Reviewer's report

Title: Modulation of hepatic PPAR expression during Ft LVS LPS-induced protection from Francisella tularensis LVS infection

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The revised manuscript has addressed most of the comments, however, now when the content of figure 5 has been explained, it is difficult to understand why the 24h time point post infection and 48 h post-LPS treatment have been included in the figure. In all other figures, results comparing the effects of infection vs infection with LPS pre-treatment have been included. Since the aim of the paper is stated to be to understand the LPS-induced blunting of the proinflammatory response, then it would be appropriate to include data on the effects of LPS-pretreatment on the gene expression in infected mice. Moreover, it would be logical to include data on both the 24 and 48 time points.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'