1. Title (length 26):
Racial Diffs Risk Factors

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3. Timeline:
Writing must await completion of baseline data collection.

4. Rationale:
The purpose of this paper is to compare the prevalence of so called "established" risk factors at baseline in black ARIC participants versus white in order to determine whether or not racial differences exist. The same sort of comparison will likewise be performed for the more newly suspected risk factors (e.g., selected coagulation factors and apoproteins).

5. Main Hypothesis:
The "hypothesis" is that there may be significant racial differences in the prevalence with which various risk factors occur in black versus white participants.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):
Subsequent to completion of collection, the paper writing committee will need to know the prevalence of the above alluded to risk factors in black versus white enrollees at baseline. Distribution of abnormal results for each item of baseline data collected, white versus black participants, may also be of interest.

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