Reviewer's report

**Title:** Excretion of urinary histamine and N-tele methylhistamine in gastrointestinal food allergy  

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**Reviewer:** Ivy Shiue  

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This study seems to attempt to study the relationship of urinary histamine and N-tele methylhistamine and food allergy.

1) **Title:** Please be more specific. The current working title is only very general.

2) **Abstract:** There was no study aimed stated and no study design mentioned. Is it a case control study? A clinical trial? A case report?

3) **Introduction:** It's well-written.

4) **Methods:** Study design is unclear. Please explain in details. How are cases and controls identified and categorised? Any matching criteria? Study sample selection is unclear. Please describe clearly in details. A diagram might be helpful. Patient characteristics should be reported in Results but not in Methods. No ethics approval seemed to be reported clearly.

5) **Results:** There should be a table describing and comparing individual characteristics between "cases" and "controls". Did the authors consider other statistical modeling such as regression models?

**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:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

None