Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiology of constipation in Europe and Oceania

Version: 1 Date: 22 September 2007

Reviewer: Vera Loening-Baucke

Reviewer's report:

General

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

In the introduction and discussion:
Rome II should be changed to Rome III and the following references should be added into the manuscript.


Page 4, second paragraph: change “putting” to “making”

Page 5, 3rd paragraph, line 2-5: the sentence is incomplete.

Page 7, last sentence: constipation related to diabetes mellitus and Parkinson’s disease is not a functional gastrointestinal disorder.

Page 8, 2nd paragraph: delete or otherwise show a reference to proof this statement.

Page 9; What is currently known: give results from the recent systemic review from America

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'