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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written review. I only have two suggestions for improvement: 1) It would be good to provide a figure describing the proposed activation/signaling pathways. 2) Part of the article and the abstract discusses data showing that dsDNA can induce an mature APC phenotype even in non-APCs. Is there any evidence that these cells can actually function as APCs and activate T cells?