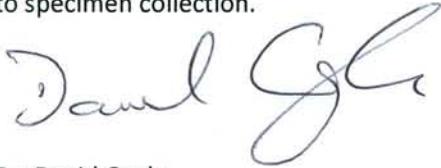


**Informed consent statement**

Informed consent was obtained from all parents and legal guardians of children who participated in this study, entitled "Tryptophan Hydroxylase 2 Expression is Altered in the Enteric Serotonergic Nerves in Children with Hirschsprung's-Associated Enterocolitis", at the time of enrolment and prior to specimen collection.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Coyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'C' at the end.

Dr. David Coyle