Reviewer's report

Title: Virulence difference between the prototypic Schu S4 strain (A1a) and Francisella tularensis A1a, A1b, A2 and type B strains in a murine model of infection

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My previous concerns have been responded sufficiently by the authors and the manuscript has been improved by the authors' revision.

Minor comment:

Discrepancy between “Abstract” and “Methods”. The route of infection was described as “subcutaneously” in the “Abstract” (page 2), which was different from that described in the “Methods” (page 13). Please clarify.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.