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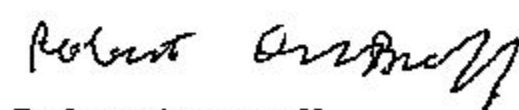
Dear Editor,

Thank you for your review and consideration of our manuscript. We appreciate the thoughtful comments of the reviewers and have incorporated their suggestions into our revised manuscript.

Under the section, ALTERNATIVE THEORIES, we have added additional language and references to further support the concept that the Mediterranean diet may exert its beneficial effects through multiple mechanisms including hemostatic, genetic expression, anti-inflammatory, reducing the risk of diabetes and the metabolic syndrome, and favorable alteration of the gut microbiota. In addition, under the heading, MORTALITY BENEFITS OF STATINS ARE INCONSISTENT, we have added three additional studies of statins for diabetes that failed to demonstrate a mortality benefit. All of these comments are supported by the addition of six references. All of these changes and additions are highlighted in the revised manuscript.

If you require any further corrections, additions, or clarifications please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Robert DuBroff


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