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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Thank you for your corrections.

For the conclusion (page 2/3) I would propose the following text:

Shoe series has a comparatively high yield in the local population compared to European Baseline series. Since little less than half of the study population did not have any reactivity to any of the allergens tested it is important to develop or modify and validate a locally relevant, more suitable baseline series which is based on the Shoe Series in Sri Lanka.

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