



Effect of Environmental Pollutants on Metabolic Defects

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In times of environmental concern and activism, we are becoming more aware of the effects of our environment on our health. Due to the industrialization of our societies, we are constantly exposed to chemical pollutants that may contribute to the development of chronic diseases such as cancers, allergies, respiratory diseases, and metabolic diseases. At present, there is a growing global epidemic of diabetes, defined as the coexistence of both diabetes and obesity. Diabetes and obesity prevalence has nearly quadrupled and tripled in the past 40 years, respectively. While the diabetes epidemic is mainly attributed to excess caloric intake and lack of physical activity, the role of environmental chemicals should not be overlooked. There are clear trends between increased obesity and diabetes prevalence and exposure to chemicals. This Special Issue will highlight recent data on the link between exposure to environmental pollutants and the development of metabolic diseases. We invite experts in the field to submit their critical review or original articles to emphasize the role played by these chemicals on our metabolic health.





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