1. Title:
Sialic Acid-Carotid Athero

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3. Timeline:
Draft ready by 1/94.

4. Rationale:
Sialic acid was analyzed in case-control samples as an ARIC ancillary study. Previous reports of the Swedish investigators showed a positive association of sialic acid with CVD.

5. Main Hypothesis:
Sialic acid is associated positively with carotid thickening.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):
Visit 2 data on Visit 1 defined ultrasound pairs
Independent - sialic acid
Covariates - smoking, LDL, HDL, hypertension, insulin