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4. **Rationale:**

Advanced glycation end products (AGE) comprise a heterogeneous group of compounds which are formed via a series of non-enzymatic reactions between reducing sugars, proteins and lipids. Dry heat, ionization, and irradiation are very common industrial processes in food production, responsible for the generation of AGE. Heat and dehydration employed in home and commercial cooking, such as in broiling, searing, and frying, also significantly increase the content AGE in foods.(1) Despite the fact that the exact chemical structures of most AGE have yet to be determined, several molecular structures, including carboxymethyl lysine (CML),(2) have been structurally identified *in vivo*.

Over time, an irreversible deposit of AGEs occurs in various organs, potentially altering their function.(3) The binding of AGE proteins to its receptor results in activation of endothelial cells and monocytes.(4,5) AGE have been shown to induce pro-inflammatory cytokines and vascular cell adhesion molecule-1 (VCAM-1) expression via reactive oxygen species production and NF-κB transcriptional activation. Sustained pressure from food-derived AGEs may potentially shift homeostasis towards a higher basal level of oxidative stress, inflammation and injury of both insulin-producing and insulin-responsive cells. Studies in healthy humans and in those with diabetes mellitus show that consumption of high amounts of food-related AGEs is a determinant of insulin resistance and inflammation and that AGE restriction improves both.(6)

Small clinical studies indicate that serum concentrations of AGE are associated
with development of atherosclerosis, microangiopathy, and severity of diabetic complications, including nephropathy and retinopathy.\(^{(7,8)}\)

Animal studies, in addition to small clinical experiments aiming to restrict AGE intake through foods in humans, indicate that increased circulating AGE levels may precede, as well as result from, diabetes mellitus.\(^{(6)}\) However, evidence from long term large cohort studies in free living adults is still missing in the literature to support this idea.

One of the better described and studied AGE, CML, was measured with a photometric enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (Microcoat) in the ARIC ancillary study Inflammatory Precursors of Diabetes.

5. **Main Hypothesis/Study Questions:**

To verify whether elevated fasting levels of circulating CML, an AGE, precede and predict ascertainment of diabetes in middle-age adults.

6. **Design and analysis (study design, inclusion/exclusion, outcome and other variables of interest with specific reference to the time of their collection, summary of data analysis, and any anticipated methodologic limitations or challenges if present).**

Case-cohort design (as in other articles of the inflammatory precursors of diabetes ancillary study); Outcome: Incident diabetes; Variables of interest (Visit 1): AGE-CML (exposure) and basic covariables for models such as age, sex, race/center, family history of diabetes, hypertension, other variables from the inflammatory precursors of diabetes ancillary study. Weighted proportional hazards modeling of the AGE-CML (expressed in continuous and categorical form) – incident diabetes association.
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