

Cover Letter

On behalf of all the contributing authors, I would like to express our sincere appreciations of your constructive concerning our manuscript entitled "POEM is safe and effective for pediatric patients with achalasia: a long-term follow-up study". The comments are valuable and helpful for improving our paper. According to your comments, we have made extensive modifications to our manuscript. In this revised version, changes to our manuscript are all highlighted within the document by using red colored text. Point-by-point responses to the nice reviewer are listed below this letter.

Response to Reviewer#1

Question: Figures require labeling with arrows, asterisks etc., are better legends.

Response: Thank you for your approval! We have added arrow to the figure, which may make the content of the figure clearer.

Response to Reviewer#2

Question: The format of references should be modified.

Response: Thank you for your kind reminder and all reference formats have been modified as required.

Question: Abbreviations appearing in all articles need to be fully explained, for example, the full name of NPO is not seen.

Response: We have checked the full text and all abbreviations appearing in this article are fully explained.

Question: On page 5, the principle of matching pediatric patients with control patients is also performed endoscopist, which should be performed endoscopy.

Response: Thank you for your advice. We have modified this sentence on page 5.