1. Title (length 26):

Social Factors and Atherosclerosis

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3. Timeline:

Most variables are available for analyses now.

1. Rationale:

Sociocultural variables have been found in association with clinically defined atherosclerosis. Some variables, such as Sokal discrepancy, have shown inconsistent associations across different studies, probably due to the lack of specificity of outcome variables.

3. Main Hypothesis:

Educational level and educational discrepancy between spouses, and other sociocultural factors are associated with ultrasound defined atherosclerosis.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, US cases/controls. Educational level, educational discrepancy between spouses, residence (urban/rural), mobility (time living in). (Spouse discrepancy be studied when both members of a household have participated)