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<p>There are several case reports in the literature, but the Authors rather focused on therapeutic strategies, a choice that seems appropriate.</p> <p>Possibly the following paper could be of interest for the discussion:</p> <p>Schlund D, Jochum SB, Favuzza J, Hayden DM, Pillai SB, Saclarides TJ, Bhama AR. A national analysis of operative treatment of adult patients with Hirschsprung's disease. Int J Colorectal Dis. 2020 Jan;35(1):169-172. doi: 10.1007/s00384-019-03442-8.</p> <p>According to APA style guidelines, papers with three or more authors should be cited in the text only with the name of the first and "et al."</p>	

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Most of the papers published on Hirschsprung disease are case reports. Even the present paper is clearly a case report, and it should identify its nature from the title. Nevertheless the main point of interest is the successful use of a surgical procedure considered by the literature not to be the best, but which can be performed in a tertiary hospital of low technology level. In my view the Authors should further emphasize this aspect.