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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an very interesting study about the epidemiological of elderly constipation in Beijing. The study is well designed, and the manuscript is well written. In this study, the authors investigated the present situation of elderly constipation in urban and rural region in the Beijing region. About 1942 cases were selected. The authors found that the elderly constipation have an overall prevalence of 32.6% in Beijing. The elderly constipation is significantly affected by region, age and past history of other related illnesses. Comments 1 The manuscript need some editing. 2 Tables are informative, if some figures can be added, it will be better. 3 References should be updated. Some more recent references should be added and discussed. 4 Some minor lanugage polishing should be corrected.