



Heavy Metals and Health

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Heavy metals have been a hazard to human and environmental health for many centuries and recent advances in human technology have not reduced that risk. In fact, increased industrialization of the developing world, the increased demand for resources, and the advent of new technologies have increased the risk of exposure to these substances. Despite this increase in risk public and professional attention is often focused on the emergence of new risks (e.g., plasticizers). This issue will focus on reaffirming the risks of well known heavy metals, such as lead and mercury, and bringing to light the risk of emerging metals such as uranium, gallium and others. Articles will address a range of issues, from epidemiology to the systemic effects and cellular mechanisms of toxicity. Treatment, prevention, biotransformation and policy issues are also viable topics.

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