1. a. Full Title: Prevalence and Predictors of Obesity in Five Countries
   b. Abbreviated Title: Prev & Predictors of Obese

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3. Timeline:

4. Rationale:

Overweight is an important risk factor for development of dyslipidemias and hypertension. It is a major public health problem in the United States and Eastern Europe and a potential problem in developing countries undergoing rapid industrialization.

5. Main Hypothesis:

This analysis will compare and contrast predictors of BMI and overweight in populations with a low prevalence of overweight (PRC) and populations with a high prevalence of overweight (U.S., ARIC, Poland, USSR).

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):

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Age, sex, race, BMI, height, weight, education, alcohol g/day, cigarettes, smoking status, heart rate