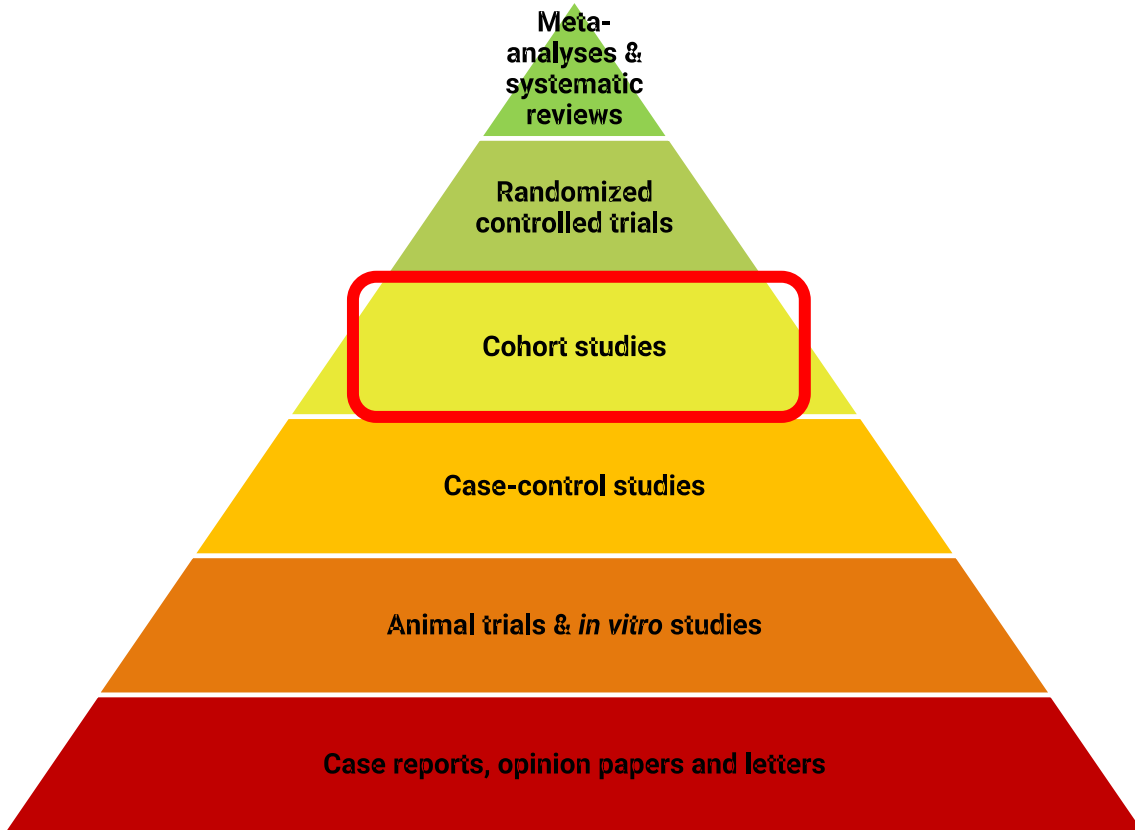
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High volume centers:

**Prospective** observational cohort studies

High quality validated large registries:

**Prospective** big data



## **NEW INNOVATIVE SURGICAL PROCEDURES**

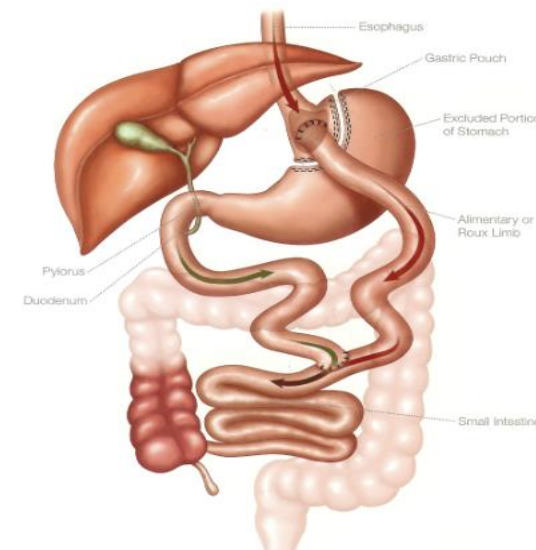
- ✓ AT MINIMUM WITHIN A PROSPECTIVE COHORT
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Papadia *et al.* remind us that operations should be judged for their long-term effects and that novel procedures should be compared with well tested standard operations like RYGB before they are used in routine clinical practice. Secondary to this lack of robust data on longer-term efficacy and safety, the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders<sup>10</sup> issued a position statement on innovations in metabolic and bariatric surgery, and considered that all such interventions need strict ethical supervision until long term quality data on safety are available.



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## Innovative Bariatric Procedures and Ethics in Bariatric Surgery: the IFSO Position Statement

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# *Thank you!*

