Reviewer’s report

Title: Single nucleotide polymorphisms in thymic stromal lymphopoietin gene are not associated with allergic rhinitis susceptibility in Chinese subjects

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Although the authors didn't conduct the suggested experiments in their revised manuscript, they have justified the difficulties in fulfilling these experiments due to ethical concerns and lack of sufficient human samples for conducting these experiments. They also have acknowledged this limitation in their revised discussion, which should be acceptable for this current draft. However, it would be better if the authors could search the literature to find if others have reported that TSLP protein levels are increased in nasal mucosa of patients in Han Chinese AR patients vs. controls, which could be used as references to support their conclusions in the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.