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The manuscript was well-written and addresses the important topic of childhood asthma. The authors do a very good job presenting data supporting the claim that parental representation of the disease may differ from the physician representation of the disease. The analysis described is thoughtful and adequately supports their conclusions.

I have only minor comments/suggestions regarding the manuscript that hopefully will further increase its value to readers.

Comments to
Author:

On page 6, the authors state they created a dichotomous summary demographic risk score based on poverty and minority status. Was any thought given to using more levels, such as 0=neither poverty nor minority status; 1=either poverty or minority status; and 2= both poverty and minority status? If not, the authors should explain why they chose not to use such a breakdown.

The second comment I have is regarding the structural equation modeling. The paper lacks adequate detail about this method and would be improved by at least stating the statistical software program (or programs if it is available in more than one) that was used to perform the analyses and supplying a reference that provides additional details.

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