Reviewer's report

Title: Daptomycin in experimental murine pneumococcal meningitis

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Thank you for giving me the chance to review the article by Barry B. Mook-Kanamori et al. „Daptomycin in experimental murine pneumococcal meningitis“

1. The authors are interested int the tretment of drug resistant meningitis. The questions posed are adequatly adressed.

2. The methods are adequate and well described. This includes the descrition of the limitations oft he luminescence technique used.

3. The data are sound. Unfortunatly some measurements were not usefull (such as cell quantification in cerebrospinal fluid). The explanation ist plausible.

4. Ok

5. The discussion oft he data is ok

6. The limitations in view oft he limited detection by luminescence are stated. The important point ist the role of dexamethasone on antibiacterial efficacy on CSF-infection.

7. In my view adequate. There is almost only one group in Berne Switzerland that ahs published in the same field.

8. Ok

9. Ok

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 have no competing interests, no stocks and so on