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**1.a. Full Title:** CHARGE GWAS for hemostatic factors

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

**2. Writing Group:** CHARGE hemostatic factor working group

ARIC writing group members: Aaron Folsom, Weihong Tang, Saonli Basu, Jim Pankow, David Couper, Eric Boerwinkle, Jing-Fei Dong. Other authors from additional CHARGE cohorts. The plan is to maintain symmetry across cohort.

I, the first author, confirm that all the coauthors have given their approval for this manuscript proposal. \_\_AF\_\_ [**please confirm with your initials electronically or in writing**]

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**3. Timeline:** summer 2008

**4. Rationale:** Hemostatic factors contribute to venous and arterial thromboembolic diseases. Evidence suggests that key coagulation factors, such as fibrinogen, factor VII, factor VIII, and von Willebrand factor are heritable. Some variants in genes for these factors have been identified that determine plasma levels, but additional genes likely

contribute. There have been no genome wide association studies (GWAS) of hemostatic factors.

CHARGE (ARIC, CHS, Rotterdam, Framingham, and selected other cohorts) is doing a meta analysis of GWAS findings related to hemostatic factors. The group is chaired by Jacqueline Witteman from Rotterdam. The analysis is focusing on a) fibrinogen and b) factors VII, VIII and von Willebrand. Given the related nature we pursue one ARIC manuscript proposal and if there are indeed sufficiently promising results we will have write more than one paper and notify the committee.

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

Gene variants can be identified that associate with levels of hemostatic factors: a) fibrinogen and b) factors VII, VIII, and von Willebrand factor.

## **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).**

Design: meta analysis of GWAS studies

Participating groups:

Framingham Study  
Rotterdam Study  
ARIC  
CHS (2400)  
MONICA/KORA  
British birth cohort

Phenotypes: a) Fibrinogen, b)VWF, factor VII, factor VIII

1. Model: Linear regression for cross-sectional analysis

Main analysis will include only whites. Blacks will be run for ARIC /CHS as a secondary analysis. CARE policies for the African-American GWAS data will be followed.

Genetic model: additive. For top hits, further testing of genetic model to test deviations from an additive model.

2. Transform: no transform, no scaling.

3. Covariates:

1. Age and sex adjusted (+ cohort/center where appropriate)
2. Multivariate adjusted: Age (continuous), smoker (current, former, never), BMI (continuous), diabetes (y,n), CVD (y,n), TG (continuous), HDL-C (continuous), total cholesterol, alcohol (continuous, with 0 for nondrinker), SBP, htnrx, HRT.
3. Subgroups / Interactions: Age specific (< 55 and > 55), Sex specific, BMI (< 25 and > 25 kg/m2), Smoking.
4. Exclusions: use of anti-coagulation therapy
5. Control for multiple comparisons: Bonferroni adjustment
6. Imputation  
Imputation to Hapmap 2.1 M using data provided by the ARIC central GWAS imputation group.
7. Meta-analysis:  
Meta-analysis based on 2.1 M observed and imputed SNPs

**7.a. Will the data be used for non-CVD analysis in this manuscript?**     Yes  
 No

**b. If Yes, is the author aware that the file ICTDER03 must be used to exclude persons with a value RES\_OTH = "CVD Research" for non-DNA analysis, and for DNA analysis RES\_DNA = "CVD Research" would be used?**   

Yes     No

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 No

**8.b. If yes, is the author aware that either DNA data distributed by the Coordinating Center must be used, or the file ICTDER03 must be used to exclude those with value RES\_DNA = "No use/storage DNA"?**

Yes     No

**8.c. If yes, is the author aware that the participants with RES\_DNA = 'not for profit' restriction must be excluded if the data are used by a for profit group?**

Yes     No

