Reduced Risk of Cardiovascular Diseases after Bariatric Surgery Based on the New PREVENT Equations

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Abstract

Background: We applied the novel Predicting Risk of Cardiovascular Disease EVENTs (PREVENT) equations to evaluate cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic (CKM) health and estimated CVD risk, including heart failure (HF), after bariatric surgery.

Methods: Among 7804 patients (20–79 years) undergoing bariatric surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center during 1999–2022, CVD risk factors at pre-surgery, 1-year, and 2year post-surgery were extracted from electronic health records. The 10- and 30-year risks of total CVD, atherosclerotic CVD (ASCVD), coronary heart disease (CHD), stroke, and HF were estimated for patients without a history of CVD or its subtypes at each time point, using the social deprivation index-enhanced PREVENT equations. Paired t-tests or McNemar tests were used to compare pre- with post-surgery CKM health and CVD risk. Two-sample t-tests were used to compare CVD risk reduction between patient subgroups defined by age, sex, race, operation type, weight loss, and history of diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia.

Results: CKM health was significantly improved after surgery with lower systolic blood pressure, non-high-density-lipoprotein cholesterol (non-HDL), and diabetes prevalence, but higher HDL and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR). The 10-year total CVD risk decreased from 6.51% at pre-surgery to 4.81% and 5.08% at 1- and 2-year post-surgery (relative reduction: 25.9% and 16.8%), respectively. Significant risk reductions were seen for all CVD subtypes (i.e., ASCVD, CHD, stroke, and HF), with the largest reduction for HF (relative reduction: 55.7% and 44.8% at 1- and 2-year post-surgery, respectively). Younger age, White race, >30% weight loss, diabetes history, and no dyslipidemia history were associated with greater HF risk reductions. Similar results were found for the 30-year risk estimates.

Conclusions: Bariatric surgery significantly improves CKM health and reduces estimated CVD risk, particularly HF, by 45-56% within 1-2 years post-surgery. HF risk reduction may vary by patient's demographics, weight loss, and disease history, which warrants further research.

Keywords: bariatric surgery; cardiovascular disease risk; cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic health; PREVENT equations; electronic health records

Introduction

Cardiovascular diseases (CVD), including mainly coronary heart disease (CHD), stroke, and heart failure (HF), are leading causes of death, accounting for one in every five deaths in the United States (US) and one in every three deaths globally in recent years.^{1–3} Obesity, diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and chronic kidney disease (CKD) are established risk factors for CVD.⁴ Bariatric surgery, the most effective and durable treatment for obesity and its related comorbidities, offers a long-lasting strategy for mitigating CVD risk and risk factors. Bariatric surgery leads to a 30% weight loss while reducing hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) by 0.3% to 2.7%, systolic blood pressure (SBP) by 7.2 to 15.1 mmHg, and total cholesterol (TG) by 21.6 to 66.7 mg/dL and increasing estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) by an average of 14.27 ml/min/1.73 m² at 1-year post-surgery.^{5–10} In addition, bariatric surgery achieves remission rates ranging from 33% to 90% for diabetes, 43% to 83% for hypertension, 16% to 80% for dyslipidemia at 1-year post-surgery, and 77% to 83% for albuminuria at 6-12 months.^{11–15}

Regarding the risk of future CVD events, we recently reported a ~34% reduction in 10year atherosclerotic CVD (ASCVD) risk, in line with a 2020 review noting a 19% to 54% relative reduction in 10-year CVD risk one year after bariatric surgery.^{9,16} All previous studies used well-known CVD risk models such as the Framingham Risk Score for 10-year CHD risk and the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association (ACC/AHA) pooled cohort equations for 10-year ASCVD risk. However, previous models have not accounted for the additional risk posed by reduced renal function or socioeconomic disadvantage nor predicted HF risk. Decreased eGFR, increased albuminuria, and living in an area with socioeconomic deprivation have been increasingly recognized for contributing to CVD incidence and mortality.^{17–21} In response to this gap, a new CVD risk assessment tool, termed the Predicting

Risk of Cardiovascular Disease EVENTs (PREVENT) equations, was introduced by the AHA in 2023, aiming to assess total CVD risk more accurately, precisely, and equitably across diverse populations.²² This new tool incorporates traditional risk factors and eGFR in the base model, offers additional predictors of renal (urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio), metabolic (HbA1c), and social (social deprivation index [SDI]) risk in the add-on models for enhancement, and captures total CVD events, including HF, which was not included in previous models.²²

Herein, by leveraging longitudinal data from the Medical and Surgical Weight Loss Clinic at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) and Electronic Health Records (EHR) from all VUMC clinics, we evaluated post-bariatric surgery CKM health improvement and CVD risk reduction, including total CVD, ASCVD, CHD, stroke, and HF, using the novel SDIenhanced PREVENT equations in a cohort of >7800 patients. We also assessed the potential variations in CVD risk reduction among patients with different demographics (i.e., age, sex, and race), operation types (Roux-en-Y gastric bypass [RYGB] vs. sleeve gastrectomy [SG]), weight loss amounts, and comorbidities (i.e., diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia), to gain further knowledge to guide personalized management strategies and optimize post-operative care.

Methods

Study population and data extraction

This study was conducted in the bariatric surgery cohort at VUMC, consisting of 7804 patients who were 20 to 79 years old and underwent their first bariatric surgery between January 1999 and July 2022.^{9,23} Pre- and post-surgery data over 1 to 120 months at 3-month intervals were collected in the Vanderbilt Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Quality, Efficacy, and Safety (QES)

database, including demographics (e.g., age, sex, and race), surgery information (e.g., surgery date, surgeon, and operation type), disease history (e.g., diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia), and clinical outcomes (e.g., body weight, body mass index [BMI], and HbA1c). We linked bariatric QES with VUMC EHR and extracted data up to 10 years before and after surgery, to minimize missing data and obtain additional information on zip code for deriving SDI, smoking status, blood pressure, blood lipids, blood glucose, eGFR, disease diagnosis, and medication records. The study was approved by the VUMC Institutional Review Board, with written informed consent waived for participation because it is a retrospective study based on existing data with minimal risk to the participants.

CVD risk calculation

Based on the new sex-specific, race-free, SDI-enhanced PREVENT equations, we estimated the 10- and 30-year CVD risk at pre-surgery, 1-year, and 2-year post-surgery, respectively, among patients without a diagnosis of CVD or its subtypes at each time point. The components for calculating the risk of total CVD, ASCVD, CHD, and stroke included age, sex, SDI, smoking status, SBP, high-density-lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL), non-HDL, eGFR, diabetes status, anti-hypertensive use, and statin use; while age, sex, SDI, smoking status, BMI, SBP, eGFR, diabetes status, and anti-hypertensive use were utilized for calculating the risk of HF. We defined 6-month time windows to fully capture the values of those components at pre-surgery (i.e., 6 months to 1 week before surgery), 1-year post-surgery (i.e., 9 to 15 months after surgery), and 2-year post-surgery (i.e., 21 to 27 months after surgery). The median value of all measurements during the 6-month time window was used for calculation, after excluding outliers that fell below Q1–1.5 interquartile range (IQR) or above Q3+1.5 IQR. Due to the requirement for smoking

cessation prior to bariatric surgery, we extended the pre-surgery time window by 6 months to assess smoking status (i.e., 1 year to 1 week before surgery). In addition, anti-hypertensive use or statin use was defined as any recorded use of any anti-hypertensive drug or statin during the 6month time window. Diabetes status was defined if any of the following indications was found: International Classification of Disease [ICD]-9: 250/ ICD-10-CM: E10-E11, using diabetes treatments, random glucose \geq 200 mg/dL, or HbA1c \geq 6.5%.

Statistical analysis

Participants with pre- and post-surgery measures for estimating CVD risk were included. Components for calculating ASCVD risk and HF risk at pre- and post-surgery were summarized as mean (SD) for continuous variables and number (percentage) for categorical variables and compared using paired t-tests or McNemar tests. Pre- vs. 1-year and 2-year post-surgery CVD risk were compared by paired t-tests; results were presented as absolute reduction (95% confidence interval [CI] and relative reduction [95% CI]). Subgroup analyses for assessing the relative reduction of CVD risk were conducted by age (\leq 45 vs. > 45 years), sex (women vs. men), race (White vs. Black), operation (RYGB vs. SG), weight loss at 1- or 2-year post-surgery (\leq 30% vs. >30%), and pre-surgery history of diabetes (no vs. yes), hypertension (no vs. yes), and dyslipidemia (no vs. yes); two-sample t-tests were used for assessing heterogeneity. Two-sided *P* < 0.05 was considered statistically significant. All analyses were performed in SAS (version 9.4; SAS Institute, Cary, NC, USA).

Results

The PREVENT equations

Table 1 presents the pre- and post-surgery values of the nine components included in the HF risk model and eleven components in the ASCVD risk model. A total of 2,910 patients were included to compare the HF risk at 1-year post-surgery vs. pre-surgery. Of these patients (82% women), the mean age was 46.0 (SD: 10.8) years. Compared with pre-surgery, patients had significant improvements in BMI (47.3 vs. 32.4 kg/m²), SBP (134.3 vs. 123.6 mmHg), and eGFR (93.2 vs. 100.2 mL/min/1.73 m²) at 1-year post-surgery; the prevalence of diabetes (43.4% vs. 35.1%) and anti-hypertensive drug use (62.6% vs. 49.4%) also decreased at 1-year post-surgery (all *P* <0.0001). Sustained CKM improvements were observed at 2-year post-surgery among 1,478 patients. For ASCVD risk, 252 and 130 patients were included for 1- and 2-year post-surgery vs. pre-surgery comparisons. In addition to improvements in SBP and eGFR, patients showed significant improvements in blood lipids, including both non-HDL (3.44 vs. 2.82 mmol/L, *P*<0.0001) and HDL (1.23 vs. 1.50 mmol/L, *P*<0.0001) at 1-year post-surgery, which were also observed at 2-year post-surgery.

CVD risk reduction after surgery

Substantial reductions in estimated 10-year and 30-year CVD risk were observed after surgery (**Table 2**). Specifically, the estimated 10-year total CVD risk decreased from 6.51% at presurgery to 4.81% at 1-year post-surgery, corresponding to a relative reduction of 25.90% (95% CI: 19.79%, 32.02%). Regarding CVD subtypes, relative reductions of 28.36% (95% CI: 22.43%, 34.30%), 32.85% (26.99%, 38.72%), 20.74% (15.47%, 26.01%), and 55.68% (54.36%, 57.00%) were observed for ASCVD, CHD, stroke, and HF risk, respectively. Sustainable risk

reductions, ranging from 12.09% to 44.76%, were observed at 2-year post-surgery, similarly, with the least reduction observed for stroke and the greatest reduction for HF.

The estimated 30-year total CVD risk was 27.41% pre-surgery, which reduced to 20.87% at both 1- and 2-year post-surgery. The relative reductions of the 30-year total CVD risk and its subtypes ranged from 21.22% to 46.21% at 1-year and from 15.64% to 37.41% at 2-year post-surgery, with the least reduction observed for stroke and the greatest reduction for HF.

CVD risk reduction among patient subgroups

Similar reductions in the estimated 10-year risks of total CVD, ASCVD, CHD, and stroke were observed at 1-year post-surgery among male and female patients, Black and White patients, RYGB and VSG treated patients, and those with/without a history of diabetes, hypertension, or dyslipidemia (**Figure 1**), while more evident in patients \leq 45 years old (37.25% reduction in total CVD risk) or those with >30% weight loss (30.92% reduction in total CVD risk) than their counterparts (all *P* for heterogeneity \leq 0.05; **Figure 1** and **Supplementary Table 1**). Results remained similar after mutually adjusting for age, sex, race, operation type, surgery year, weight loss, cardiometabolic disease history, and pre-surgery CVD risk (**Supplementary Table 1**). Of note, 10-year HF risk reduction was greater among younger patients (58.05%), White patients (56.73%), and those with >30% weight loss (60.76%), had a history of diabetes (63.16%) or hypertension (56.68%), or had no history of dyslipidemia (57.05%) than their counterparts with or without mutual adjustment (all *P* for heterogeneity <0.05); nevertheless, HF risk reduction was significant and substantial across all patient subgroups (**Figure 1** and **Supplementary Table 1**).

At 2-year post-surgery, reductions in the 10-year risk of total CVD, ASCVD, CHD, and stroke were all similar between patient subgroups; however, for 10-year HF risk, patients who were younger, White, achieved >30% weight loss, had a history of diabetes, or had no history of dyslipidemia remained showed greater reductions than their counterparts after mutual adjustment (all *P* for heterogeneity <0.05, **Figure 2** and **Supplementary Table 2**).

Similar patterns were observed for the estimated 30-year CVD risk (Supplementary Figures 1 & 2 and Supplementary Tables 3 & 4).

Discussion

In this single-center EHR-based, longitudinal cohort of bariatric surgery patients, we observed significant improvements in CKM health after surgery, including reduced BMI, SBP, non-HDL, diabetes prevalence, and use of anti-hypertensive drugs and statins, as well as increased HDL and eGFR. The estimated 10-year risks of total CVD, ASCVD, CHD, and stroke decreased by 21% to 33% and 12% to 24% at 1-year and 2-year post-surgery, and remarkably, 56% and 45% reductions were observed for estimated 10-year HF risk at 1-year and 2-year post-surgery, respectively. Furthermore, we found that younger age, White race, >30% weight loss, diabetes history, and no dyslipidemia history were associated with greater reductions in HF risk after bariatric surgery.

Although the significant CVD benefits of bariatric surgery have been well recognized, to our knowledge, this is the first study applying the new sex-specific, race-free PREVENT equations, which include SDI and eGFR as predictors to capture patients' socioeconomic status and overall CKM health and predict 10-year and 30-year HF risk. Our findings on CKM health

improvements were consistent with the literature and results reported in our recent publication, which showed significant reductions in blood pressure, blood lipids, glucose, and HbA1c, as well as 32% to 50% remissions rates of diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia 1 year after bariatric surgery.^{11,24,9} In addition, we observed 28% and 19% reductions in 10-year ASCVD risk at 1- and 2-year post-surgery, which is in line with previous reports, ranging from 19% to 54%,¹⁶ although the reductions appear to be smaller than our previous results based on the ACC/AHA equations (34% and 23%).⁹ This discrepancy could be explained by differences in those CVD risk prediction models. The new PREVENT equations were derived among >6 million people aged 30-79 years from 46 cohorts,²² while the ACC/AHA equations were race-specific risk prediction models developed in ~25,000 non-Hispanic White and Black people aged 40-79 years from only 5 cohorts.²⁵ In addition, the PREVENT equations newly included eGFR as a predictor, which has been associated with increased risk of ASCVD, independent of traditional CVD risk factors.¹⁷

We observed the greatest CVD benefit in HF prevention, with a 45-56% risk reduction within 1-2 years after surgery. Several studies have suggested reduced HF risk after bariatric surgery,^{26–30} including a 2018 meta-analysis reporting a hazard ratio of 0.44 (95% CI: 0.36-0.55) for incident HF following bariatric surgery compared with non-surgical controls.³⁰ The dramatic reduction of HF risk is likely driven by the decrease in BMI (47.3 kg/m² at pre-surgery to 32.4 kg/m² at 1-year post-surgery in our study sample), a strong predictor in the PREVENT equations for HF risk. In a pooled analysis of 10 prospective cohorts in the US, obesity was significantly associated with increased CVD morbidity and mortality; of note, BMI showed the strongest association with incident HF, around a 5-fold increase compared with other CVD subtypes.³¹

We further observed that HF risk reduction was greater among younger or White patients than among older or Black patients. Previous studies have linked younger age with more pronounced cardiometabolic improvements after surgery, consistent with our findings.^{9,32,33} However, evidence regarding effect modification by race has been inconsistent. Our previous results showed a greater reduction in ASCVD risk in White patients than in Black patients, while another study reported the opposite.^{9,34} Over 30% weight loss was also associated with a greater HF risk reduction in our study, which is expected given the central role of obesity in CKM health and CVD etiology.³⁵ In the Swedish Obese Subjects cohort study, patients in the highest quartile of weight loss after 1 year (mean: 41 kg) showed the greatest reduction of incident HF (~40%).²⁹ We also found that patients with a history of diabetes or no history of dyslipidemia showed greater HF risk reductions than their counterparts, which seems contradictory. Previous research has generally suggested more cardiometabolic improvements and ASCVD risk reduction among patients without a history of metabolic diseases.^{9,33,36,37} Currently, few HF risk prediction models have been developed and externally validated,³⁸ and few studies have applied HF risk models among bariatric surgery patients. Thus, although substantial HF risk reductions were observed in all patient subgroups in our study (48-63% 1-year post-surgery), future studies are needed to clarify the potential heterogenetic effects of bariatric surgery on HF risk by race and comorbidities.

This study has considerable strengths. First, we applied the novel PREVENT equations, which newly added eGFR as a predictor, to fully capture the CKM benefits of bariatric surgery. Second, we used the SDI-enhanced PREVENT equations to capture social determinants of health. Third, we had a large sample size (n = ~3000 for estimating the HF risk) and noted sustained CKM health improvements and HF risk reduction 2 years following bariatric surgery.

Fourth, we utilized EHR data from all VUMC clinics to improve data completeness and quality. There are also several limitations. First, the sample sizes for estimating the total CVD and ASCVD risk were much smaller than the ones for HF risk. Total CVD and ASCVD risk estimation required blood lipid data, which were not routinely measured for patients with obesity. Small sample sizes may lead to insufficient statistical power to detect differences between patient subgroups, although we observed significant risk reductions among total patients at both 1-year and 2-year post-surgery. Second, given the observational and retrospective nature, our results may be affected by confounding and selection biases. Future studies with large sample sizes, long-term follow-ups, and comprehensive measurements are needed to evaluate the sustainability of CKM and CVD benefits and the potential heterogeneity effect of bariatric surgery in patient subgroups.

In conclusion, our study demonstrated that bariatric surgery significantly improved CKM health and reduced the risk of total CVD and its subtypes, particularly HF, with an estimated 45-56% risk reduction at 1-2 years after surgery. HF risk reduction may vary based on patients' demographics and disease history, which warrants further research.

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	HF risk model							
Components	Pre-surgery vs. 1-year post-surgery (N=2910)		P value	Pre-surgery vs. 2-year post-surgery (N=1478)		P value		
Age, years	46.0 (10.8)	/	/	47.0 (10.6)	/	/		
Sex, men	523 (18.0%)	/	/	242 (16.4%)	/	/		
SDI decile			/			/		
1 - 3	866 (29.8%)	/		451 (30.5%)	/			
4 - 6	798 (27.4%)	/		438 (29.6%)	/			
7 - 10	1008 (34.6%)	/		513 (34.7%)	/			
Missing	238 (8.2%)	/		76 (5.1%)	/			
Current smoking	140 (4.8%)	23 (0.8%)	<.0001	60 (4.1%)	25 (1.7%)	<.0001		
BMI, kg/m ²	47.3 (7.6)	32.4 (6.3)	<.0001	46.8 (7.4)	31.9 (6.4)	<.0001		
SBP, mmHg	134.3 (12.4)	123.6 (13.9)	<.0001	134.1 (12.5)	124.2 (14.3)	<.0001		
eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m ²	93.2 (22.4)	100.2 (22.4)	<.0001	93.3 (23.3)	98.0 (22.7)	<.0001		
Diabetes	1263 (43.4%)	1021 (35.1%)	<.0001	687 (46.5%)	614 (41.5%)	<.0001		
Anti-hypertensive use	1821 (62.6%)	1437 (49.4%)	<.0001	991 (67.1%)	807 (54.6%)	<.0001		
Components	ASCVD risk model							
	Pre-surgery vs. 1-year post-surgery (N=252)		P value	Pre-surgery vs. 2-year post-surgery (N=130)		P value		
Age, years	46.8 (9.6)	/	/	46.5 (9.9)	/	/		
Sex, men	55 (21.8%)	/	/	22 (16.9%)	/	/		
SDI decile			/			/		
1 - 3	77 (30.6%)	/		44 (33.9%)	/			
4 - 6	61 (24.2%)	/		35 (26.9%)	/			
7 - 10	70 (27.8%)	/		36 (27.7%)	/			
Missing	44 (17.5%)	/		15 (11.5%)	/			

 Table 1. Components of SDI-enhanced PREVENT equations for predicting the 10-year HF and ASCVD risk

Current smoking	6 (2.4%)	0 (0.0%)	/	7 (5.4%)	3 (2.3%)	0.29
SBP, mmHg	133.3 (12.4)	124.9 (14.0)	<.0001	133.4 (11.6)	125.8 (14.4)	<.0001
HDL, mmol/L	1.23 (0.30)	1.50 (0.34)	<.0001	1.27 (0.33)	1.59 (0.40)	<.0001
Non-HDL, mmol/L	3.44 (0.84)	2.82 (0.80)	<.0001	3.46 (0.77)	2.91 (0.85)	<.0001
eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m ²	93.1 (23.0)	100.3 (23.5)	<.0001	92.2 (23.1)	97.7 (23.3)	0.002
Diabetes	150 (59.5%)	125 (49.6%)	<.0001	72 (55.4%)	69 (53.1%)	0.47
Anti-hypertensive use	159 (63.1%)	139 (55.2%)	0.002	94 (72.3%)	77 (59.2%)	0.002
Statin use	102 (40.5%)	84 (33.3%)	0.0007	56 (43.1%)	45 (34.6%)	0.01

Abbreviations: ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, BMI: body mass index, eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate, HDL: highdensity lipoprotein, HF: heart failure, PREVENT: Predicting Risk of Cardiovascular Disease EVENTs, SBP: systolic blood pressure, SDI: social deprivation index.

* Data was presented as mean (SD) or Number (%).

	Pairs	Pre-surgery	Post-surgery	Absolute reduction	Relative reduction		
10-year CVD risk		Pre-surgery vs. 1-year post-surgery					
Total CVD risk, %	245	6.51 (5.84, 7.17)	4.81 (4.22, 5.40)	1.69 (1.31, 2.08)	25.90 (19.79, 32.02)		
ASCVD, %	252	3.98 (3.60, 4.36)	2.84 (2.50, 3.18)	1.14 (0.90, 1.38)	28.36 (22.43, 34.3)		
CHD, %	264	2.08 (1.87, 2.30)	1.37 (1.20, 1.54)	0.71 (0.57, 0.85)	32.85 (26.99, 38.72)		
Stroke, %	321	2.37 (2.18, 2.56)	1.87 (1.69, 2.05)	0.50 (0.39, 0.61)	20.74 (15.47, 26.01)		
HF, %	2910	7.86 (7.52, 8.20)	3.06 (2.91, 3.20)	4.81 (4.57, 5.04)	55.68 (54.36, 57.00)		
		Pre-surgery vs. 2-year post-surgery					
Total CVD risk, %	124	5.98 (5.08, 6.87)	5.08 (4.17, 5.99)	0.90 (0.45, 1.35)	16.79 (8.54, 25.05)		
ASCVD, %	130	3.77 (3.26, 4.28)	3.17 (2.64, 3.71)	0.60 (0.31, 0.88)	19.19 (11.52, 26.86)		
CHD, %	136	1.90 (1.63, 2.17)	1.50 (1.23, 1.77)	0.40 (0.24, 0.56)	23.95 (15.91, 31.99)		
Stroke, %	180	2.40 (2.14, 2.65)	2.13 (1.86, 2.39)	0.27 (0.13, 0.41)	12.09 (5.66, 18.51)		
HF, %	1478	8.13 (7.66, 8.60)	3.81 (3.57, 4.05)	4.32 (4.01, 4.64)	44.76 (42.23, 47.28)		
30-year CVD risk		Pre-surgery vs. 1-year post-surgery					
Total CVD risk, %	245	27.41 (25.66, 29.16)	20.87 (19.16, 22.57)	6.54 (5.46, 7.62)	25.21 (20.92, 29.5)		
ASCVD, %	252	16.49 (15.4, 17.58)	11.95 (10.93, 12.97)	4.54 (3.77, 5.3)	28.19 (23.66, 32.72)		
CHD, %	264	9.46 (8.75, 10.17)	6.27 (5.67, 6.86)	3.19 (2.67, 3.72)	33.3 (28.56, 38.04)		
Stroke, %	321	9.76 (9.22, 10.3)	7.72 (7.19, 8.26)	2.04 (1.68, 2.41)	21.22 (17.22, 25.22)		
HF, %	2910	27.08 (26.43, 27.74)	14.34 (13.91, 14.77)	12.74 (12.36, 13.13)	46.21 (45.05, 47.38)		
	Pre-surgery vs. 2-year post-surgery						
Total CVD risk, %	124	25.85 (23.48, 28.23)	20.87 (18.42, 23.31)	4.99 (3.49, 6.49)	19.59 (13.11, 26.07)		
ASCVD, %	130	15.69 (14.29, 17.1)	12.51 (11.01, 14.01)	3.18 (2.21, 4.15)	21.74 (15.33, 28.16)		
CHD, %	136	8.71 (7.85, 9.57)	6.48 (5.62, 7.34)	2.24 (1.61, 2.86)	26.76 (19.8, 33.71)		
Stroke, %	180	9.72 (9, 10.45)	8.21 (7.48, 8.95)	1.51 (1.04, 1.98)	15.64 (10.49, 20.8)		
HF, %	1478	28 (27.1, 28.9)	16.61 (15.96, 17.25)	11.39 (10.84, 11.95)	37.41 (35.4, 39.42)		

 Table 2 Comparison of CVD risk between pre- and post-surgery

Abbreviations: ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, CVD: cardiovascular disease, CHD: coronary heart disease, HF: heart failure.

* Data was presented as mean (95%CI). Absolute reduction = pre-surgery –post-surgery. Relative reduction = (pre-surgery –post-surgery)/ pre-surgery*100.

Figure legends

Figure 1. The relative reduction of 10-year CVD risk in subgroups at 1-year post-surgery

Abbreviations: ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, CVD: cardiovascular disease, CHD: coronary heart disease, RYGB:

Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, SG: sleeve gastrectomy.

Figure 2. The relative reduction of 10-year CVD risk in subgroups at 2-year post-surgery

Abbreviations: ASCVD: atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, CVD: cardiovascular disease, CHD: coronary heart disease, RYGB: Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, SG: sleeve gastrectomy.

Figure 1. The relative reduction of 10-year CVD risk in subgroups at 1-year post-surgery

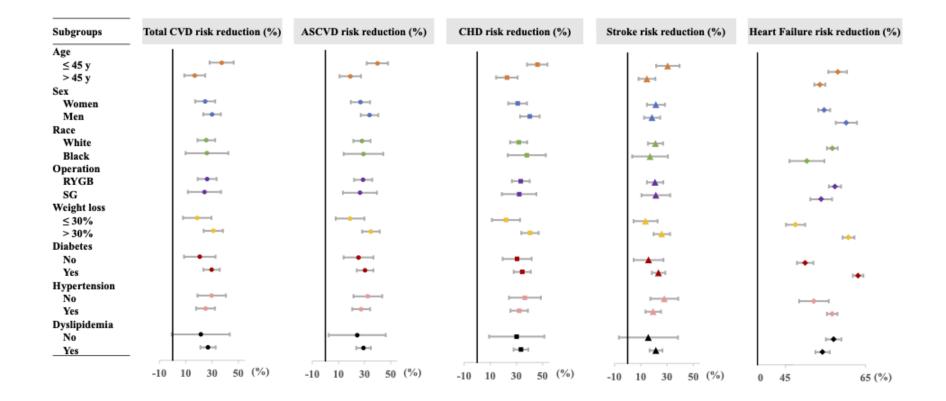


Figure 2. The relative reduction of 10-year CVD risk in subgroups at 2-year post-surgery

