1. Title (length 26):
Minnesota Non-Respondents

2. Writing Group (list individual with lead responsibility first):
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3. Timeline:
Manuscript will be developed within six-month period. It is a good companion to ARIC manuscript #028.

4. Rationale:
Non-respondents to cardiovascular surveys may differ from participants in important baseline characteristics. Consequently, generalizability of reported results may be questionable. A recent analysis in ARIC compared baseline characteristics of non-respondents who completed the initial home interview to those of participants (ARIC manuscript #028), however, this group comprised only 30% of all Minnesota non-respondents. A mail survey in the Minnesota center elicited baseline data on 80% of the remaining non-respondents. The proposed manuscript will characterize the Minnesota non-respondents to the home enumeration and home interview which manuscript #028 could not do.

5. Main Hypothesis:
Non-respondents to household enumeration and home interview will differ from participants in demographic and health characteristics. Differences will also be found among subgroups of non-respondents, defined by the stage at which they decided not to participate.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):
HOM and HOM2 files
Common Variables: ID, CENTER, RACEGRP, GENDER
Derived Variables: V1AGE01, BMI01, CIGT01, CIGTYR01
Anthropometry Form: ANTA01, ANTA04
Respiratory Symptoms Physical Activity Form: RPAA47, RPAA65
Minnesota mail survey data (has been keyed in Minnesota).