

Reviewer's report

Title: Systematic Review of Worldwide Variations of the Prevalence of Wheezing Symptoms in Children

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Reviewer: Fritz Horak

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The corrections of the papers are more than acceptable. The manuscript has sufficiently improved .

Few minors:

p 2 (Abstract) par 2, linr 2: skip: "in the past 12 months" as this is explained in the method section and can possibly confuse the reader.

p 4, par 2, l 1: there are a multiplicity --> there IS a multiplicity (?)

p4, par 2, l 3: auscultation also includes examination of lower respir. airway, not only upper.

p12, par 3, line 3: "a clear increasing trend for both countries". I am aware that the authors are not conform with my impression, that the trend seen in Figure 1 for Australia is only on the basis of two points (early 1980s), with no data until 1990 then. However, I would be happy, if you could weaken the sentence f.e.: "a clear increasing trend for the UK and a trend for Australia". Or "an increasing trend for both countries".

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.