Reviewer's report

Title: Replication of Associations between Three Positionally Cloned Asthma Candidate Genes and Asthma or Asthma-related Phenotypes in A Chinese Population

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The paper by Zhou et al. describes an association study between three positionally cloned asthma candidate gene polymorphisms and asthma/asthma-related traits. They confirmed the association of these polymorphisms with asthma/asthma-related traits in the Chinese population. This is a simple candidate gene association study and generally well-conducted. I have following comments.

The authors selected three asthma candidate genes for the replication. A large scale replication study for asthma was conducted and published recently (Daley et al, 2009, Hum Genet). To make the study more valuable, I suggest the authors to genotype other candidate genes.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.