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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The current review analyze different aspects that could lead to development of autoantibodies production in the Antiphospholipid Syndrome. I think it is an excellent review that contributes with up to date information and in a very elegant writing display. It was a pleasure to read it and I cannot criticize any portion of the review on the contrary I strongly support its immediate publication. Thanks



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The issue of pathogenic/genetic mechanisms in the induction of aPL antibodies is important and is not investigated sufficiently. However this review needs some revisions: 1. As stated in "Introduction" "we need to highlight the effect of classical thrombotic genetic factors on disease expression in APS patients". This is indeed the main issue and most important but is not discussed properly. 2. Section "Human genetic associations-HLA associations" is full of detailed information on how many HLAs are associated with aPL (aCAL, anti-Beta2) but almost nothing on clinical aspects such as any associations with thrombosis? frequency??, recurrence??. Even if the information on that is limited this should be at least discussed 3. The section "Non-HLA associations" Here, the authors did well by discussing some data on the association between G/691A-FVL and G20210A and thrombotic events and not only aPL frequency!! 4. The section "Environmental factors" Here also the information is almost on associations with aPL frequency and infections and much less with possible associations with thrombosis?. Again even if limited this information should be better stated.