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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

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This is a very well written and comprehensive review with viewpoint on an area of interest. The manuscript is fully up-to-date, is very good in distinguishing between live bacteria and DNA signatures in plaques; it is very good on delineating direct and indirect effects of infection/inflammation on the development of atherosclerosis. It picks up controversy. It has a very good section on limitations of serology. The diagram is useful; oral pathogens are included. I would still like to see mention of "foam cell" formation, which is a relevant morphological change of macrophages when exposed to microorganisms/PAMPs. Lastly, I find the title suboptimal: while this thought (underestimated issue) fits very well in the discussion (1st paragraph), where it is meant in a clinical treatment sense, in the title it implies that not much is thought about it- but this is contradicted by the immense literature list!