

ALLERGY

# RURAL PROTECTION OR URBAN LIVING

11.12.2007

A paper in [Pediatr Allergy Immunol](#) asks this question – and it is one of the best questions to ask. Given [my sceptical view](#) of farm related explanations I find relief here

The negative association between rural living and the risk of atopy during childhood, which is independent of farming practices, implies that it is mainly driven by an urban living effect.

CC-BY-NC Science Surf accessed 03.03.2026

---