Reviewer's report

Title: Arabian incense burning: a common trigger for asthma symptoms in Omani children

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A very nice paper with simple conclusions for the associations between Arabian incense use and childhood asthma. The sample size of the study population was large and the analytic methods were proper. The parts of results and discussion are too long and could be significantly shortened. Besides, only some minor revisions are needed.

1. Authors should reference tables or figure in the discussion part, such as adding “(Table 4)” at the end of the first paragraph of page 12.
2. In figure, authors should address the meaning of the “star symbol”.
3. In abstract, the time of study conduction should be added.
4. page 4, the last 7th line, should be clarified.
5. page 8, the first line, “returned”
6. page 11, the 10th line, “The few previous studies on the same were case…..” should be clarified.
7. page 12, the last 2nd line, “In Qatar, a case control study…….” should be clarified.
8. page 14, the last 4th line, authors should added “as” after “Incense burning has also been reported”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.