Reviewer's report

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This reviewer is still not satisfied that the authors have considered carefully enough their definition of allergic rhinitis (AR). There are widely accepted definitions that could help refine their definition. The most relevant of these is Bousquet et al, Allergy 2008, Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma (ARIA) 2008. Their clinical definition of AR incorporates those proposed in this review, but extends the definition in a manner that excludes pathologies such as a septal deviation:

"2.2.1.1 Clinical Definition (of AR). Symptoms of AR include rhinorrhoea, nasal obstruction, nasal itching and sneezing which are reversible spontaneously or with treatment." (p12)

I would suggest that this definition is used, and that it is made clear that the definition utilised in the review is the clinical definition of AR, and not the pathophysiological or epidemiological definitions.

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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