### Table. Summary of primary human and animal research, review articles and meta-analyses on associations between candidate pathogens and pathogen burden, and cardiovascular disease related outcomes

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<th>Exposure</th>
<th>Presence in Human Atherosclerotic Plaque</th>
<th>Atherosclerotic Lesions in Animal Models</th>
<th>Cardiovascular Mortality</th>
<th>Cardiovascular Diseases</th>
<th>Adverse Intermediate Cardiovascular Phenotype</th>
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<td><em>C. pneumoniae</em></td>
<td>+ (1)</td>
<td>+ (2)</td>
<td>+ (3)</td>
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<td>+/- (5,6)</td>
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<td><em>H. pylori</em></td>
<td>+ (7)</td>
<td>+/- (8)</td>
<td>+/- (3,9)</td>
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<td>HIV</td>
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<td>Hepatitis C virus</td>
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<td>Cytomegalovirus</td>
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<td>+ (2,18)</td>
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<td>Periodontal Bacteria</td>
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<td>Total Pathogen Burden</td>
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<td>+ (26)</td>
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+ Evidence for positive association  
+/- Conflicting evidence for association

### Supplemental References


