1. Title: Inter-population differences in cardiac autonomic control -- the US and Poland Comparison Study

2. Writing Group:
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3. Timeline:
Submit proposal to the joint study Steering Committee August, 1998
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Submit to Journal October, 1999

4. Main Study Objectives:
(1) To describe the distributions and the differences of HRV indices between the two populations.
(2) To describe the correlates of HRV indices with established CVD risk factors, such as age, sex, education, smoking, total cholesterol and HDL cholesterol, diabetes, insulin resistance, and hypertension. To compare the correlations by two populations.

5. Data (variables, source, inclusion/exclusion):
The following variables are needed for this analysis: HRV indices from two populations. Risk factor profiles from two populations.