Although finding B19 DNA in the arterial tissue would not be enough to establish a causal link between this infection and PAN, this search is an important step in clarifying a possible role of B19 in the aetiopathogenesis of PAN. Hence, the hypothesis that a chronically persistent B19 infection in the endothelium can trigger vasculitis is very unlikely to apply to PAN and MPA.

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