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The Impact of Environmental Contaminants on Neurodevelopment and Human Metabolism

Message from the Guest Editors

Anthropogenic activities have been contributing to the exponential increase of pollutants released into the environment. The perinatal period represents a critical and vulnerable period for the developing brain. This way, exposure to environmental contaminants can affect the organism's metabolism. Developing individuals are more sensitive when challenged with xenobiotics. A particular concern is regarding the morphology and physiology of the developing brain. Alterations during neurodevelopment can compromise important functions of the individual's nervous system and cause permanent health problems, such as learning, memory, and behavioral deficits. Studying the effects of environmental contaminants isolated or in mixtures, especially in realistic concentrations, in different models/organisms and the effects in several pathways of organisms' development and metabolism is pivotal to understanding the effects of anthropogenic actions on human health. In this Special Issue, papers exploring new biomarkers of exposure, new pathways affected, and biochemical and molecular alterations caused by exposure to environmental contaminants are welcome.

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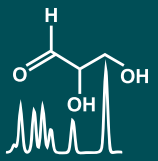

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