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## **COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This a well written and thorough review of our current understanding of the neuroanatomy of lower gastrointestinal pain disorders, with emphasis on functional (IBS) and inflammatory (IBD) disorders. I enjoyed reading this review but was disappointed that the authors did not include a future directions section that discusses strategies (bioinformatics) to address the heterogeneity of these disorders, and the emerging interface between genetics and epigenetic regulatory mechansisms and their contribution to the pathophysiology of these disorders, including pain perception.