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I read with interest the MS "FREQUENCY PATTERNS OF CORE CONSTIPATION SYMPTOMS AMONG THE ASIAN ADULTS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW" by Wahab PA and coworkers. It is a well designed review dealing with a demanding issue. However, the paper needs to be improved by: a) comparison with epidemiology studies not related to the Rome criteria, b) Authors’ suggestions about efficacy of the Rome Criteria to diagnose FC and IBS in Asian Populations according to the reported data.

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