ARIC MANUSCRIPT PROPOSAL FORM

Manuscript #488

1. Full Title: Ethnic Differences in BMI and its Relation to Mortality in the Women's Pooling Project
   Abbreviated Title (length 26): Ethnic Differences in BMI

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3. Timeline:
   June 1997-June 1998 for initial manuscript

4. Rationale:
   Inconsistent relations between BMI and CVD mortality have been observed among ethnic subgroups in our feasibility study for the women's Pooling Project. We will be able to more definitively answer this question in a large pool of women that are ethnically diverse and have long term follow-up.

5. Main Hypothesis:
   We hypothesize the relation between BMI and mortality varies by ethnicity.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):
   We would like to include the ARIC baseline dataset and most recent mortality ascertainment in the Women's Pooling Project.

   The variables we are requesting for the main hypothesis including potential confounders and descriptive information to demonstrate "poolability" are attached.