Special Issue

Human Exposure to Multiple Environmental Contaminants: From Chemical to Biological Studies

Message from the Guest Editors

Humans and the environment are exposed to a wide range of chemical combinations through air, food. consumer products, and other sources. The evaluation of levels of different classes of contaminants in food and environmental matrices, and the subsequent determination of exposure biomarkers in biological samples allow a thorough risk assessment of this exposure. A key question in the risk assessment of exposures to multiple chemicals is whether mixture effects may occur when chemicals are combined at low doses which individually do not induce observable effects. Because humans are exposed to hundreds, if not thousands, of chemicals the application of specific analytical methods for each of the chemical classes can be costly and time-consuming. Therefore, analytical methods capable of measuring a wide range of chemical classes and toxicological studies aiming to understand the underlying mechanisms of toxicity of chemical mixture are critically needed. This Special Issue is an interesting opportunity to stimulate the continuing efforts to understand human exposure to multiple organic and inorganic contaminants.

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