1.a. **Full Title**: Do South Asians have a higher incidence of diabetes at lower BMI levels and younger ages than other ethnic groups?

b. **Abbreviated Title (Length 26 characters)**:

Age and BMI variations in diabetes incidence by ethnicity

2. **Writing Group**:


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3. **Timeline**: To be completed and submitted to journal by January 2019
4. **Rationale:** It has been postulated that South Asians have high prevalence of diabetes at younger ages and lower BMI levels, but no study has directly compared age- and BMI-specific incidence of diabetes, using standard methods, with other ethnic groups.

5. **Main Hypothesis/Study Questions:**

Do South Asians have a higher incidence of diabetes at lower BMI levels and younger ages than other ethnic groups (Whites, Blacks, Pima Indians)?

6. **Design and analysis (study design, inclusion/exclusion, outcome and other variables of interest with specific reference to the time of their collection, summary of data analysis, and any anticipated methodologic limitations or challenges if present).**

**Study Design:** Prospective cohort  
**Outcome:** Age- and BMI-specific diabetes incidence (defined as FPG≥126 or HbA1c≥ 6.5 or self-report) by sex over 8-9 years of follow-up  
**Populations:**
1. South Asians from CARRS Cohort, representative sample of 17,000 people from Delhi, Chennai, Karachi, India with six annual follow-up  
2. Pima Indians from NIDDK Cohort  
3. Whites and Blacks from ARIC  
**Variables of Interest:** Age, Sex, BMI, waist circumference, family history of diabetes.  
**Analysis:** We will quantify and compare age- and BMI-specific diabetes incidence (per 1000 person-years) by sex for each ethnic group (South Asians, Pimas, Blacks, Whites). We will use standard survival analysis methods (Kaplan-Meier) to evaluate cumulative incidence and use Cox proportional hazards models to evaluate the relative hazards of diabetes by age and BMI categories overall and by sex. We will also calculate risk differences, using Pima Indians as the reference category.

Analyses of ARIC data will be conducted locally (at JHU) and summary estimates will be provided for this multiple cohort project.

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   __ Yes    __ No

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