Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Association of CD14 -260 (-159) C>T and asthma: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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The paper by Zhao et al. performed meta-analysis to examine the effect of CD14 -260C>T polymorphism on the development of asthma. The subgroup analyses revealed that CD14 -260T allele is associated with atopic asthma. This study is generally well conducted.

Many publications related to metanalysis of asthma and CD14 -260C>T polymorphism have been published, and there are so many other asthma-related genes such as ADAM33 and ORMDL3. Therefore, it would be interesting if the authors conduct meta analysis with other asthma-related genes using subgroup analyses as described in this study.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.