**Summary**

Traditionally, atherosclerosis is considered to be a disease of modern human beings, which is caused by the com-bined action of many negative factors from today’s environment on the body. Nevertheless, as it was shown in an American study of four ancient populations of different geographical locations and lifestyles, the prevalence of atherosclerosis in our ancestors was also quite high.

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