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Negative Health Impacts of Environmental Contaminant Exposure During Early Childhood

Message from the Guest Editor

Early childhood represents a critical period of vulnerability to environmental exposures, with potential long-term implications for health and development. While our understanding of individual contaminants has advanced, the complex interactions of multiple exposures during this crucial developmental stage remain an area requiring further investigation. The goal of this Special Issue is to advance the scientific understanding of how environmental contaminants affect children's health during this critical developmental period to inform strategies to protect this vulnerable population, and promote healthier outcomes across the lifespan.

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