Reviewer's report

**Title:** Correlation of respiratory symptoms and spirometric lung patterns in a rural community setting, Sindh, Pakistan: a cross sectional survey

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**Reviewer:** Nigel Bruce

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Overall, the authors have consider and responded to all comments carefully.

**Major compulsory revisions:**
1. In respect of the new analysis of validity of the questions, unless I have missed this, you do not state what spirometric outcome is used, that is whether obstructive, restrictive or both. This does need to be made clear (in abstract, methods, results, table), and I suggest that these two outcomes should not be combined.

**Minor essential revisions**
2. Abstract/Results line 1: study 'sample' would be more appropriate than 'population'.
3. Table 4: now that the p-values are included, the ** symbols for significance are not needed.

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

**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