

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: The effect of peroral esophageal myotomy for achalasia treatment

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) To Reviewer 02732254

1. The reviewer's comment: the pictures of POEM can combine figure 1 and figure 4 together, to show the effect of POEM more clearly.

Answer: Thank you for your positive and constructive comments. We know that combining figure 1 and figure 4 together can help to show the effect of POEM clearly. Under the earnest consideration, we think that separating these two figures may more helpful to understand the whole article.

2. The reviewer's comment: The tables need more informations about the complication of PEOM although it didn't happen in this article.

Answer: We accept this comment. In the revised version of the manuscript, Table 3 about the complication of POEM has been added in the page 21.

(2) To Reviewer 03026624

1. The reviewer's comment: Although it is well written, concerns were raised with regard to the lack of novelty when compared to the recent publications from China. This seems to be a study to confirm the safety and feasibility of POEM for patients with achalasia.

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have to admit that our study has its limitations. However, it has a certain degree of clinical meaning to achalasia treatment.

2. The reviewer's comment: The panels of figures should be merged.

Answer: We accept to merge the panels of figures, we have modified according to the comment of the reviewer (Page 19; Figure 1)

(3) To Reviewer 03026540

1. The reviewer's comment: The effect of POEM on achalasia is well know. More than 14 case series of patients treated with POEM are available for review. The largest case series reported data on 300 patients.

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out. We have to admit that our study has its limitations. However, the focus of our work is on multi-dimensional evaluation of POEM efficacy, and this is also the major contribution of our work.

2. The reviewer's comment: The title of the paper should reflect results of POEM in your center

in first 50 patient. The current title is misleading.

Answer: Thank you for your comments. I have rewritten the title to "The effect of peroral esophageal myotomy for achalasia treatment: initial results of a China study" to make it more clear and read more smoothly.

3. The reviewer's comment: There are numerous grammatical errors in the manuscript. I understand English may not be the first language of the authors. Please have the manuscript revised.

Answer: I have revised the whole paper to make sentences less grammatical errors with the help of the editing company.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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