**Statements**

**Conflicts of interest**

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**Statement of informed consent**

All patients in the POEM study were part of an institutional review board protocol. All persons gave their informed consent prior to their inclusion in the study. Details that might disclose the identity of the subjects under study were omitted.

**Statement of human rights**

The study was undertaken with the understanding and appropriate informed consent of each patient and also conforming to Good clinical practice guidelines.

**Biostatistical Analysis**

No biostatistical analysis was performed or reported in this manuscript.