

Changes in insulin sensitivity in adolescents who underwent bariatric surgery: effects of laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and laparoscopic gastric banding

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Background: in adults, bariatric surgery has gradually emerged as a "metabolic" surgery, able to rapidly improve metabolic disturbances linked to severe obesity.

Even if type 2 diabetes is rare in European obese adolescents, alteration in insulin sensitivity is present in almost all.

Objective and hypotheses: to evaluate the modification of insulin resistance (IR) and insulin sensitivity (IS) in severe obese adolescents who underwent bariatric surgery, comparing two methods: laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy (LSG) and laparoscopic gastric banding (LGB).

Patients and methods: 40 patients followed for 12 months were studied.

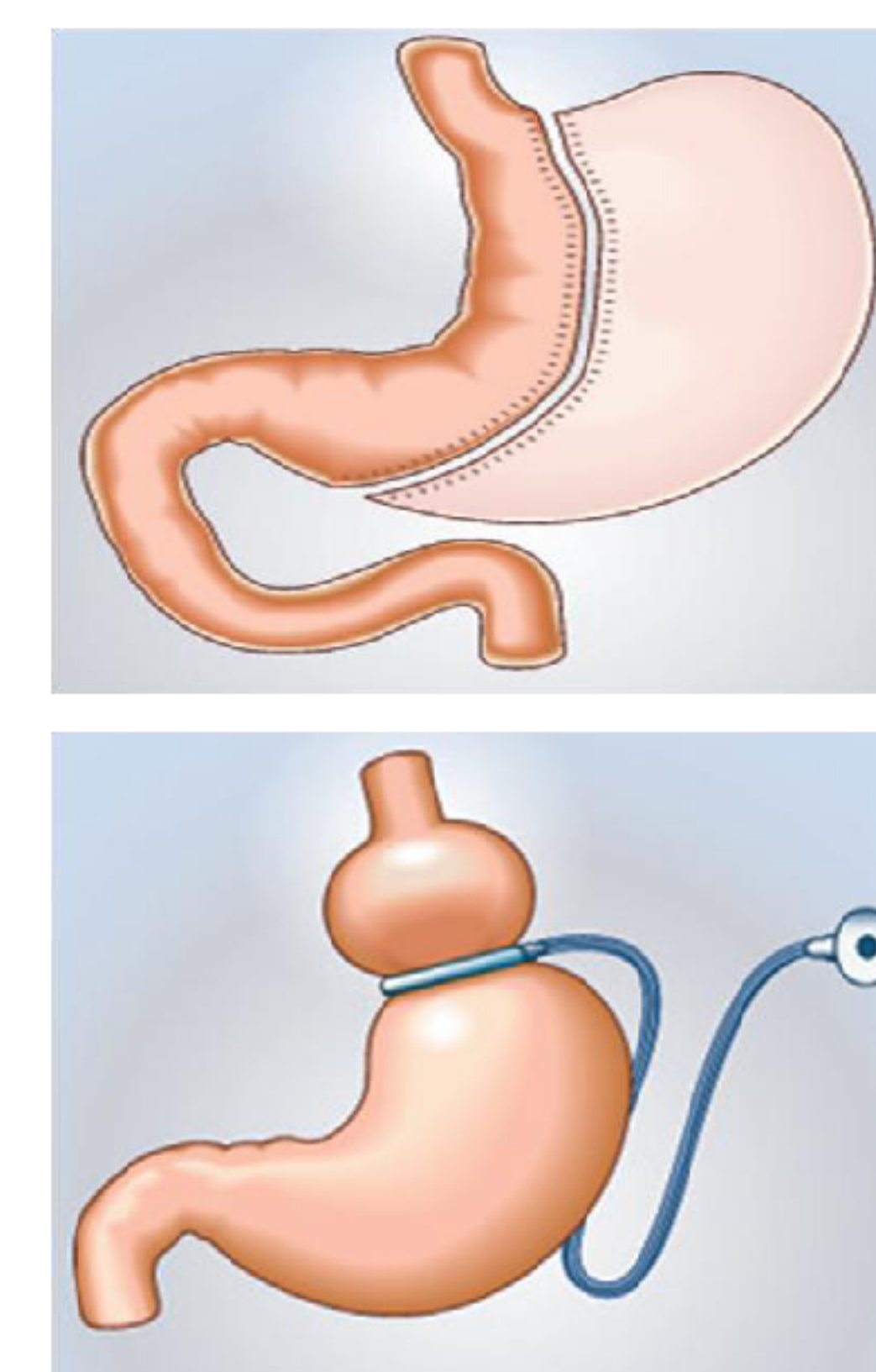
20 underwent LSG (mean age 17.14 ± 1.46 yrs, BMI 44.73 ± 9.37 ; z-score 4.7 ± 0.95)

and 20 underwent LGB (mean age 15.55 ± 1.9 yrs, BMI 37.86 ± 4.12 ; z-score $+4.48 \pm 0.68$). IR was estimated by HOMA-IR (Homeostasis Model of Assessment).

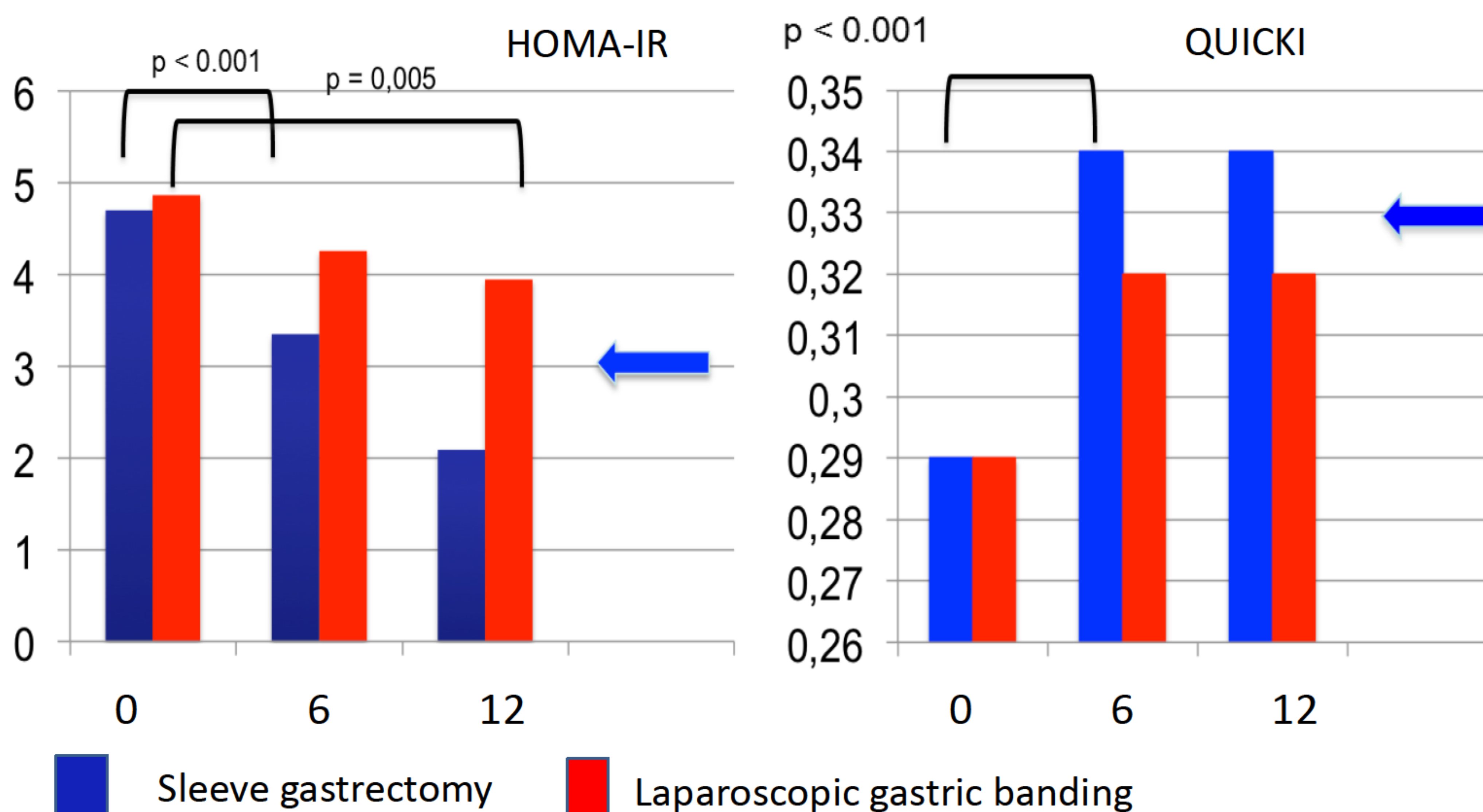
The IS was evaluated by QUICKI (Quantitative Insulin sensitivity Check Index).

Sleeve gastrectomy	
N°	20
Age (yrs)	17.14 ± 1.46
BMI	44.73 ± 9.37
DS BMI	4.7 ± 0.95
HOMA-IR T0	4.7 ± 0.95
QUICKI T0	0.29 ± 0.01

AGB	
N°	20
Age (yrs)	15.55 ± 1.9
BMI	37.86 ± 4.12
DS BMI	4.48 ± 0.68
HOMA-IR T0	4.87 ± 2.62
QUICKI T0	0.29 ± 0.01



Results: among patients who underwent LSG, improvement in IR was significant after 6 (baseline HOMA-IR 4.7 ± 0.95 vs 3.35 ± 2.0 at T6, $p = 0.036$), and 12 months (2.089 ± 2.11). Normalization of IS was observed in all patients after 6 months (baseline QUICKI 0.29 ± 0.01 ; 0.34 ± 0.03 at T6, $p = 0.020$). The change in IS was not correlated with weight loss. In LGB patients, improvement of IS was slower, showing a trend without reaching significance (baseline HOMA-IR 4.87 ± 2.62 vs 4.26 ± 2.54 at T6, 3.95 ± 3.20 at T 12) and correlated with weight loss.



Conclusion: our observation confirms the metabolic benefits of LSG even in a cohort of very young patients. Unlike LGB, the improvement of insulin sensitivity is sharp and not correlated to weight loss.

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