Reviewer's report

Title: Identification of Gene Targets against Dormant Phase Mycobacterium tuberculosis Infections

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General
There have been a number of articles in recent years measuring gene expression in Mycobacterium tuberculosis using experimental systems thought to model the dormant or non-replicating state of bacteria in latent TB. Correlating the findings in different reports is difficult. These authors have carried out a meta analysis of the existing data and make useful interpretations of gene expression under the different experimental models. I believe that this paper will be useful for identifying key metabolic processes that are active in so-called dormant mycobacteria. The manuscript has been constructed in a clear and logical manner and the standard of presentation is fine.

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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)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests