Reviewer's report

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

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General
The revised manuscript has improved a lot and is better to read and is more 'accessible'.

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

I still miss an explanation as to why the authors chose the combination of Europe and Oceania to assess the prevalence. You already state that the prevalence of defecation disorders depends on cultural differences in your revised manuscript. Please explain what the rationale is behind combining Europe and Oceania.

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)

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: 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