Reviewer’s report

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Other than the minor point referred to below, I am satisfied with the authors' responses to my original queries.

Minor point: on page 12 the authors have inserted a new paragraph in the discussion that starts by referring to a study [38] that reported altered responses to PPD as a result of filariasis or schistosomiasis but not as a result of INTESTINAL helminth infections as the authors state. A modulatory effect of intestinal helminths on responses to BCG was reported recently by L. Wammes and colleagues (Eur J Immunol, 2010, 40:437).

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

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.