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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

ESPS Manuscript NO 18887 The authors reviewed laparoscopic esophagomyotomy for achalasia in children. This is a well-written manuscript, however I have some comments/suggestions. There are a few relatively points that need either clarification and/or further explanation. These points are outlined by section below: 1) Introduction section, please specify the percentage to merge Down's syndrome with achalasia. 2) Introduction section, the authors described MII-pH can offer additional physiological details in diagnostic dilemmas for achalasic children. What is useful? 3) Procedure details section, the authors described that previous Botox injection or EPD, prior to LHM may lead to scarring near the GEJ and portend a higher risk of perforations. I agree with this statement, however think it is not related with post-surgical results. You should state this phenomenon. 4) Type of fundoplication section, Katada et al. found efficacy of Toupet fundoplication, however, post-operative timed barium esophagogram had diverticulum in myotomy field. Please describe advantage and disadvantage for each surgical procedure. 5) POEM section, I think POEM has some advantages, incision-free, control length of myotomy and so on. There is no fundoplication in POEM procedure, therefore incidence of GER is higher than conventional methods. LHM is gold standard



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for achalasia, however, POEM procedure is difficult and has not been enforced in small part of facility. What do you think? 6) I think all the figures is not required and you had better make some tables of the characteristics of children with achalasia.