Reviewer's report

Title: Immunomodulatory intervention in sepsis by multidrug-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa with thalidomide: an experimental study

Version: 2 Date: 24 March 2005

Reviewer: Klaas Poelstra

Reviewer's report:

General:
The authors have addressed most of the comments.

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)

1] Table 1: the standard deviation for the IFN gamma levels of group A is missing.

2] The final sentence of the discussion (which has been added in response to the comments of the other reviewer) needs some editing.

3] The total volume of linseed oil administered to the rats is still not stated in the present manuscript.

4] Sentences that need language corrections:
page 2: line 13 were --> was
page 2: line 15: TNFa and NO were ... ---> add "levels"
page 4: line 3 from below: were ---> was
page 6: line 8 from below: "then" should be "the"
page 6: line 2 from below: "LPS of groups A", add "levels"
page 7: line 8 of discussion section: "from that monoclonal antibodies": skip "that"
page 7: line 11 of disc. section: "when" ---> "that"
page 7: line 15: animal-controls
Page 7: line 19: "groups of treatment" needs editing
page 7: line 22: "seems be mediated" ---> "seems to be mediated"

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.