1. Title: Ethnicity and Hypertension

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3. Timeline:
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4. Rationale:
   Several studies have indicated that African-Americans has a higher prevalence to hypertension compared to whites. However, few studies have compared the ethnic differences in the incidence of hypertension in a community-based study.

5. Main Hypothesis:
   To compare the incidence of hypertension between African-Americans and whites; and to explore the determinants for this potential ethnic difference in the risk of hypertension.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):
   Baseline data: age, sex, gender, ethnicity, field sites, education, income, occupation, body weight, height, heart rate, blood pressure, history of alcohol drinking, physical activity and antihypertensive medication, dietary sodium, potassium and calcium intake.
Blood pressure, antihypertensive medication use, body weight and height in 3- and 6-year follow-up.