

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5630-review-WJG-Vermeulen-revised.doc).

**Title:** The neuroanatomy of lower gastrointestinal pain disorders

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

1 Format has been updated:

- (1) Keywords are added on page 2.
- (2) Citations throughout the manuscript are put in superscript.
- (3) Figures are submitted in PowerPoint and the manuscript itself in Word.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) According to the suggestion of the reviewer a section was added on page 16-17 discussing possible future directions. This paragraph discusses the emerging interface between genetic and epigenetic regulatory mechanisms and visceral pain and the possibility for future emerging therapies. Accordingly four novel references have been added to the manuscript (Brain et al, 2013; Tran et al, 2012; Wu et al, 2008; Zhou et al, 2009).

3 References and typesetting were corrected: references now include the PubMed citation numbers PMID and DOI.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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