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Title: Complications and nutrient deficiencies two years after sleeve gastrectomy

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All patients had to describe the informed consent.
Data Collection was performed according Helsinki Declaration.

Patients and methods
From September 26, 2005 to May 28, 2009, 100 patients underwent sleeve gastrectomies in the Department of Surgery of the SRH Wald-Klinikum Gera Hospital. All patients had to agree with an informed consent. Data collection and analysis was performed in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration.
After we ensured compliance with international and German guidelines and excluded endocrine causes of obesity, the patient participated in an informational seminar and was evaluated by experienced bariatric surgeons, and SG was performed.
All medical data were collected prospectively and analyzed retrospectively. Patients were classified according to the WHO classifications of obesity (35-39.9 kg/m²; 40-49.9 kg/m²) with expansions to “super obesity” (50-59.9 kg/m²) and “super-super obesity” (≥ 60 kg/m²).
The evaluated parameters were recorded and are listed in Table 1 (Table 1).
Acute and postoperative complications, as well as their treatments, were evaluated. Acute complications were defined as intervention-associated or intraoperative complications.