

Answers to reviewers

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The paper is well developed, but it does not really provide novel ideas for a subject so studied in the scientific literature.

Answer:

The novelty of the review has been emphasized with additional text in both the Introduction and Discussion. This additional text has been highlighted for easy reference. All of the text has also been reviewed and minor grammatical errors have been corrected.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors intended to clarify each of potential risk factors of constipation and to identify demographic, lifestyle and health-related factors reported to be associated with constipation and evaluate the evidence for each factor.

This is a very meaningful review on such aspect, I think the authors give a very convincing summary on the risk factors of constipation.

Although there could be some selection bias such as language and races, this is a high quality review and can be published.

Answer:

The limitation regarding selection bias has been expanded with additional text in the Discussion regarding both language and races.

This additional text has been highlighted for easy reference.

All of the text has also been reviewed and minor grammatical errors have been corrected.