Reviewer's report

Title: The CD14 functional gene polymorphism -260 C>T is not involved in either the susceptibility to Chlamydia trachomatis infection or the development of tubal pathology

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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The paper of Ouburg and colleagues focuses on the impact of susceptibility factors such as CD14 -260 C>T on Chlamydia trachomatis infection or the development of tubal pathology. The authors did not find an association with this polymorphism. Overall, the study is sound, well-written and adds on the ongoing discussions about the impact of SNPs in CD14 and TLR receptors for infections or corresponding disease severity. The quality of the manuscript is good, and I recommend publication without any revisions.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'