

**ARIC reimbursement costs for providing outside investigators with ARIC data or QC on replicate samples
(For approved Manuscripts, Ancillary Studies, Meta Analyses or Pooling Data)**

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Background: The ARIC study has substantial data and specimen which should be available to the widest possible group of investigators to promote the highest caliber science possible. However, study contract resources are focused on the conduct of the study itself with increasing demands of a large surveillance program and ongoing activities. Providing data or QC analyses involves a number of costs which individually are quite modest but added together over all ARIC operating units and across dozens of active studies can over-tax the study resources.

The ARIC Coordinating Center (CC) has a general policy for charges for approved manuscripts and ancillary studies. Exceptions can be requested. These will be considered on a case by case basis.

There is no charge for reimbursement cost estimates provided by the CC. Time to completion depends upon the size and complexity of the project and the clarity and accuracy of the information provided by the requestor to the CC. Requests can be delayed if the CC receives incomplete information. Requests for additional work after a project has been completed may result in additional costs. The CC makes every effort to accommodate outside requests, however, please note that work on ARIC study deliverables takes priority over outside requests.

Reimbursement Costs for Datasets for Approved Manuscripts

Requests for datasets for approved manuscripts will be charged a base cost of \$1,000.00. Additional cost may be charged depending on the complexity of the request and the amount of data requested.

Reimbursement Costs for Approved Ancillary Studies

Requests from approved ancillary studies are charged based on the request type and the cost category as determined by the CC. The CC will increase costs appropriately for large or complicated data sets or analyses.

Table of Charges for Approved Ancillary Studies	Cost Categories		
	Simple Requests	Moderate Requests	Advanced Requests
Data set preparation	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Summary Table preparation	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
QC on replicate samples	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Receive data, archive, track and send out to PIs (Cost could increase if it has to be merged with current data sets.)	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000

CC guidelines for determining request cost categories:

- Simple** = one exam visit, ≤ 100 variables
(listing of variables provided with ARIC variable names)
- Moderate** = multiple exam visits and/or outcome data, ≤ 100 variables
(listing of variables provided with ARIC variable names).
- Advanced** = multiple exam visits and/or outcome data > 100 variables.

Additional Costs for Data Set Preparation

Data sets larger than 4GB, that cannot be distributed via our secure web, will require storage hardware for distribution. The storage hardware will be provided by the data requestor.

Shipping and handling of encrypted flash drive for data sets larger than 4GB to 64GB	\$50
Shipping and handling of encrypted hard drive for data sets 65GB - 500GB	\$100

Exceptions can be made (up or down, including higher than the "advanced" level) by the CC as determined by the request. Conditions to consider are if the CC has to submit an IRB modification, create derived variables or do other administrative tasks.

Reimbursement Costs for Meta Analyses

The minimum charge for providing ARIC data for ancillary studies or meta analyses is \$3,000. (For meta analyses, this is often just a summary table.) Additional cost will depend upon the extent of services requested.

Reimbursement Costs for Quality Control

The minimum charge for preparing quality control on blinded duplicates for ancillary study laboratory data or for receiving, storing and distributing AS data is \$2,000. This includes adding blind duplicate IDs to the laboratory pull lists. Any estimated extra cost will depend on the scope of work.

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