

NASH :
What's Bile Got to Do With It?



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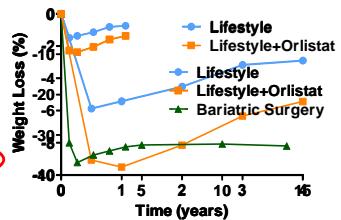
I have the following relationships to disclose:

- Ethicon Endo Surgery Inc.
- Galectin Pharmaceuticals
- Synageva Biopharma/Alexion
- Raptor Pharmaceuticals
- Lumena/Shire

I will be discussing off-label use of medications in my presentation

Weight Loss Interventions

- Lifestyle
- Drug therapy
- **Bariatric surgery**



Annals of Surgery 222(3):339-501995 (1995)
Diabetes Care 27(1):155-61 (2004)

Severe NASH now considered indication for surgery in adolescents

Selection criteria for adolescent weight loss surgery

BMI Comorbidities

> 35

- Type 2 DM
- moderate-severe OSA (AHI \geq 15 events/hr)
- pseudotumor cerebri
- **severe NASH**

> 40

- Mild OSA (AHI > 5 events/hr)
- HTN
- Insulin resistance/IGT
- Dyslipidemia
- impaired QOL or ADL

Pratt, JSA et al. Obesity 2009; 17:901

**But how does this “Bariatric Surgery”
WORK to improve NASH?**

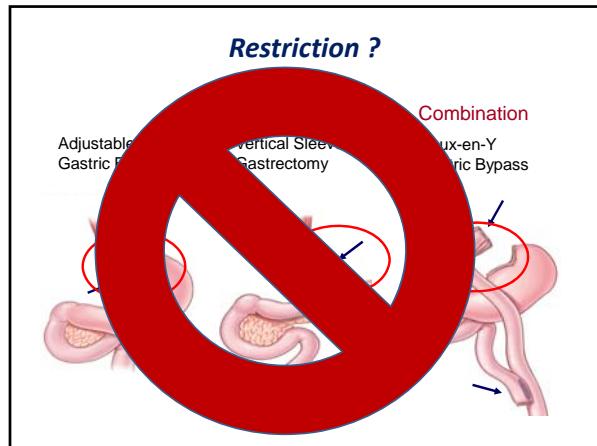
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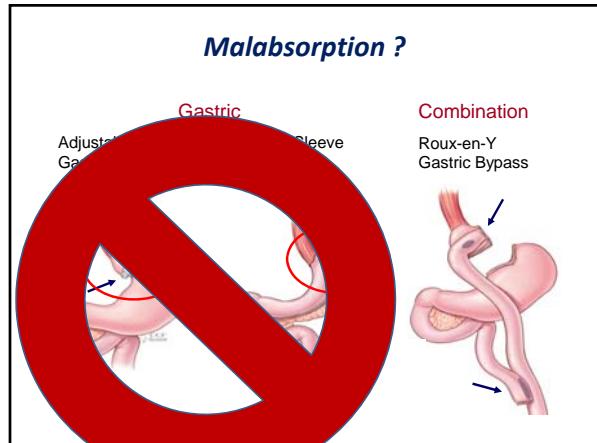
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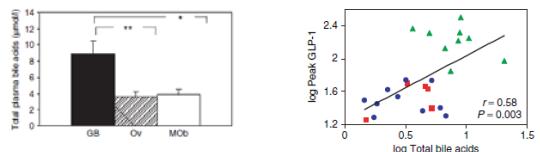
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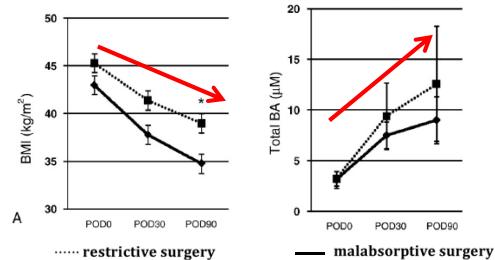
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Serum Bile Acids Are Higher in Humans With Prior Gastric Bypass: Potential Contribution to Improved Glucose and Lipid Metabolism

Mary-Elizabeth Patti^{1,2}, Sander M. Houten³, Antonio C. Bianco⁴, Raquel Bernier², P. Reed Larsen^{1,3}, Jens J. Holst⁴, Michael K. Badman^{1,2}, Eleftheria Maratos-Flier^{1,2}, Edward C. Mun^{1,3}, Jussi Pihlajamaki^{1,2}, Johan Auwerx⁸ and Allison B. Goldfine^{1,2,5} *OBESEITY | VOLUME 17 NUMBER 9 | SEPTEMBER 2009*



Bile Acids and Bariatric Surgery



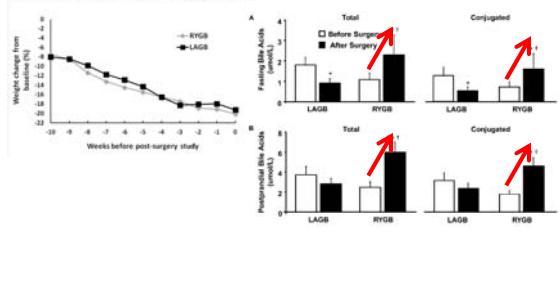
Body mass index is decreasing and, on the contrary, fasting total serum bile acid levels are increasing after bariatric surgery.

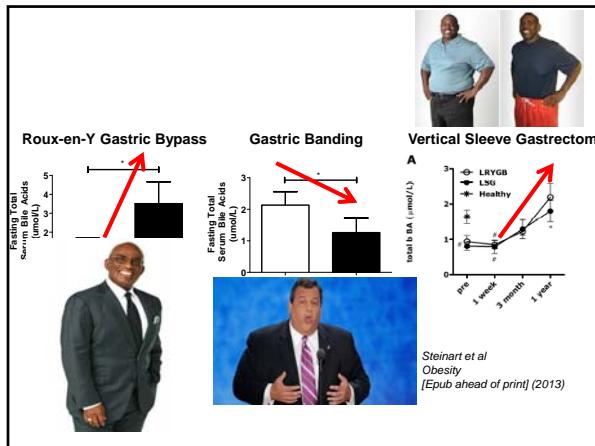
Metabolism 58(10):1400-7 (2009)

Weight Loss Induced by Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass But Not Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding Increases Circulating Bile Acids

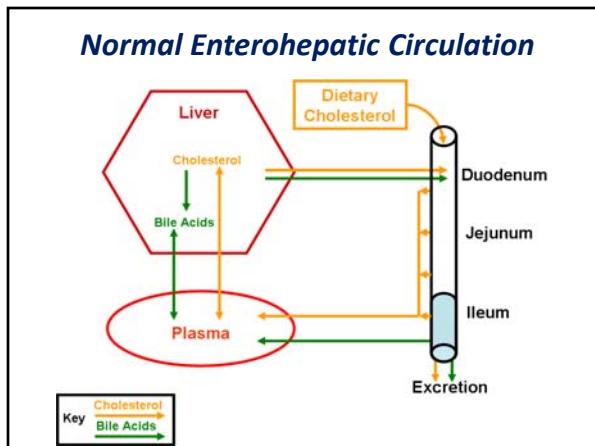
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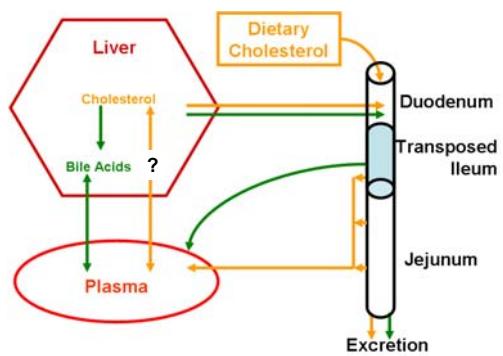




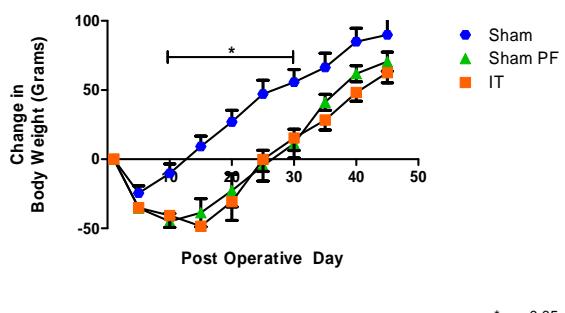
How can we *study* this BA phenomenon in Bariatric Surgery?



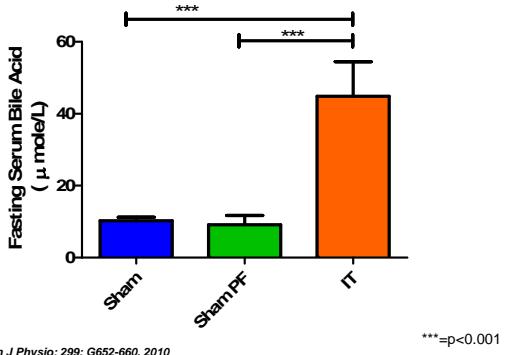
Altered Enterohepatic Circulation



Results: Change in Body Weight



Results: Serum Bile Acids



Bile diversion

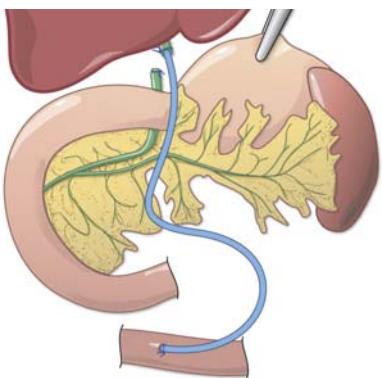
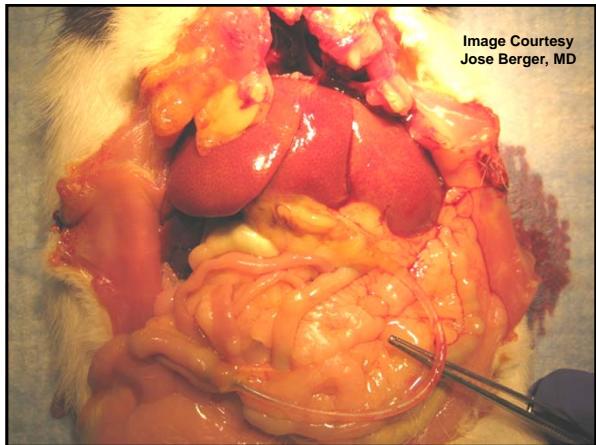
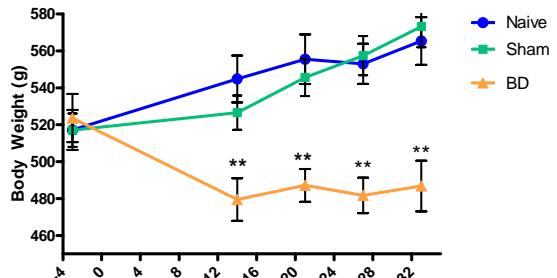


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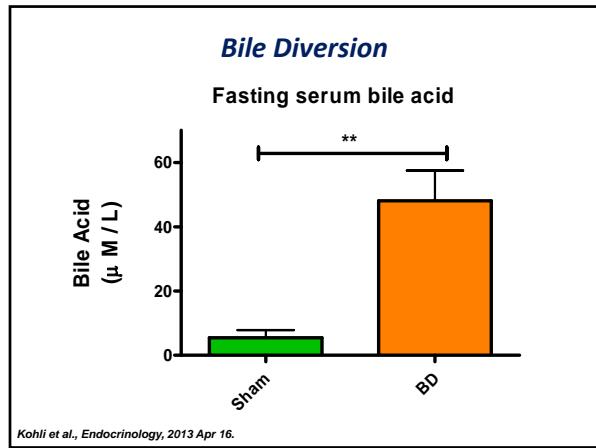


Bile Diversion

Body Weights



Kohli et al., Endocrinology, 2013 Apr 16.



IT and BD Study - Conclusions

- IT and BD surgery in rat models
 - Reproduces the metabolic benefits of bariatric surgery
 - Loss of fat mass
 - Improvement in insulin sensitivity
 - Increases GLP-1 and **Serum Bile Acids**

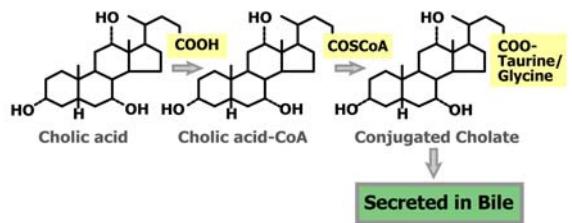
Do these procedures impact bile acid composition?

Bile Acid Conjugation - Final Step in Bile Acid Synthesis

Rate-limiting Step

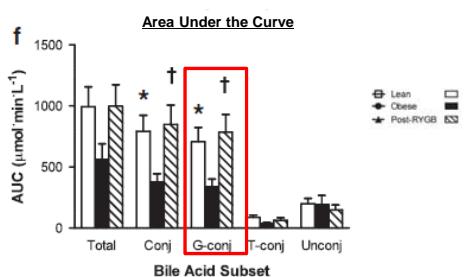
Bile acid-CoA ligase (BACL)
Gene: *SLC27A5* (19q13.43)

Bile acid-CoA:Amino Acid N-acyl Transferase (BAAT)
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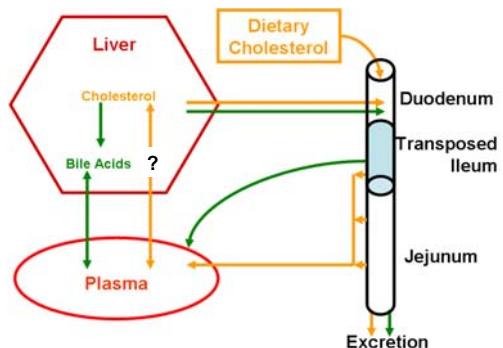


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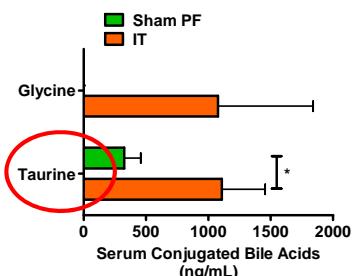
NN Ahmad^{1,2}, A Pfalzer^{1,2} and LM Kaplan^{1,2}



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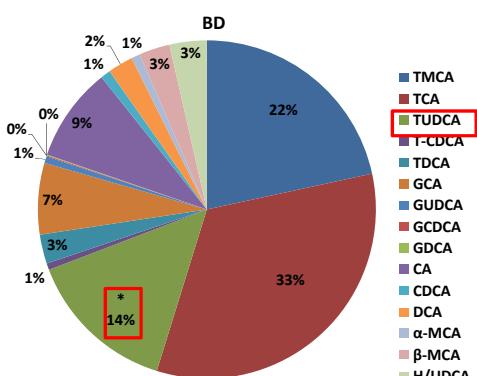
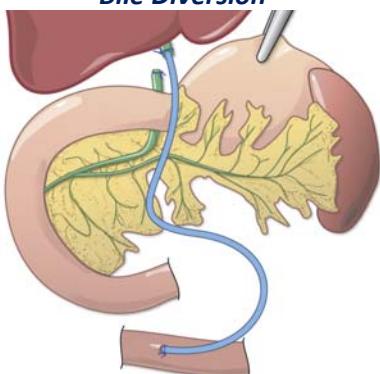


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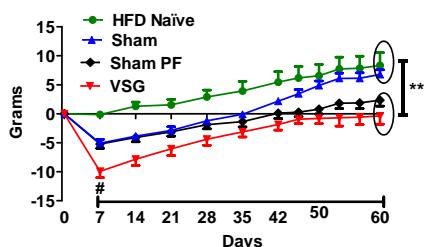
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*So what about the
“established”
bariatric procedures?*



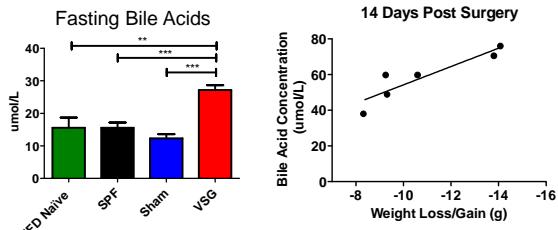
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Body Weight Change after VSG



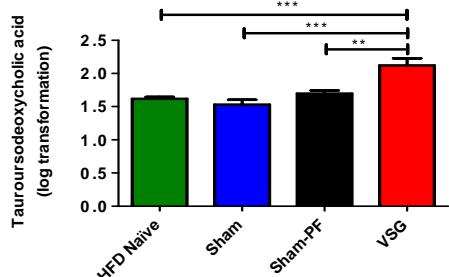
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Serum Bile Acid Levels after VSG



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After VSG TUDCA is higher again!

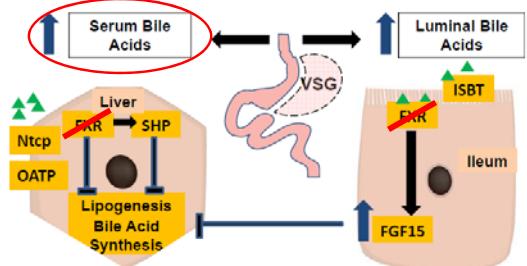


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So why not just give TUDCA or GUDCA?

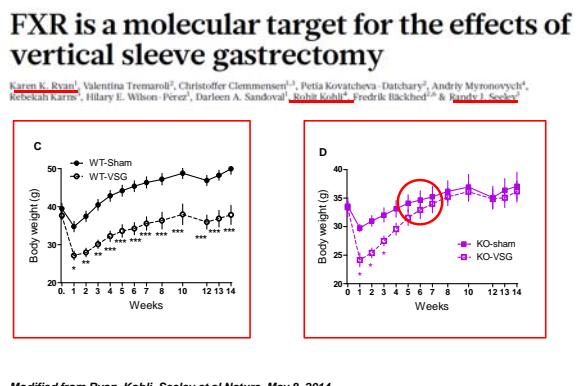
Bile Acid Diarrhea!

Bile Acid-FXR Pathway

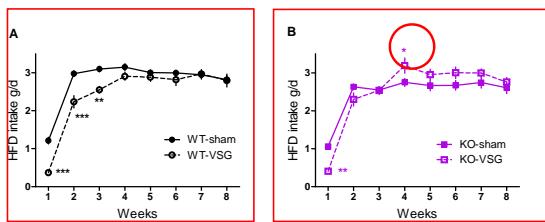


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Fxr ko mice can eat through a smaller stomach!



So is that it?

Is FXR the answer?

NASH Therapeutics



Articles

Farnesoid X nuclear receptor ligand obeticholic acid for non-cirrhotic, non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (FLINT): a multicentre, randomised, placebo-controlled trial

Prof Bharat A Nagpal, Alexander Tepel, MD,¹ Robin Loomba, MD,² Prof Arun J Sanyal, MD,³ Prof Joel E Lavine, MD,⁴ Mark L Van Natta, MHS,⁵ Marwan F Abdulkarim, MD,⁶ Prof Naga Chalasani, MD,⁷ Srikanthan Dasarathy, MD,⁸ Prof Anna Mae Diehl, MD,⁹ Bilal Hameed, MD,¹⁰ Prof Kris V Kowdley, MD,¹¹ Prof Arthur McCullough, MD,¹² Prof Norah Terrault, MD,¹³ Prof Jeanne M Clark, MD,¹⁴ Prof James Tonascia, PhD,¹⁵ Prof Elizabeth M Brun, MD,¹⁶ David E Kleiner, MD,¹⁷ Edward Doo, MD,¹⁸ for the NASH Clinical Research Network¹

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Obeticholic acid (OCA)
improved the histological features of NASH in adults

but

Decreased HDL
Increased LDL

NO Pediatric Data on OCA in NASH

