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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written article entitled "Tryptophan Hydroxylase 2 Expression is Altered in Enteric Serotonergic Nerves in Children with Hirschsprung's-Associated Enterocolitis" The method, results are ok. In the discussion, I agree that HAEC-mediated serotonergic neuronal damage may contribute to ongoing problems with colonic function and recurrent enterocolitis despite properly performed corrective pull-through surgery. However, which came first, the chicken or the egg? If neuronal damage is the key reason, the HAEC incidence will be the same now compare to that 20 years ago. Actually, as a 35 years pediatric gastroenterologist, I found the incidence of HAEC had decreased markedly in recent years because of early diagnosis and early treatment. So, I rather think it is the result, not the reason, although I agree the vicious cycle may occur. Please put more discussion in this point of view.



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This is a clearly presented study, addressing an important aspect of the role of neuronal 5-HT in Hirschsprung's disease. I have no major issues. Minor points: I noticed a few typos. The first sentence of the abstract (aims) should be checked. Please use "g" instead of rpm.