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Reply

To the Editor:

Seiskari and Hyöty¹ raise a valid question about the data used in a recent article in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* (JACI)² and those analyzed for a previously published article³ on the associations between viral infections and atopy. We used the same database for the analyses, although final numbers varied according to the completeness of data available for subjects included in each analysis. The 2 analyses had distinct objectives. In our JACI article we were interested in looking at the effects on atopy and asthma of a range of taxonomically distinct pathogens with possibly distinct immunomodulatory effects in isolation or aggregated, whereas in the second article we looked specifically at the isolated effects of 4 chronic viral infections on similar outcomes. Our failure to cite this second article in the JACI article was an oversight on our part, given that the second article was published and the JACI article was at the proof stage. We thank the authors for their interest in our work.

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