Reviewer's report

Title: A seven-year retrospective analysis of patch test data in a cohort of patients with contact dermatitis in Sri Lanka

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Reviewer: Anna Caroline Pilz

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1. The attached table of the shoe series is now of better quality, but significantly smaller than the other tables. Please provide a table of good quality that is the same size as the others.

2. Unfortunately, you did not yet correct #12.9 to a sufficient extent (p.2; p.7):

Please pay attention to small and capital letters (consistent style). If not located at the beginning of a sentence, the mentioned allergens e.g. "nickel sulfate," "potassium dichromate," "thiuram mix," "2-mercaptobenzothiazole," "mercapto mix," and "p-phenylenediamine" do not need to be capitalized.

3. Thank you for revising the first sentence of the third page; however, please keep the conclusion concerning the shoe series. If a new baseline series in Sri Lanka is developed, it should be based on the Shoe series.

4. p.3, l.39: Please remove the space between "$" and "1,529 million."

p.6, l.12: Please remove the word "irritant," since you only took allergic reactions into account.
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