1. Title:
Association of arterial stiffness and retinal microvascular abnormalities
Short Title: Arterial Stiffness and retinal abnormalities

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3. Timeline:
Submit Proposal to Publications Committee                      August, 1997
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4. Main Study Questions:
(1) Is arterial stiffness associated with retinal microvascular abnormalities defined as retinal A/V ratio, AV crossing, focal narrowing, and retinopathy?
(2) Is the association independent of hypertension, diabetes, and other CVD risk factors?

5. Data (variables, source, inclusion/exclusion):
The following variables are needed for this analysis: Arterial stiffness data (Visit 1 and Visit 2 combined), Visit 3 retinal microvascular abnormalities, Visit 2 hypertension, diabetes, lipids, and race, gender, field center, education levels, smoking status, BMI, total cholesterol