1. Abbreviated Title: Change in Smoking Behavior

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3. Timeline:

4. Rationale: Prevalence of smoking in Poland is high and there is interest in comparing the frequency of changes in smoking status in Pol-MONICA cohorts with those in ARIC. The comparison might give insights into reasons for smoking cessation and be useful in future smoking cessation programs.

5. Main Hypothesis: To compare the prevalence and etiology of changes in smoking behavior in Poland and USA.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):
   Poland and ARIC: Screen 1, 2, 3, ages 45-64, both genders, all sites, smoking data, income, education, occupation, CHD data (MI or RQ angina), stroke data (prevalent, age), alcohol use, pulmonary and respiratory data, ht, wt, diabetes data, obesity data (age, wt change).