

Answering reviewers

Reviewers 1:

The study "Epidemiological study: correlation between diet habits and constipation among elderly in Beijing region" is very interesting. This is not a basic study, but an observational study. Are there any figures for the data? And the language should be proofed again.

Answers: We have changed the category of this paper from basic study to observational study. We do not have figures for the data as our data are not collected overtime and survey questions are multifaceted, tables are easier for readers to grasp the results and concepts. Hence, we would keep tables and not adding any figures. The language of this paper has been proofed again.

Reviewers 2:

This is an interesting epidemiological study about the correlation between diet habits and constipation among elderly in Beijing region. This study is well designed and the results are interesting. A total of 2776 people (≥ 60 years) were selected in Beijing region for investigation. The authors found that the prevalence of constipation among elderly people in Beijing region was 13%. The prevalence of elderly constipation in Beijing region is closely related to diet habits, and is significantly decreased by high staple foods intake, fish eating and high dietary fibres (fruits and vegetables) consumption. 1 Some minor language polishing should be take attention. 2 The tables should be moved to the end of the text.

Answer: Language of this paper has been proofed again. Position of tables has been rearranged according to the format guideline of *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Reviewers 3:

VERY INTERESTING STUDY, AFTER SOME MINOR LANGUAGE REVISION,
IT CAN BE PUBLISHED.

Answer: Language has been revised again.