

Table 4 Comparison of allergen-specific sensitization for subjects with intermittent or persistent allergic rhinitis

Allergen	Intermittent rhinitis (n = 156)		Persistent rhinitis (n = 354)		P-value for difference between groups
	No.	%	No.	%	
House dust mites	61	39.1	151	42.7	0.45
Moulds & yeasts	83	53.2	176	49.7	0.47
Animal danders	70	44.9	180	50.8	0.21
Grass pollens	70	44.9	192	54.2	0.05
Cereal pollens	49	31.4	158	44.6	0.005*
Weed pollens	90	57.7	226	63.8	0.19
Tree pollens	92	59.0	354	69.4	0.047
	Mean (SD)		Mean (SD)		
No. of allergens with positive sensitization	4.3 (3.6)		5.3 (3.5)		0.003*

*P < 0.006 was selected as the cut-off point for significance because of multiple comparisons.
SD = standard deviation.