

Table 3: International comparison of the prevalence of faecal incontinence

Country	Author, year	Sample Description	Sample Size	Age Selection	Age				FI Prevalence (%)		
					FI and Non-FI		FI		Female	Male	Both
					Mean	Median	Mean	Median			
Japan	Nakanishi, 1997 [14]	Elderly recruited from Osaka	1473	≥65	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.6	8.7	7.65
UAE	Rizk, 2001 [18]	Multiparous females recruited from one medical facility	450	≥20	-	-	37.9 ± 13.2 years	-	11.3	-	-
Taiwan	Chen, 2003 [15]	Community survey among women in Central Taiwan	1253	≥20	43.2 ± 15.1 years	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Qatar	Bener, 2008 [19]	Women visiting primary health care clinics	596	40 – 48	-	-	45.0 ± 0.9 years	-	10.4	-	-
China	Ge, 2010 [16]	Women in 6 districts of Beijing	3058	20 – 79	48 ± 16 years	-	63 ± 13 years	-	1.28	-	-
Korea	Kang, 2012 [17]	Patients who have undergone medical check-up from one medical facility	1149	20 – 82	44.8 ± 10.2 years	-	49.0 ± 10.6 years	-	6.8	6.2	6.4
Malaysia *present study	Roslani, 2013	Single site, patients and relatives visiting Obstetrics and Gynaecology and General Surgery Clinics	1000	18-84	-	38(24) years	-	47(28) years	8.3	8.3	8.3