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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a systematic review and meta-analysis and found no evidence for impaired quality of life outcome in patients with Hirschsprung disease compared to healthy controls, neither for the moderating effect of sex, parental proxy or self-report on outcome. The limitations of the study are not properly detailed.

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Well-written manuscript on a relevant topic and directly related to the practice of clinical follow-up of patients treated for Hirschsprung's Disease. The methodology used is quite robust and meets the international guidelines used for systematic reviews and meta-analyses. The conclusions are grounded and do not extrapolate the results found. I have just two observations: - in the Results section, I suggest that the funnel plots related to publication bias be presented as supplementary materials (attachments). - in the Discussion section, on page 14, in the second paragraph, I think it is worth pointing out that the generic HRQoL did not differ significantly between age groups in this study.