
Fungal Colonization in Nasal Polyposis

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To the editor: I would like to make some observations on the article Fungal Sensitization in Nasal Polyposis, published in Volume 19, No. 1, 2009. When 2 groups—controls and patients—were compared, the prick test detected differences with some fungi. I note that values are 8 times higher in patients than in controls for some fungi, which is remarkable. However, these differences were not observed with specific immunoglobulin E. Furthermore, the study gives the

impression that it intends to determine whether there is relationship between sensitization to fungi and the appearance of nasal polyposis. However, the study concludes that there is no relationship between sensitization to fungi and nasal colonization. It is unclear whether a relationship exists between sensitization to fungi and disease, regardless of nasal sinus colonization. Perhaps the title of the article would be more accurate if it referred to fungal colonization instead of fungal sensitization.

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