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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16273-review.doc).

Title: Immunomodulation of enteric neural function in Irritable Bowel Syndrome.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviews:

1. Format has been updated.
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

Reviewer 2541391:

1. Some conclusive ideas/proposals relating to the mechanisms underlying IBS pathophysiology are included in the editorial.

Reviewer 2544637:

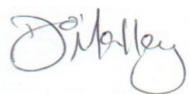
1. A schematic is now included to summarise the proposed idea on interaction between the stress and immune systems contributing to symptom flares.

Reviewer 2527631:

1. As suggested by this reviewer (and the previous), we have included a summary schematic.
2. The section on the importance of mast cell mediators has also been expanded.

Thank you for agreeing to publish this editorial in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D O'Malley', with a stylized, cursive script.

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