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1.a. Full Title: Prevalence and progression of CKD in an older community-based population

b. Abbreviated Title (Length 26 characters): Older adults and CKD

2. Writing Group:

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

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3. Timeline: Analyses will begin once the manuscript proposal has been approved. We anticipate that the manuscript will be written and submitted to the ARIC Publications Committee within one year of the manuscript proposal being approved.

4. Rationale: The prevalence of CKD is high, at 14.4% of the US population with CKD based on decreased eGFR or high albuminuria.¹ Older adults have an exceptionally high prevalence of CKD, with some studies estimation >50% prevalence at age 70 and older.² Serum creatinine is recommended as the primary filtration marker for eGFR in current KDIGO guidelines³, although this marker is affected by non-kidney determinants such as muscle mass, which raises concerns of misclassification in older individuals. In response to the controversial use of race coefficients in clinical algorithms, the CKD Epidemiology Collaboration developed a

new creatinine -based eGFR equation without adjustments for race⁴ that has been recommended for immediate implementation.^{4,5}

In addition to this new equation, interest in using cystatin C, which is another major filtration marker, is growing because it is not affected by muscle mass and its GFR equation does not use a race coefficient and may be more strongly associated with adverse outcomes.^{6,7} However, cystatin C can also be affected by non-GFR determinants, including inflammation, adiposity, type 2 diabetes, and thyroid dysfunction.^{8,9} Another marker, beta-2-microglobulin, does not have these non-GFR determinants and has also been shown to be strongly associated with outcomes.¹⁰⁻¹² The differences in prevalence by age and filtration marker (creatinine vs. cystatin vs. beta-2-microglobulin) and the risk of CKD progression (40% decline in eGFR) is less well known.

5. Main Hypothesis/Study Questions:

Aim 1: To estimate the prevalence of CKD in a population of older community-dwelling adults and sensitivity to adding cystatin C as a filtration marker.

Aim 2: To compare differences in estimates of eGFR by filtration markers in a population of older community-dwelling adults.

Aim 3: To estimate risk of CKD progression in a population of older community dwelling adults.

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: We will conduct analyses of the ARIC cohort, treating Visit 5 as the baseline visit.

Study Population: The study population will consist of white and African-American ARIC participants with data on kidney function from Visit 5 and follow-up for kidney outcomes.

Exposure: We will evaluate prevalence of CKD stages (by eGFR and urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio) stratified by 5-year age category. We will look at persistence of CKD from the lab repeat visit on a subsample of visit 5 participants. Other covariates will include sex, race, diabetes, blood pressure, BMI, prevalent CVD, and heart failure.

Outcomes: Creatinine-based and/or cystatin-based Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology (CKD-EPI) Collaboration equations will be used to estimate GFR.^{13,14} CKD progression will be defined as having a 40% decline in eGFR at the subsequent visit 6 (may also look at visit 7 as well) or ESRD as identified by the US Renal Data System (USRDS) registry.¹⁵⁻¹⁷ We will also evaluate eGFR defined by creatinine alone, cystatin alone, creatinine and cystatin, and a multimarker approach to estimating GFR (e.g., creatinine, cystatin C, beta-2-microglobulin).

Statistical Analysis: We will use descriptive statistics, including means, medians, and proportions to compare kidney function by age categories at Visit 5. For CKD progression, we

will analyze the association of age with CKD progression, adjusting for other demographic characteristics as well as, in subsequent models, additional comorbidities and kidney function at baseline. We will also evaluate the competing risk of death using multinomial models. We will also look at the risk factors for discordance between progression by different eGFR equations.

Limitations: We acknowledge that our proposed study has a few limitations. First, we are only using data from Visit 5 onwards in order to capture an older population. We will only have a single visit for prevalence. Second, the risk of death is high and can preclude the development of CKD progression.

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

(This file ICTDER has been distributed to ARIC PIs, and contains the responses to consent updates related to stored sample use for research.)

8.a. Will the DNA data be used in this manuscript? Yes 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

9. The lead author of this manuscript proposal has reviewed the list of existing ARIC Study manuscript proposals and has found no overlap between this proposal and previously approved manuscript proposals either published or still in active status. ARIC Investigators have access to the publications lists under the Study Members Area of the web site at: <http://www.csc.unc.edu/ARIC/search.php>

Yes No

10. What are the most related manuscript proposals in ARIC (authors are encouraged to contact lead authors of these proposals for comments on the new proposal or collaboration)?

No manuscript proposals examining the prevalence of CKD by different filtration markers in the visit 5 and older population. Some related proposals looking at kidney function in older adults and alternative filtration markers are listed below:

MS#3853: Testican-2 and CKD progression

MS#3735: Association between Kidney Function and Lipid Levels in Older Adults: The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study

MS#3730: Diabetes and estimated glomerular filtration rate decline in older adults: The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Stud

MS#3052: Association between Kidney Function and Lipid Levels in Older Adults: The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study

MS#2919: The association of kidney disease measures with physical function in older adults:
The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study

MS#2444: Blood biomarkers as predictors of end-stage renal disease and mortality – meta-analysis

11.a. Is this manuscript proposal associated with any ARIC ancillary studies or use any ancillary study data? Yes No

11.b. If yes, is the proposal

A. primarily the result of an ancillary study (list number* _____)

B. primarily based on ARIC data with ancillary data playing a minor role (usually control variables; list number(s)* 2011.03 (Selvin for funding on visit 6 labs, Matsushita for funding of visit 3 labs))

*ancillary studies are listed by number at <http://www.csc.unc.edu/aric/forms/>

12a. Manuscript preparation is expected to be completed in one to three years. If a manuscript is not submitted for ARIC review at the end of the 3-years from the date of the approval, the manuscript proposal will expire.

12b. The NIH instituted a Public Access Policy in April, 2008 which ensures that the public has access to the published results of NIH funded research. It is **your responsibility to upload manuscripts to PubMed Central** whenever the journal does not and be in compliance with this policy. Four files about the public access policy from <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/> are posted in <http://www.csc.unc.edu/aric/index.php>, under Publications, Policies & Forms. http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm shows you which journals automatically upload articles to PubMed central.

13. Per Data Use Agreement Addendum, approved manuscripts using CMS data shall be submitted by the Coordinating Center to CMS for informational purposes prior to publication. Approved manuscripts should be sent to Pingping Wu at CC, at pingping_wu@unc.edu. I will be using CMS data in my manuscript Yes No.

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