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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting single center retrospective study on marked-guided v/s standard POEM for achalasia. The authors concluded that both techniques are equally safe and effective with <<less procedure duration, reflux symptoms and PPI use>>in marked group. This negative actually study is potentially interesting for publication. Some major issues: 1. English language corrections are necessary. 2. There is plagiarism in the introduction. Please focus on the aim of this study, which is if marked-guided POEM is superior to standard POEM. Actually this is a negative study. All other comparisons eg balloon dilatation v/s POEM, LHM v/s POEM reflux after POEM are not relevant to this study. Also no comment on the ethical issues of studies comparing balloon dilatation to POEM myotomy, is made? Also the issue of post-POEM GERD is on base of pHmetry and not on symptoms. Severe complications after POEM appeared during the learning curve and in in-experienced hands!!!!Please follow the credentials and make comments. 3. The authors found a statistical significance in << reflux symptoms and PPI use was significantly less in the mark-guided POEM group than standard POEM group>>. Are there any obvious logical explanations why in marked-guided group there is less reflux? Please give any potential reason or explanation of this result. 4. Obviously in uncomplicated achalasia cases without sigmoid esophagus mark-guided POEM will be easier to guide the submucosal tunnel direction. Did the authors have any experience with this technique in sigmoid type II achalasia with megaesophagus or in failed Heller cases with changed anatomy? In these complex achalasia cases marked-guided POEM could be helpful.

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I read with a great interest the article by Li et al. This is a novel technique that could be helpful especially for initial experience with POEM I performed hundreds of POEM s/p previous treatment (botox, dilation, Heller and previous poem) and I never lost my way in the tunnel. Again this could be helpful for beginners I think it will be helpful to compare the performance of beginners with this technique, it may show positive results I could not find the video Minor comments: English and grammar correction Why the author use to knives, this will add >\$600 to the procedure

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