1. Title:
Association of anger and arterial stiffness
Short Title: Anger and arterial stiffness

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4. Main Study Questions:
(1) Are higher levels of trait anger associated with increased arterial stiffness?
(2) Is the association of trait anger with arterial stiffness independent of the traditional CVD risk factors?
(3) How does the association between anger and arterial stiffness differ by age, race/ethnicity, and gender?

5. Data (variables, source, inclusion/exclusion):
Trait anger (measured using the Spielberger State-Trait Anger Scale and assessed at Visit 2), arterial stiffness data (assessed at Visit 2), blood pressure, diabetes, smoking status, race/ethnicity, BMI, hypertensive status, lipid levels