Reviewer's report

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The authors have adequately addressed the concerns raised during the first review, particularly the attention to the risk for publication bias and focusing on the gaps in measuring asthma burden. The authors were unable to identify non-asthma controls in the humanistic burden studies, which would have strengthened some of their conclusions. The methods remain strong.

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

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.