Reviewer’s report

Title: Functional constipation in infancy and early childhood: Epidemiology, Risk Factors, and Healthcare Consultation

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Reviewer: Soraia Tahan

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The only consideration is that the authors use in their studies a standardized questionnaire for the evaluation of violence against children and adolescents.

The authors included previous articles that used this standardized questionnaire.

I reviewed the cited articles and found that the standardized questionnaire considered as validated was presented in the *Proceedings of Annual Scientific Congress of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians 2012.*


So, I think that the publication of the questionnaire in an indexed international journal would be important in order to disseminate this important instrument. Considering that, violence against children and adolescents is a complex phenomenon and there are few instruments to evaluate this aggravation in scientific literature.
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