Reviewer's report

**Title:** Prevalence of faecal incontinence and its related factors among patients in a Malaysian academic setting.

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**Reviewer:** Rick Nelson

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Minot R. You describe anal incontinence in your paper, not face al incontinence. Flatus loss and anal seepage need to be separated from true anal incontinence and the Wexner scale does not seem to have done that for you. Your population is also skewed in that it was a population seeking health care and thus more likely to have other problem such as dyschezia. You state in the intro that age is a minor cause of incontinence compared with anal surgery and childbirth, yet previous epidemiologic investigations have found age to be far more important, along with IBS than the other two.

Having said all that your findings do ring true both in the gender distribution (what about childbirth in men?) and comorbidities such as diabetes. Constipation as well is an important finding and faecal retention with overflow needs to be part of their evaluation.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'