Reviewer’s report

Title: The Site of Exposure May Influence the Time of Virus Appearance in the Blood and Virus-Specific Immune Responses in Primary SIVmac251 Infection of Rhesus Macaques

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This manuscript describes and compares the SIV-specific CD8+ T cell responses from two macaques, one inoculated intrarectally, and one intravenously. The original concerns have been adequately addressed by the authors, and the revised manuscript is acceptable for publication in BioMed Central.

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