1. Title: Sialic Acid-Japan & MPLS

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4. Rationale:
   Sialic acid is associated positively with CHD and stroke, and in ARIC with carotid IMT. Whether there are international differences in sialic acid level is unknown. Stored ancillary blood from Minneapolis ARIC and Japan permits a comparison.

5. Main Hypothesis:
   Sialic acid is higher in Minneapolis than Akita, Japan.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):
   Same data as ARIC MS 269, 330, etc.
   From ARIC Visit 2 Minneapolis only.