Reviewer's report

Title: Adjuvant TACE inhibitor treatment improves the outcome of TLR2-/− mice with experimental pneumococcal meningitis

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General

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

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

- the measurements on MMP-9 and leukocytes in CSF (p.10) should not be given in percentages but as means +− SD values.
- also it still would be nice to have a histopathological assessment of the brain with and without TACE inhibitor treatment and to include this information in this manuscript.

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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: 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'