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1.a. Full Title: Metabolomics Studies of Incident Stroke and Vascular Brain Aging

b. Abbreviated Title (Length 26 characters): Metabolomics of stroke

2. Writing Group:

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3. Timeline: Summer 2017

4. Rationale: Ischemic stroke is a heterogeneous disease and despite decades of research, few treatments are available. Management of stroke risk factors remain the first line strategy to decrease the burden of ischemic stroke. In addition, stroke classification and diagnosis are not straightforward and mostly rely on neuroimaging techniques that are costly, time-consuming,

and not universally available. Thus, the discovery of novel blood-based biomarkers that aid in the early identification of high-risk patients and in the classification and diagnosis of stroke has the potential to facilitate the management of patients with cerebral ischemia and improve the understanding of stroke etiology.

5. Main Hypothesis/Study Questions:

- 1) We will examine the association of metabolites measured on stored serum collected at the baseline examination with incident stroke and its subtypes.
- 2) We will examine the association of metabolites measured on stored serum collected at the baseline examination with brain MRI endophenotypes of vascular brain aging. These include white matter hyperintensities, brain infarcts, microbleeds (NCS only).
- 3) To shed light on possible molecular pathways that may underlie identified associations of metabolites with disease outcomes, we may integrate genetic and epigenetic information through identification of possible genetic and DNA methylation correlates of the selected metabolites identified in the association analyses. These will then be examined for their association with incident stroke or brain MRI endophenotypes.

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).

For analyses of incident stroke, we will exclude participants with self-report of a stroke or TIA at baseline.

We will use Cox proportional hazards to examine the association of incident stroke (and subtypes) with standardized levels of each metabolites, adjusting for relevant covariates, including age, sex, field center, diabetes, hypertension, current smoking, BMI, and estimated glomerular filtration rate.

We will use linear (logistic) regression to examine the association of WMH volume (or presence of brain infarct/ microbleed on MRI) with each serum metabolite adjusting for relevant covariates, including intracranial volume.

Correction for multiple testing will be applied using Bonferroni or False Discovery Rates as appropriate.

GWAS or EWAS of selected metabolites identified in the above analyses may be conducted to identify genetic and DNA methylation correlates. Formal Mendelian Randomization techniques may be applied to examine the causal relationship of identified metabolites with brain outcomes.

7.a. Will the data be used for non-CVD analysis in this manuscript? ____ Yes __X__ 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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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

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☒ 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)?

Other metabolomics papers by Bing Yu and Eric Boerwinkle who are co-authors in this research.

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)* _____)

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

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