Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiology of constipation in Europe and Oceania: a systematic review

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Reviewer: Vicente Garrigues

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General

The manuscript has improved significantly following the authors' revision

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

1. The reference 37 in the new manuscript (Galvez C, et al) refers to a manuscript from our group. Population evaluated in this study is the same as in the reference 26 (Garrigues V, et al). So, it should not be included in table 1.

2. Please, indicate if the mean values for prevalence of constipation were calculated by averaging the prevalence obtained in each study or if it had into consideration the size of the sample in each study

3. It should be quite interesting for the reader to describe in the manuscript the 8 questions included in the scoring system

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

1. Please, correct the number of tables and references in the front page of the new manuscript

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
**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