

Web additional material

Table S1. Panel A: Additional anthropometric and biochemical data at baseline and 5 years. Panel B: Additional prevalence and remission data for CV risk factors at baseline and 5 years.

Per protocol data (crossovers excluded). See below, for definitions and thresholds used. RYGB, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass; SD, standard deviation; n, number of patients; CI, confidence interval; Apo A1, apolipoprotein A1; Apo B, apolipoprotein B; WCC, white cell count; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; Vitamin D, 25-hydroxyvitamin D; nd, not determined; nc, not calculable.

| Panel A | RYGB adolescents | | | | | | | Control adolescents | | RYGB vs. Control adolescents | | |
|---|------------------|----|---------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------------|----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| | Raw data | | | Within group (RYGB Adolescents) mixed-model change | | | | Raw data | | Between group mixed-model difference | | |
| | Baseline | | 5 years | | Baseline to 5 years | | | 5 years | | 5 years | | |
| Variable | Mean (SD) | n | Mean | n | Mean change | 95% CI | p-value | Mean (SD) | n | Mean difference | 95% CI | p-value |
| Apo A1 (g/L) | 1.2 (0.2) | 80 | 1.6 (0.3) | 76 | 0.4 | 0.3 to 0.5 | <0.001 | 1.2 (0.2) | 38 | 0.34 | 0.2 to 0.4 | <0.001 |
| Apo B (g/L) | 0.9 (0.2) | 80 | 0.7 (0.2) | 76 | -0.15 | -0.2 to -0.1 | <0.001 | 1.0 (0.2) | 38 | -0.24 | -0.3 to -0.2 | <0.001 |
| WCC ($\times 10^9/\text{L}$) | 8.2 (1.7) | 77 | 5.8 (1.2) | 31 | -2.25 | -2.8 to -1.7 | <0.001 | 8.4 (1.9) | 20 | -2.57 | -3.5 to -1.6 | <0.001 |
| Bilirubin ($\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$) | 9.6 (5.3) | 75 | 7.1 (4.0) | 76 | -2.4 | -3.4 to -1.3 | <0.001 | 7.9 (4.3) | 40 | -0.8 | -2.4 to 0.8 | 0.331 |
| Albumin (g/L) | 40.1 (3.8) | 78 | 39.0 (3.7) | 72 | -1.1 | -2.1 to -0.2 | 0.019 | 39.2 (4.5) | 38 | -0.3 | -1.9 to 1.4 | 0.767 |
| ALP ($\mu\text{kat}/\text{L}$) | 1.7 (0.6) | 80 | 1.2 (0.3) | 75 | -0.5 | -0.6 to -0.4 | <0.001 | 1.2 (0.3) | 38 | 0.0 | -0.1 to 0.2 | 0.470 |
| Sodium (mmol/L) | 140.6 (2.4) | 78 | 140.6 (2.1) | 74 | 0.11 | -0.6 to 0.8 | 0.748 | 139.8 (2.7) | 42 | 0.82 | -0.1 to 1.8 | 0.093 |
| Potassium (mmol/L) | 4.1 (0.3) | 77 | 3.9 (0.3) | 75 | -0.12 | -0.2 to 0.0 | 0.003 | 4.1 (0.3) | 41 | -0.18 | -0.3 to -0.1 | 0.005 |
| Creatinine ($\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$) | 61.5 (9.3) | 80 | 61.9 (9.2) | 72 | 0.35 | -1.9 to 2.6 | 0.775 | 62.0 (11.5) | 40 | -0.03 | -4.2 to 4.2 | 0.988 |
| Iron ($\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$) | 13.1 (5.2) | 77 | 15.0 (9.1) | 76 | 1.86 | -0.5 to 4.2 | 0.118 | 14.1 (6.2) | 38 | 0.91 | -2.0 to 3.8 | 0.533 |
| Ferritin (pmol/L) | 135.8 (90.4) | 65 | 54.8 (59.3) | 75 | -72.84 | -101.7 to -44.0 | <0.001 | 210.4 (170.8) | 31 | -155.61 | -217.5 to -93.7 | <0.001 |
| Vitamin B12 (pmol/L) | 315.2 (95.9) | 74 | 323.8 (238.6) | 74 | 15.17 | -45.9 to 76.2 | 0.628 | 304.8 (112.4) | 31 | 18.96 | -49.0 to 87.0 | 0.582 |
| Vitamin D (nmol/L) | 52.0 (19.0) | 33 | 43.5 (20.6) | 73 | -8.62 | -16.0 to -1.2 | 0.022 | 49.4 (22.4) | 35 | -5.87 | -14.7 to 3.0 | 0.192 |
| Calcium (mmol/L) | 2.3 (0.1) | 78 | 2.3 (0.1) | 72 | -0.04 | -0.1 to 0.0 | <0.001 | 2.3 (0.1) | 39 | -0.05 | -0.1 to 0.0 | 0.011 |
| Parathyroid hormone (pmol/L) | nd | 0 | 7.2 (3.6) | 75 | nc | nc | nc | 5.2 (2.0) | 37 | 2.01 | 1.0 to 3.1 | <0.001 |

Table S2. Additional prevalence and remission data for CV risk factors at baseline and 5 years.

Per protocol data (crossovers excluded). See below, for definitions and thresholds used. RYGB, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass; n, number of patients; CI, confidence interval; WCC, white cell count; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; Vitamin D, 25-hydroxyvitamin D; nc, not calculable; *number in resolution calculation lower than number positively identified at baseline owing to missing data.

| Panel B | RYGB adolescents | | | | | | p-value RYGB Baseline vs. 5 years | Control adolescents | | p-value RYGB 5 years vs. Controls 5 years | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|----------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| | Baseline | | 5 years | | Resolution | | | 5 years | | | | |
| | n | % (95% CI) | n | % (95% CI) | n | % (95% CI) | | n | % (95% CI) | | | |
| Elevated WCC | 7/77 | 9·1 (3·7 to 17·8) | 0/31 | 0·0 (0·0 to 11·2) | 1/1* | 100·0 (2·5 to 100·0) | 1·000 | 4/20 | 20·0 (5·7 to 43·7) | 0·019 | | |
| Low Albumin | 2/78 | 2·6 (0·3 to 9·0) | 9/72 | 12·5 (5·9 to 22·4) | 1/1* | 100·0 (2·5 to 100·0) | 0·021 | 4/38 | 10·5 (2·9 to 24·8) | 1·000 | | |
| Elevated ALP | 0/80 | 0·0 (0·0 to 4·5) | 0/75 | 0·0 (0·0 to 4·8) | nc | nc | nc | 0/38 | 0·0 (0·0 to 9·3) | nc | | |
| Elevated creatinine | 1/80 | 1·3 (0·0 to 6·8) | 0/72 | 0·0 (0·0 to 5·0) | 1/1 | 100·0 (2·5 to 100·0) | 1·000 | 0/40 | 0·0 (0·0 to 8·8) | nc | | |
| Vitamin D insufficiency | 16/33 | 48·5 (30·8 to 66·5) | 46/73 | 63·0 (50·9 to 74·0) | 4/16 | 25·0 (7·3 to 52·4) | 0·267 | 20/35 | 57·1 (39·4 to 73·7) | 0·674 | | |
| Vitamin D deficiency | 4/33 | 12·1 (3·4 to 28·2) | 20/73 | 27·4 (17·6 to 39·1) | 2/4 | 50·0 (6·8 to 93·2) | 0·065 | 7/35 | 20·0 (8·4 to 36·9) | 0·482 | | |
| Low Vitamin B12 | 1/74 | 1·4 (0·0 to 7·3) | 16/73 | 21·9 (13·1 to 33·1) | 0/1 | 0·0 (0·0 to 97·5) | <0·001 | 2/31 | 6·5 (0·8 to 21·4) | 0·051 | | |
| Low ferritin | 5/65 | 7·7 (2·5 to 17·0) | 50/75 | 66·7 (54·6 to 77·1) | 2/4* | 50·0 (6·8 to 93·2) | <0·001 | 3/31 | 9·7 (2·0 to 25·8) | <0·001 | | |
| Low iron | 15/76 | 19·7 (11·5 to 30·5) | 22/76 | 28·9 (19·1 to 40·5) | 7/12* | 58·3 (27·7 to 84·8) | 0·093 | 10/38 | 26·3 (13·4 to 43·1) | 0·828 | | |

Table S3. Details of quality of life outcomes from SF-36 questionnaire.

Panel A shows data from SF-36 (short-form 36 questionnaire) scores. Asterisks indicate significant improvement between baseline and 5 years among RYGB adolescents. Panel B shows data from SF-36 Physical and Mental Component Scores and OP-14 (obesity-related problem scale) scores. A higher score in SF-36 domains indicates better function, whereas a higher OP-14 score indicates greater dysfunction. Both panels show data at baseline and 5 years after Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) and panel A also shows data from control patients at 5 years following conservative management (CON) for adolescent severe obesity.

| Variable | RYGB adolescents | | | | | Control adolescents | RYGB vs. CON, 5 years | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
| | BL, mean (SD) | 5 years, mean (SD) | Mean change | 95% CI | p-value | 5 years, mean (SD) | Mean difference | 95% CI | p-value |
| <i>Generic QoL (SF-36)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Physical functioning | 72.1 (22.4) | 84.4 (21.2) | 13.5 | 8.1 to 19.0 | <0.001 | 75.9 (23.4) | 8.8 | -0.0 to 17.6 | 0.051 |
| Physical role functioning | 75.9 (24.6) | 83.9 (25.2) | 11.2 | 4.0 to 18.3 | 0.002 | 71.3 (30.9) | 13.5 | 2.2 to 24.8 | 0.020 |
| General health perceptions | 53.8 (23.4) | 64.8 (22.7) | 12.4 | 6.5 to 18.3 | <0.001 | 56.2 (26.6) | 8.7 | -1.1 to 18.5 | 0.080 |
| Bodily pain | 67.7 (26.8) | 67.6 (30.0) | 2.1 | -5.2 to 9.3 | 0.575 | 71.6 (27.5) | -3.1 | -14.0 to 7.9 | 0.579 |
| Vitality | 48.4 (18.6) | 50.8 (23.0) | 3.8 | -2.2 to 9.9 | 0.211 | 54.8 (27.2) | -3.5 | -13.6 to 6.6 | 0.497 |
| Mental health | 65.6 (21.0) | 68.1 (21.8) | 4.1 | -1.7 to 9.9 | 0.166 | 63.5 (27.0) | 5.1 | -4.7 to 15.0 | 0.305 |
| Social role functioning | 77.1 (25.7) | 79.5 (26.1) | 3.3 | -2.7 to 9.4 | 0.285 | 72.8 (29.8) | 7.5 | -3.5 to 18.6 | 0.180 |
| Emotional role functioning | 75.2 (30.7) | 80.7 (27.5) | 6.3 | -1.2 to 13.8 | 0.099 | 73.1 (33.4) | 8.3 | -3.9 to 20.6 | 0.180 |
| Physical component score | 44.1 (9.5) | 48.3 (10.3) | 5.2 | 2.5 to 7.9 | <0.001 | 45.7 (10.0) | -2.9 | -6.9 to 1.0 | 0.137 |
| Mental component score | 41.6 (12.2) | 44.7 (12.1) | 0.7 | -2.5 to 3.9 | 0.658 | 42.9 (15.4) | -2.3 | -7.9 to 3.4 | 0.427 |
| <i>Obesity-specific QoL (OP-14)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| OP-14 scale score | 49.1 (26.4) | 37.4 (28.8) | -13.0 | -19.6 to -6.4 | <0.001 | 45.1 (34.9) | -7.9 | -20.7 to 4.5 | 0.218 |

Figure S1. Patient flow chart.

RYGB, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB); *One patient decided against surgical treatment on the day of surgery.

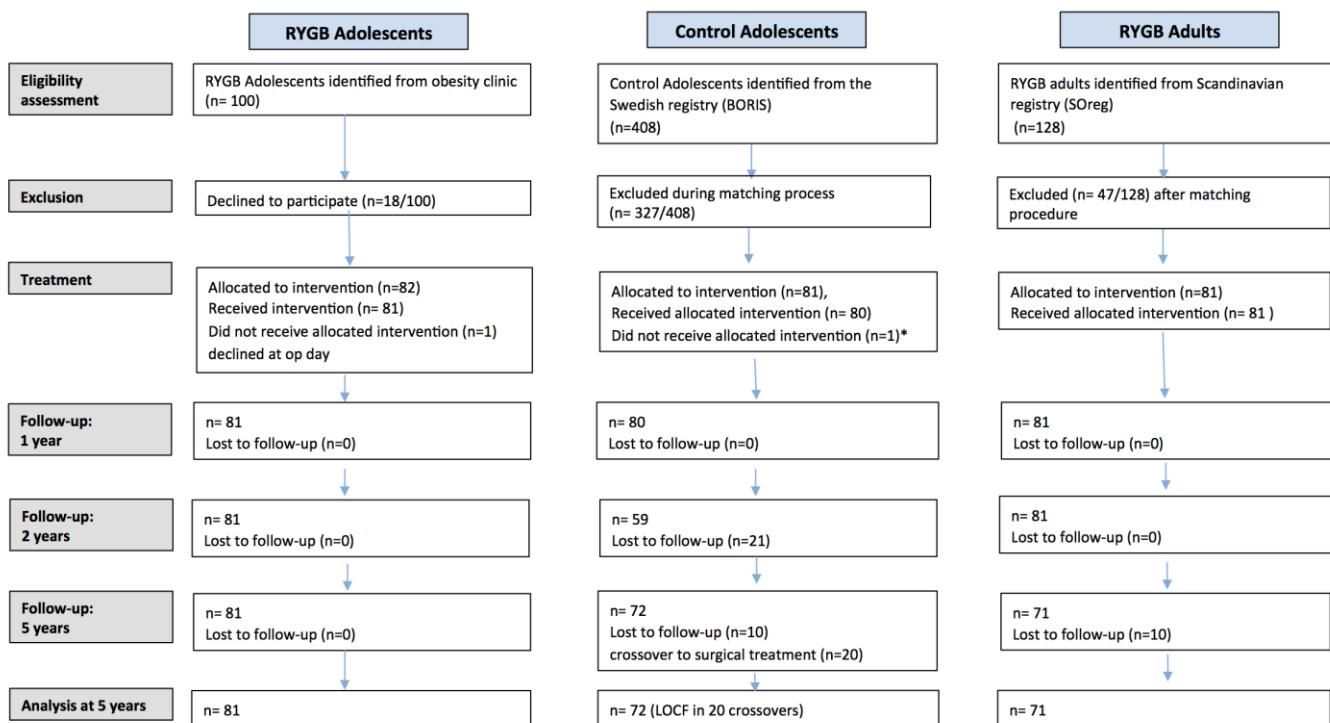


Figure S2 – Biochemical and blood pressure data curves from baseline to 5 years.

Means within the adolescent RYGB group are presented as point markers with 95% confidence bars. HbA1c, glycated haemoglobin; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; syst, systolic; diast, diastolic.

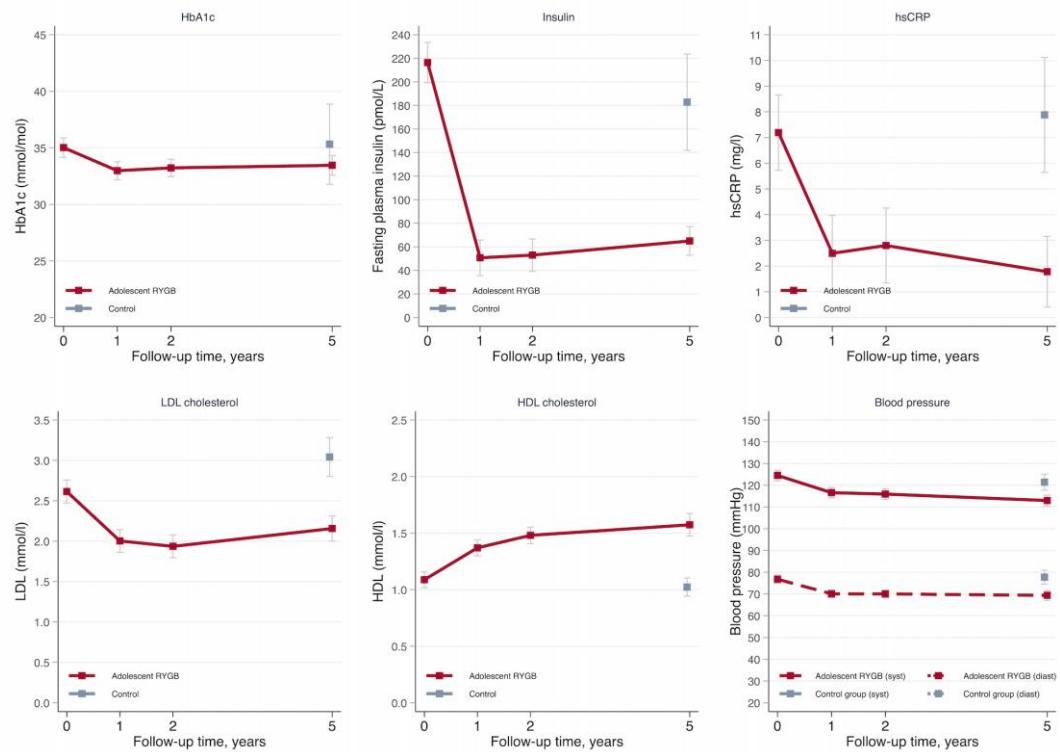
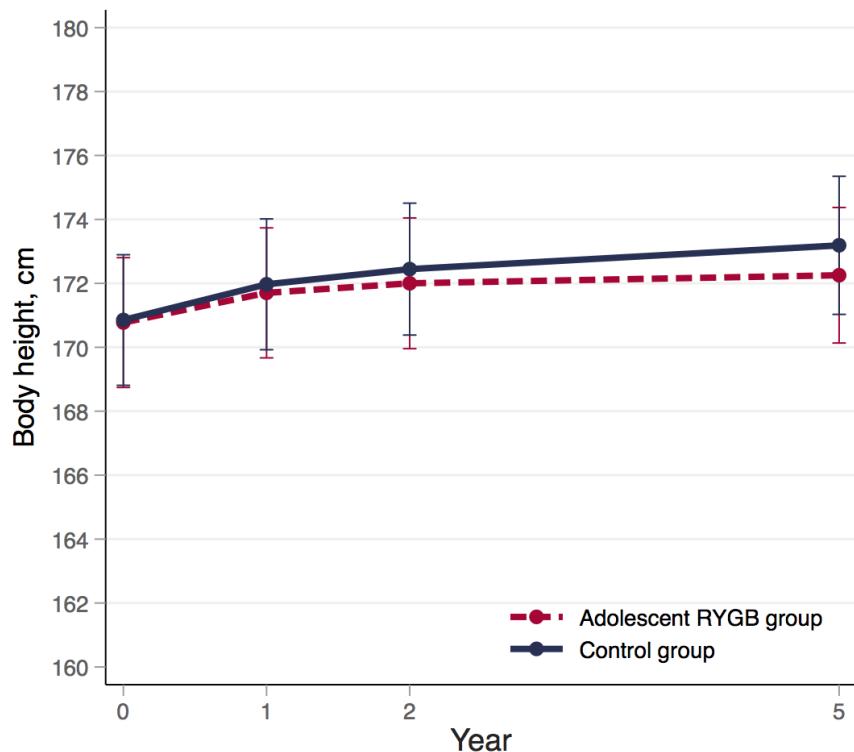


Figure S3 – Body height from baseline to 5 years for adolescents with severe obesity undergoing Roux-en-Y gastric bypass or conservative treatment.

Means are presented as point markers with 95% confidence bars.



Definitions and thresholds:

Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) was defined in accordance with ADA criteria,¹ i.e. fasting blood glucose (FBG) of ≥ 7 mmol/L (≥ 126 mg/dL), HbA1c of ≥ 45 mmol/mol ($\geq 6.5\%$), or the existence of a prior medical record of T2DM.

Remission of T2DM was defined in accordance with ADA criteria,² i.e., FBG < 7.0 mmol/L (< 126 mg/dL), HbA1C < 45 mmol/mol ($< 6.5\%$), fasting capillary glucose < 6.1 mmol/L (< 110 mg/dL) in combination with the absence of diabetes medication.

Disturbed glucose homeostasis was defined in accordance with ADA criteria,¹ i.e. FBG ≥ 5.5 mmol/L but < 7 mmol/L (≥ 100 mg/dL but < 126 mg/dL), HbA1c of ≥ 39 mmol/mol ($\geq 5.7\%$) but < 45 mmol/mol ($< 6.5\%$), fasting capillary glucose ≥ 6.1 mmol/L but < 7.0 mmol/L (≥ 100 but < 110 mg/dL), in the absence of medication use for T2DM.

Remission of disturbed glucose homeostasis was defined in accordance with ADA criteria,² i.e., FBG < 5.5 mmol/L (< 100 mg/dL), HbA1c < 39 mmol/mol ($< 5.7\%$), fasting capillary glucose < 5.5 mmol/L (< 100 mg/dL) in the absence of medication use for T2DM.

Dyslipidaemia was defined as use of lipid lowering medications (LLM), or fasting triglycerides (TG) ≥ 1.47 mmol/L (≥ 130 mg/dL), or low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) ≥ 3.37 mmol/L (≥ 130 mg/dL), or high density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) ≥ 1.04 mmol/L (< 40 mg/dL).

Remission of dyslipidaemia was defined in subjects < 21 years of age as no use of LLM, and fasting TG ≥ 1.47 mmol/L (< 130 mg/dL), and LDL-C < 3.37 mmol/L (< 130 mg/dL), and HDL-C ≥ 1.04 mmol/L (≥ 40 mg/dL).

In subjects ≥ 21 years of age, remission was defined as no use of LLM, and fasting TG < 2.26 mmol/L (< 200 mg/dL), and LDL-C < 4.14 mmol/L (< 160 mg/dL), and HDL-C ≥ 1.04 mmol/L (≥ 40 mg/dL) if male or ≥ 1.29 mmol/L (≥ 50 mg/dL) if female.

Elevated blood pressure (BP) was defined according to cutoffs used to define hypertension. However, in the absence of multiple, separated measurements, and in concordance with existing literature in this field¹⁶, the term elevated BP was used, rather than hypertension.

Elevated BP was defined in subjects < 18 years of age as use of BP medications, or systolic (SBP) or diastolic BP (DBP) $\geq 95^{\text{th}}$ percentile for age, sex and height. In subjects ≥ 18 years of age, the definition was use of BP medications, or SBP ≥ 140 mmHg or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg.

Remission of elevated BP was defined as no use of BP medications and SBP < 140 mmHg and DBP < 90 mmHg, since all subjects were ≥ 18 years of age.

Inflammation was defined as high sensitivity C-reactive protein (hsCRP) ≥ 2 mg/L (≥ 19 nmol/L). Remission of inflammation was defined as hsCRP < 2 mg/L (< 19 nmol/L).

Anaemia was defined as haemoglobin < 100 g/L if female, or < 110 g/L, if male. Low haemoglobin was defined as < 120 but ≥ 100 g/L if female, or < 130 but ≥ 110 g/L if male.

Additional measures:

| Parameter | Abnormality threshold |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Fasting plasma insulin | ≥ 139 pmol/L |
| Vitamin D (25 hydroxyvitamin D) | < 50 nmol/L (insufficiency); < 30 nmol/L (deficiency) |
| Vitamin B12 | < 145 pmol/L |
| Ferritin | < 45 pmol/L (boys); < 22.5 pmol/L (girls) |
| Iron | < 9 μ mol/L |
| Creatinine | ≥ 90 μ mol/L |
| Aspartate transaminase | ≥ 0.7 μ kat/L |
| Alanine transaminase | ≥ 0.7 μ kat/L |
| Albumin | < 35 g/L |
| Alkaline phosphatase | ≥ 6.5 μ kat/L |
| Apo A1 | ≤ 1.0 g/L |
| Apo B | > 0.9 g/L |

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