ARIC Manuscript Proposal #2432

1.a. Full Title: Life’s Simple 7 (ideal CV risk) and heart failure

b. Abbreviated Title (Length 26 characters): Simple 7 & HF

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3. Timeline: start Fall 2014

4. Rationale:

The American Heart Association has recently promoted primary prevention of cardiovascular disease (CVD) by recommending Americans follow “Life’s Simple 7.” The Simple 7 identify ideal, intermediate and poor levels of CVD risk factors or behaviors (namely, smoking, body mass index, physical activity, diet, total cholesterol, blood pressure, and fasting serum glucose).\(^1\) The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study reported that the number of ideal factors achieved is associated strongly and inversely with subsequent incidence of total CVD and cancer.\(^2,3\) ARIC also previously reported that low cardiovascular risk was associated with reduced heart failure (HF) incidence\(^4\) and that a sizeable portion of HF incidence might be reduced by reducing modifiable risk factors.\(^5\)

Yet, some additional work is possible in this area. The previous ARIC publication on Life’s Simple 7\(^2\) did not specifically look at Life’s Simple 7 and HF incidence, nor did it estimate lifetime risk of HF in relation to risk factors. Moreover, no study has examined whether midlife levels of Life’s Simple 7 might be related to subsequent cardiac structure
and function in elderly people without a heart failure history. The proposed paper will address these topics.

[Note, Dr. Shah has submitted a somewhat similar (yet unnumbered) proposal to examine adherence to 6 of Life’s Simple 7 components over time in relation ARIC visit 5 echo findings. We have determined these proposals are different because the current paper will examine baseline Simple 7 components and will include diet.]

5. Main Hypothesis/Study Questions:

Adherence to Life’s Simple 7 at ARIC baseline is associated inversely, in the whole cohort, with (a) HF incidence rates and (b) lifetime HF risk.

Adherence to Life’s Simple 7 at ARIC baseline is associated inversely with structural and functional cardiac abnormalities at visit 5, among those with no history of HF.

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).

Hypothesis 1

Design: cohort

Endpoints: time to HF incidence and lifetime risk of HF

Exposure: Components of Life’s Simple 7

We will categorize Life’s Simple 7 in two ways for analysis. Firstly, we will count the number of ideal Life’s Simple 7 components a participant meets. Secondly, as done in REGARDS (5), we will create a score in which each component was given points of 0, 1, or 2 to represent poor, intermediate, or ideal health categories, respectively, and these were summed to yield a Life’s Simple 7 score. This score will be categorized as inadequate (0-4), average (5-9), or optimal (10-14) for cardiovascular health.

Exclusions: prevalent HF or missing HF status at baseline, missing CHD status at baseline, missing Simple 7 data.

Main covariates: age, race, sex, CHD (at baseline and during follow-up)

Analysis: We will calculate incidence rates of HF and 95% confidence intervals using Poisson regression, and calculate hazard ratios (HR) and 95% confidence intervals of incident HF using Cox proportional hazards models. We will compute lifetime risk of HF using a macro from Dr. Donald Lloyd-Jones. It employs a Kaplan Meier analysis that incorporates competing risks, with deaths from other causes as competing events.
One of the assumptions of this competing risk model is that each failure mechanism leading to a particular type of failure (i.e., failure mode) proceeds independently of every other one, at least until a failure occurs.

We will also explore the association of each Simple 7 component with HF incidence, to see which components contribute most to any overall association.

**Hypothesis 2**

Design: cohort, based on visit 5 attendees

Endpoints: Echocardiographic variables (visit 5 echo) of LV structure (wall thickness, relative wall thickness, systolic and diastolic diameters and volumes), LV systolic function (LVEF, longitudinal strain, circumferential strain, end-systolic elastance), LV diastolic function (E wave, A wave, E wave deceleration time, TDI E’, and LAVi), pulmonary artery systolic pressure, RV size and function (fractional area change, tricuspid annular TDI S’)

Exposure: Components of Life’s Simple 7 at baseline, as defined above

Exclusions: HF or MI present or missing prior to visit 5, missing baseline Simple 7 data.

Main covariates: age, race, sex. Will adjust for visit 5 risk factors in supplemental analyses.

Analysis: We will calculate odds ratios of visit 5 cardiac abnormalities using logistic regression. Sensitivity analyses will incorporate ARIC-type inverse probability weighting to adjust for visit 5 non-response.

**REFERENCES**


3. Rasmussen-Torvik LJ, Shay CM, Abramson JG, Friedrich CA, Nettleton JA, Prizment AE, Folsom AR. Ideal cardiovascular health is inversely associated with


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b) References 4 and 5, above, have some overlap but are already published.


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