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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All issues addressed. I could go on and on about ascertainment bias, but that is a problem with almost all reports in this field. The difference between what people report (8.3%) and what constitutes the disease faecal incontinence in which people smell in public places, or simply never go to public places, or who seek medical treatment for their disease, all of which are much lower in prevalence than reported rates such as yours, needs resolution. The Wexner scale has multiple problems including not adequately separating flatus and seepage from faecal incontinence and being frequency based, thus diminishing the importance of constipation.

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