Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Use of the Italian version of the Pediatric Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire in the daily practice: results of a prospective study.

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**Reviewer:** Endre Cserháti

Reviewer’s report:

1/ No major compulsory revisions
2/ No minor essential revisions
3/ Discretionary revisions

5th page, last paragraph: According to GINA 2006 the control of asthma means that the patient has not more than two asthmatic complaints and not more beta agonist need than twice during one week. The authors speak about two weeks. Of course the patients having less complaints than the GINA guideline allows, this means a good control of the disease.

Table 1. and 6th page, 4th paragraph: If the children’s age is 6-17 years, than the question arises: Six year old children can not read and can not write - how is it possible to fill out themselves the questionnaire.

8th page 3rd and 4th paragraph, 9th page, 1st paragraph: The difference between the first and second examination (6 months) may be in connection with the pollen season. It would be nice to give the data about pollen sensitivity, and seasonal correlation to clear the contradiction.

9th page, 3rd paragraph: Several versions of the questionnaire exist.... What kind of recent versions are used in the questionnaires found in Italy.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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