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Dear editors,

Please find below our response to your comments on our original manuscript submission:

*“Good article on a little known pathology and of uncertain etipatogenesis. A table would be useful to report the cases described up to now and the relative outcomes. The autoimmune hypothesis is the most likely and it would be useful for the authors to suggest a study protocol in that direction.”*

1. We have now included a comprehensive table which summarises all relevant findings from our literature search. This has been included as Table 1 and is referenced in the Discussion section of the manuscript.
2. We have suggested a possible study protocol in order to strengthen the association between autoimmune and chronic inflammatory conditions of the colon and resultant hypoganglionosis. This addition has been highlighted in yellow.
3. We have intensively reviewed the manuscript for language quality and grammatical and typographical errors and we have made several minor changes. As all authors are native English speakers, we believe the manuscript is now free of such issues. If it is still thought to be unsatisfactory, kindly inform the authors which parts of the manuscript require polishing. Alternatively we will happily arrange this a language certificate.
4. As requested, formatting has been changed to Book Antiqua font, size 12
5. As requested, all abbreviations from Figures and Tables have been removed
6. As requested, PPT file has been supplied with original version of all images
7. As requested, audio file has been supplied for the “core tip”
8. As requested, a new Copyright License Agreement has been signed