## Supplementary Table 1. Varices Classification

| Grade 1 | Linear varices < 2 mm, reddish/blue, not raised on moderate insufflation, can be revealed by applying pressure with the endoscope                                      |
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| Grade 2 | Blue, 2–3 mm, slightly tortuous, raised above the surface of the esophagus on moderate insufflation, sometimes also visible in the form of an "anterior sentinel vein" |
| Grade 3 | Prominently elevated bluish veins, 3–4 mm, straight or tortuous, isolated distribution in the esophageal wall, "good mucosal coverage"                                 |
| Grade 4 | > 4 mm, circular extension around the esophageal wall; varices almost meet in the middle of the lumen; with or without "good mucosal coverage"                         |
| Grade 5 | Racemose varices occluding the lumen, particularly marked with cherry red spots or varices on varices ("cherry red varices")   |



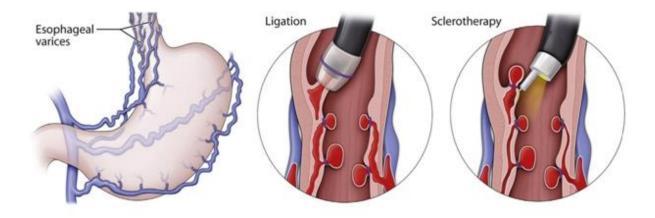
**Supplementary Figure 1.** 



**Supplementary Figure 2.** 



**Supplementary Figure 3.** 



## **Supplementary Figure 4.**



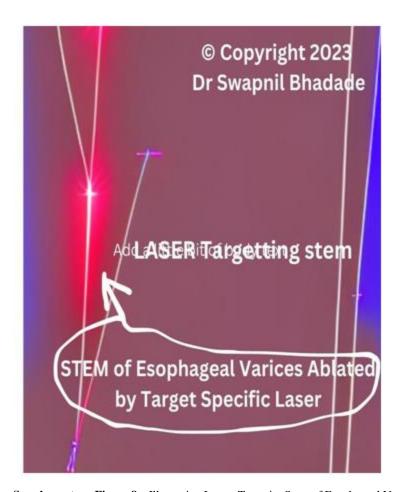
**Supplementary Figure 5.** Illustration depicting endoscopic probe probe outer elongated glass section measuring 10 centimetres (Ref image-05), specifically designed to provide clear visualisation of the varices stem.



**Supplementary Figure 6.** Illustration depicting t This inner section features a rounded laser tip emitting focused laser energy that can be precisely directed at the varices stem.



**Supplementary Figure 7.** Illustration depicting the process of laser ablation of esophageal varices stem. Laser energy is selectively targeted at the varices, resulting in localised tissue destruction while sparing the surrounding healthy tissues.



 $\textbf{Supplementary Figure 8.} \ \ \textbf{Illustration Lasers TargetingStem of Esophageal Varices}$ 



**Supplementary Figure 9.** Illustration depicting the process of laser ablation of esophageal varices stem. The stemtissue of esophageal varices is permanently ablated resulting in clotting of variceal head