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3. Timeline: Analyses and manuscript preparation will be performed over the next 6 months.

4. Rationale:
   Cardiac troponin T (cTnT) and N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP) are diagnostic biomarkers for myocardial infarction and heart failure, respectively. Furthermore, higher levels of these cardiac markers in patients with coronary heart disease or heart failure are related to poor prognosis[7-15]. Of interest, those cardiac markers are identified in some individuals without clinical cardiovascular disease and predict cardiovascular disease events particularly cardiovascular death and heart failure [1-6].

   However, whether such a subclinical elevation of cardiac biomarkers in the general population is related to prognosis after the development of clinical cardiovascular disease is unknown. Such an investigation will provide us a few implications. If these cardiac markers at in middle-age free of clinical cardiovascular disease predict prognosis after a
cardiovascular disease event in later life in addition to the development of cardiac disease, that would further support the usefulness of these markers to identify at high cardiovascular risk and emphasize the importance of prevention approach at earlier stage of life. Therefore, using data from the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study, we will examine the associations of hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP levels at middle-age (visits 2 and 4) with the risk of adverse outcomes after MI at later life.

5. Main Hypothesis/Study Questions:
We hypothesize that levels of hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP in middle-age among persons without a history of cardiovascular disease will be associated with poor prognosis after incident MI at later life beyond covariates assessed at the development of MI.

6. Design and Analysis
Design: Prospective cohort study.
We will quantify the associations of hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP at Visits 2 or 4 with the risk of adverse outcomes (All-cause mortality, cardiovascular mortality, recurrent MI, heart failure, and stroke) after incident MI independently of potential confounders at MI occurrence. As detailed below, we will use covariates at MI occurrence using data from other visits and the medical record prior to incident MI. Since it will allow us to explore a larger number of incident MI cases, we will use visit 2 data of hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP for primary analysis and repeat the analysis using visit 4 hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP to confirm the robustness of our findings.

Inclusions: All black and white ARIC subjects who developed MI after Visits 2 or 4

Exclusions:
1. Race other than black and white
2. Individuals with missing data on hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP at visits 2 and 4 or outcomes described below
3. Participants who had a history of MI prior to visit 2 (or visit 4 for the analysis of visit 4 hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP) based on self-report or electrocardiogram (ECG) at visit 1 or adjudicated MI prior to visit 2 (or visit 4).

Exposures:
Covariates at MI occurrence: Age, gender, race/ethnicity, weight, blood pressure, history of hypertension, diabetes, current and former smoking status, prior heart failure, prior stroke, prior peripheral artery disease, revascularization procedure, prior kidney disease, troponin and natriuretic peptide at admission and calendar years.

Outcomes:
All-cause mortality, cardiovascular mortality, recurrent MI, heart failure, and stroke after incident MI.

Statistical Analysis:
1. Hs-cTnT will be categorized into five categories (<3, 3-5, 6-8, 9-13 and 13+ ng/L) and NT-proBNP will be categorized into five categories corresponding to the same percentiles of each category of hs-cTnT. [16] We will summarize basic characteristics according to the 5 categories of hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP.
2. We will first quantify the association of hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP with the risk of adverse events (all-cause mortality, cardiovascular mortality, recurrent MI, heart
failure, and stroke) after incident MI, using Kaplan-Meier method as well as Cox proportional hazards regression models accounting for potential confounders.

3. We will conduct a few sensitivity analyses:
   a. We will repeat analysis in several subgroups by race and gender.
   b. Since those with higher levels of hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP were likely to develop MI earlier than those with lower levels, leading to longer follow-up after MI to capture adverse outcomes, we will restrict our analysis to 1, 3, or 5 years after MI as sensitivity analysis.

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