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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

An interesting and timely paper. My comments are detailed below. 1. overall, the english form needs some polishing, due to the awkwardness of several sentences; the text is sometimes difficult to read, with scarce fluidity. 2. the paper would benefit from specific headings, such as introduction, surgical technique etc. 3. the authors' experience, although interesting, is scattered throughout the rtext, and should be condensed in a specific paragraph. 4. pag 3, definition of achalasia. Achalasia is generally defined as an absence of esophageal peristaltic activity associated with LES impairment (disordered or no relaxation). This should be stressed. 5. page 4: the authors should recognize that BTI is highly effective in elderly patients (see Drugs Aging 2005,22:779-783; Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2006, 23:1615-1619). 6. page 5: abbreviations (EMR,RFA) should be written in full the first time they appear in the text