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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (ESPS manuscript number: 13414).

Title: Self-expandable metal stents for achalasia: Thinking out of the box!

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Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers. In detail:

- a) A better clarification of the important role that Laparoscopic Heller Myotomy (LHM) plays in the management of achalasia is provided. In this setting, we added the results of a recent meta-analysis demonstrating its short- and long-term superiority over pneumatic dilation regarding efficacy. Moreover, better outcomes of LHM in patients younger than 40 years are noted, as well as its possible position as the gold standard therapeutic modality for achalasia.
- b) We changed the title to the more precise one "Self-expandable metal stents for achalasia: Thinking out of the box!", as suggested.
- c) As requested, picture of a suitable stents for achalasia treatment is provided (Figure 3).
- d) We provide a modified version of Figure 2 hoping that the potential role of SEMS is more comprehensively illustrated.

All changes are highlighted in the revised document.

Thank you again for considering our work for publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Sincerely yours,

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