

Re: Manuscript No. 23493

Dear Editor-in-chief,

Thank you considering our revised manuscript, newly entitled “**Altered tryptophan hydroxylase 2 expression in enteric serotonergic nerves in Hirschsprung’s-associated enterocolitis**”, for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology. In accordance with your recommendations and the comments of the reviewers we have made numerous changes to the manuscript.

The title has been altered to reflect the journal requirements for length of the journal title.

The author contributions have been stated.

Minor typographical errors in the abstract and throughout the manuscript have been identified and corrected.

The measurement unit “rpm” has been replaced with “g”.

The references have been modified to include the doi and PMID.

Reviewer 01213502 has raised the question of cause and effect regarding our findings. We feel the high expression levels of TPH2 in the ganglionic colon of children who had undergone diverting stoma formation suggest that inflammatory serotonergic neuronal damage during HAEC may be reversed. Ideally, this hypothesis could be tested by obtaining ganglionic colonic tissue from the patients examined in this study at long-term follow-up.

Kind regards,

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