

Annex 1: LARS score scoring instructions	
Add the scores from each 5 answers to one final score	
Do you ever have occasions when you cannot control your flatus (wind)?	
□ No, never	0
□ Yes, less than once per week	4
□ Yes, at least once per week	7
Do you ever have any accidental leakage of liquid stool?	
□ No, never	0
□ Yes, less than once per week	3
□ Yes, at least once per week	3
How often do you open your bowels?	
□ More than 7 times per day (24 hours)	4
□ 4–7 times per day (24 hours)	2
□ 1–3 times per day (24 hours)	0
□ Less than once per day (24 hours)	5
Do you ever have to open your bowels again within one hour of the last bowel opening?	
□ No, never	0
□ Yes, less than once per week	9
□ Yes, at least once per week	11
Do you ever have such a strong urge to open your bowels that you have to rush to the toilet?	
□ No, never	0
□ Yes, less than once per week	11
□ Yes, at least once per week	16
Total Score:	
Interpretation: 0–20, no LARS; 21–29, minor LARS; 30–42, major LARS.	
The score is for use free of charge for anyone treating patients with LARS	