Author’s response to reviews

Title: The impact of down-regulated SK3 expressions on Hirschsprung disease

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RESPONSES TO REVIEWERS AND EDITOR:

In the material below, the editor and reviewer comments are in italics and our responses are in regular type.

Editor Comments:

♣ Dear Authors,

We are happy that you have addressed most of the major criticisms raised before. One of the reviewers has suggested some minor comments to improve the manuscript and we agree.

Looking forward to your revised paper.

We appreciate the encouraging comments of this editor.

Reviewer #1 (Aldamaria Puliti):

♣ The authors made all the changes requested in the previous revision.

We appreciate the encouraging comments of this reviewer.
Reviewer #2 (V.G. Shakkottai):

♣ The authors have done all they can to address reviewer concerns. While there continue to be some limitations, including the lack of immunostaining confirmation of the reduction in SK3 channels, resource limitations should not hold up the publication of results that are interesting and valid in a population that has not previously been investigated.

We appreciate the encouraging comments of this reviewer.

♣ The authors should consider including the diagnosis for bowel resection in the control population.

We have now changed the Abstract and the Methods section to the following sentence: “We ascertained fourteen sporadic HSCR patients and six anorectal malformation patients as controls” and “The ganglionic and aganglionic intestinal specimens were collected at pull-through operation from HSCR patients, while control intestinal specimens were obtained at colostomy closure from anorectal malformation (ARM) patients”; respectively.

In addition, we have now also revised the Table 1 accordingly.