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To evaluate the efficacy of nutritional hypoglycaemia correction strategies in postbariatric hypoglycaemia (PBH) after Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB).; In a randomized, controlled, three-arm crossover trial, eight post-RYGB adults (mean [SD] 7.0 [1.4] years since surgery) with PBH ingested a solid mixed meal (58g, 85g carbohydrates, 21g fat, 12g protein) to induce hypoglycaemia on three separate days. Upon reaching plasma glucose of less than 3.0/L, hypoglycaemia was corrected with 15g of glucose (G15), 5g of glucose (G5) or a protein bar (P10, 10g of protein) in random order. The primary outcome was percentage of time spent in the target plasma glucose range (3.9-5.5/L) during 40 min after correction.; Postcorrection time spent in the target glucose range did not differ significantly between the interventions ($P = .161$). However, postcorrection time with glucose less than 3.9/L was lower after G15 than P10 ($P = .007$), whereas time spent with glucose more than 5.5/L, peak glucose and insulin 15 min postcorrection were higher after G15 than G5 and P10 ($P < .001$). Glucagon 15 min postcorrection was higher after P10 than after G15 and G5 ($P = .002$ and $P = .003$, respectively). G15 resulted in rebound hypoglycaemia ($< 3.0/L$) in three of eight cases (38%), while no rebound hypoglycaemia occurred with G5 and P10.; Correcting hypoglycaemia with 15g of glucose should be reconsidered in post-RYGB PBH. A lower dose appears to sufficiently increase glucose levels outside the critical range in most cases, and complementary nutrients (e.g. proteins) may provide glycaemia-stabilizing benefits.; NTC05250271 (ClinicalTrials.gov).

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