

Review of: "Allergies In India: Myths, Misconceptions, and Awareness"

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In this study, the authors aim to enumerate common myths and misconceptions, and determine the awareness of allergic diseases in India.

Comments

1. The sample size does not represent the opinion of all patients with allergic diseases in India. It should be clarified that it is only a sample of patients with allergic diseases from a single healthcare center located in India.
2. In the Introduction, it is recommended to state the current evidence related to the main message of the study. While it is mentioned that there are no studies on the topic in India, the introduction could be enriched by showing what is happening in other regions of the world.
3. Please explain why only 1,104 patients with allergic diseases were selected.
4. In the selected patients, besides having an allergic disease, what other characteristics did they have? Please describe the sociodemographic and clinical characteristics of the patients.
5. Please describe how the clinical diagnoses of each allergic disease analyzed were made.
6. Was the instrument used to enumerate common myths and misconceptions, and determine awareness of allergic diseases validated beforehand? If so, please indicate how this validation was conducted.
7. Why was English used as the language of the measurement instrument if the study was conducted in India?
8. In the Results section, please briefly describe the content of the tables.
9. It seems contradictory that over 35% of the patients answered that there is treatment for allergic diseases, considering they are seeking healthcare at a medical clinic.
10. Common myths and misconceptions, and awareness can vary according to the specific allergic disease being analyzed; the results should be presented accordingly.
11. The following statement cannot be supported by this study: "The results clearly prove that myths and misconceptions about allergic diseases abound in the Indian population and awareness with respect to allergies is very poor," as the sample size does not represent the entire Indian population.