## Appendix I: Search strategy

MEDLINE (PubMed). Search conducted on June 12th, 2023

Search	Query	Records
		retrieved
#1	"Constipation"[Mesh] OR (constipat*[TI]) OR (dyschezia[TI]) OR (colonic	17,419
	inertia[TI])	
#2	"Patient Reported Outcome Measures"[MeSH Terms] OR "Weights and	3,917,864
	Measures"[MeSH Terms] OR "measure*"[Title] OR "Risk	
	Assessment"[MeSH Terms] OR "Risk Management"[MeSH Terms] OR "risk	
	assessment*"[Title] OR "Risk Management"[Title] OR "Equipment and	
	Supplies"[Mesh] OR "Surveys and Questionnaires"[Mesh] OR	
	"Survey*"[Title] OR "Questionnaire"[Title] OR "Quality Indicators, Health	
	Care"[Mesh] OR "Psychometrics"[Mesh] OR "psychometric"[Title] OR	
	"instrument"[Title] OR "index"[Title] OR "inventory"[Title] OR "tool"[Title]	
	OR "scale"[Title]	
#3	#1 AND #2	2,544

## Appendix II: Data extraction instrument

Reviewer, date of review  Citation details (e.g., author/s, date, title, journal, volume, issue, pages)  Country/s of origin  Type (e.g., scientific or academic journals, books)  Aim/purpose of the paper  Study design  Characteristics of the tool extracted from the paper  • Name of the tool  • Aim  • Scope (e.g., evaluating severity of constipation)  • Definition of constipation (e.g., according to the ROME definition. Specify which criteria were excluded from the definition if not all were included.)  • Content  • Patient symptoms measured, y/n  • List most frequent patient symptoms  • Stool consistency measured, y/n  • Structure  • Number of scales, n  • Number of sibuscales, n  • Number of sibuscales, n  • Number of of items  Mode of completion (e.g., patient-reported, clinician-reported, or family/carer-reported)  Administration time  Context (clinical/educational/ research)  Setting (e.g., type of clinical setting)  Participants  • number  • diagnosis  • age  • sex  • other	Details and characteristics of the paper				
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## **Appendix III: Presentation table**

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Papers investigating the tool			
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Aim of the tool			
Scope of tool (e.g., evaluating severity			
of constipation)			
Definition of constipation			
Contents of tool			
Patient symptoms measured,			
y/n			
List most frequent patient			
symptoms			
Stool consistency measured,			
y/n			
Structure of tool			
Number of scales, n			
Number of subscales, n			
Number of items			
Mode of completion			
Healthcare professional/self-			
reported/family-carer			
Administration time, minutes			
Study setting(s) for use of tool			
(country)			
Study population(s) (diagnosis, age,			
sex)			
Implemented in clinical practice, y/n			
If yes, where			
Educational purposes, y/n			
If yes, where			
Research purposes, y/n			
If yes, number			