Reviewer’s report

Title: Causes of higher symptomatic airway load in patients with Chronic Rhinosinusitis

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The article is interesting but needs to clarify the message further

It should state that the Snot20 subset nasal symptoms that correlate with CRWNP significantly support the article by Li who looked at CRS but also defines it further that the subset that is showing the correlation is the CRS with NP.

How does this help the clinician needs to be stated.

Does LMc score correlates better with CRS with NP? if yes explain why? If not explain why? Not clear from pg 7 line 9-10. pg 8 lines 13-15 which group the author is discussing LMc to. CRS wNP or CRS or CRS without NP and which stats test.

The nasal symptoms that correlate with CRS w np can also be symptoms for allergy. Did the author look at the allergy history or objective assessment of allergy and checked this correlation was not due to CRS with np pt who also have allergy. A paragraph needed for this.

Does the history of previous surgery have a bearing of disease severity and vas scores and snott scores? If not recorded state why not and why it is relevant.

What stats test was done to see the correlation between LMC score and snot20 and Snott20 and VAS and can this be shown graphically. The stats will need review by a statistician

I think if these points above are covered and the following topographical errors then happy too accept. Pg4 line55-56 needs of adding. Pg5 bronchial asthma Pg 8 septal deviation Pg9 line 14 spelling check Fig 1 patient
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