ABSTRACT

**Background:** Studies evaluating the prevalence of allergens causing diseases in childhood (1 to 12 years) in South India are still lacking.

**Objective:** To study the prevalence of skin sensitivity to various allergens in allergic diseases of childhood, in Outpatient Department, Paediatric Pulmonology, Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Egmore, Chennai. **Methods:** Testing of various allergens by Skin prick test (SPT) in children from 1 to 12 years of age group with allergic diseases, who are satisfying the inclusion criteria. **Results:** Among 200 children (107 Males and 93 Females) with allergic diseases, 1. Food allergens (73%) are the major triggers for allergic diseases of childhood. 2. Milk (50%) is the predominant allergen found to be responsible followed by Egg (36%) for allergic diseases. **Conclusion:** In Tamilnadu, Southern part of India, among the 200 children with allergic diseases (1 to 12 years), Food allergens are the major triggers for various allergic diseases.

**KEYWORDS**

Nasobronchial Allergy, Allergic Shiner, Atopy, Skin Prick Test, Allergic Conjunctivitis, Aero Allergens.