Reviewer's report

**Title:** Innate immunity in ocular Chlamydia trachomatis infection: contribution of IL8 and CSF2 gene variants to risk of trachomatous scarring in Gambians

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**Reviewer:** Sander Ouburg

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The manuscript written by Dr. natividad and colleagues is well written and provides new insights into the pathogenesis of ocular Chlamydia infections. The author and co-authors are very experienced in both Chlamydia and genetic research, as shown by their extensive list of publications in PubMed.

I have no major comments.

**Discretionary Revisions**

1: I have only one minor revision. The use of spaces in the 'minor allele' column (table 4) makes the text appear jagged.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.