Reviewer's report

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General
The methods of this study seem to be of a very high quality. Additional data could have been collected on skin test positivity and bronchial hyperreactivity - but this would have increased the cost of the study considerably. I'm sure the study will produce useful data and I look forward to seeing the papers in print.

None

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

none

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

none