I am writing to ask for ARIC Publications Committee approval to split the original manuscript (i#337) into two. The reason for this request is that after the paper was submitted to Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, Vascular Biology, the editors accepted it only after we shortened it by deleting all methods, results, and discussion of one of the endpoints, retinopathy. It was published missing this endpoint in June. One of the aims was published missing this endpoint in June. One of the Aims of #337 was to look at this endpoint. For this reason, I would like to take the deleted sections and submit them as an original manuscript (asking for no further data analyses at this point in time) to an eye journal: with a title:

La. Full Title: Retinopathy in persons without diabetes in the ARIC study

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"Retinopathy in Persons without Diabetes in the ARIL Study." The authors would remain the same as in the original paper.