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The authors have extensively edited the previous manuscript and significantly improved it. However, the following revisions are required before publication.

* On the title; delete "the full stop (.)"

* Page 2 line 11-12

Delete ", for clinical trials and observational studies performed on subjects taking AQ laxatives, assessing the incident of CRC"

* Page 2 line 22

* Change "subjects" to "participants" or any other suitable word

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* Page 2 line Delete "Word count: 2595"

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* Page 9 line 7; "If studies are sufficiently homogeneous …" How can you measure sufficiency?

* Page 10 line 46-47

"This risk could be greater for self-administered products that are easily available without a medical prescription." This statement could only be asserted only after completing your review, otherwise provide a reference/ evidence.

* Page 13; should be placed before the reference list

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