As you probably remember, a few months ago I submitted a request for authorization to expand the scope of the paper on CMV and atherosclerosis in the ARIC-Clue sample (MS# 311). Specifically, I had added results on the association between CMV titers and hemostatic parameters. The PC authorized these changes. The revised version of the paper was rejected by *JAMA*, however.

In a subsequent revision of that paper, we decided to eliminate the aforementioned addition. We felt that it was lost in the context of a paper that focused on the longitudinal association between CMV antibodies and IMT case-control status. The revised version of the original paper (without the part on CMV-hemostasis) has recently been accepted in *Circulation*.

Attached is a draft of a manuscript prepared in the form of a "brief report" that exclusively focuses on the findings regarding CMV-hemostasis. I invited Dr. Wu to join the writing group. The attached draft includes his suggestions as well as the other co-authors’ suggestions.

I am submitting this manuscript to the PC for approval. since it was at some point part of MS#311, it could be still considered under that MS number (MS#311A ?).