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# Environmental Exposure and Cancer Risk in Healthy Populations

# Message from the Guest Editor

Environmental exposure to carcinogens and the risk they pose to healthy populations is of great concern, especially in low- and middle- income countries (LMIC) worldwide, where regulations and allowed limits of exposure are less stringent than in the US and Europe. New emerging chemicals, such as pesticides and weed killers, are now used on a massive scale and are diffuse in the environment. They pose potential risks for residents and could be more toxic for vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly. Although numerous articles have been published on environmental carcinogens, there are still substantial knowledge gaps, particularly with respect to recently introduced chemicals and carcinogens ingested with food crops and water. A robust literature on disparities in exposure and cancer risk is also lacking. Studies are also required to determine the association between lowdose exposures and cancer risk, as well as on the simultaneous effect of environmental exposure to multiple carcinogens.

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