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Ecotoxicological Effects of Emerging Contaminants on Aquatic Species

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Emerging contaminants are defined as synthetic or naturally occurring chemicals or any microorganisms that are not commonly monitored in the environment but have the potential to enter the environment and cause known or supposed adverse ecological and/or human health effects.

The threat of emerging contaminants lies in the fact that the environmental and human toxicology of most of these compounds have not yet been studied. In this sense, ecotoxicity testing through exposure of aquatic species to those contaminants has historically been the main approach to obtain exposure-effect data. Advances in computational toxicology, high-throughput techniques, in vitro to in vivo extrapolation, and QSAR and AOP models have also been widely used for environmental risk assessment from a plethora of poorly studied contaminants against aquatic organisms.

This Special Issue will focus on the investigation of ecotoxicological effects of emerging contaminants on aquatic species using in silico, in vitro and/or in vivo approaches. The proposal of new methods or tests to investigate the effects of these contaminants on aquatic biota will also be considered in this Special Issue.













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