Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of childhood asthma in Qingdao China rise significantly: a cluster sampling investigation of 10082 children

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Major Compulsory Revisions
The title don't correspond to the analyses conducted in the study
The main methodological aspect is the definition of asthma, the authors used the ISAAC questionnaire, but the analyses don't permit to compare the data with others studies using ISAAC protocol. the definition of asthma in ISAAC protocol was wheezing questionnaire.
In the discussion, etiological factors are discussed without any demonstration.

Minor essential Revisions
many typographic errors
the manuscript must be revised by english translator

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? No
3. Are the data sound? not completely
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? no clearly
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? not really
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? no
9. Is the writing acceptable? need to be revised

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