Reviewer’s report

Title: Association of genetic variants in chromosome 17q21 with adult onset asthma in a Chinese Han population

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Minor Essential Revisions: It is not informative just to add in the Abstract that asthma was significantly associated with single SNPs and haplotypes of 17q. The authors must provide actual data for the identity, effect size and 95% CI (or p-values) of individual SNPs and haplotypes that account for such associations. They need to provide similar data for the effect of SNPs on gene expression. Besides, there are both grammatical and typo errors for the revised sentence on page 7.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.