Title: Long-term complications and side effects of bariatric surgery: a systematic review

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This is the first systematic review searching for long-term (five or more years of follow-up) complications of recent bariatric surgery among studies with a retention equal or higher than 50%. Results showed only four studies meeting the inclusion criteria, which included different bariatric procedures. Therefore the review conclude that there is no evidence to assure the presence or absence of long term complications of bariatric surgery.

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