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Early Childhood Health Effects of Prenatal Exposures in Low and Middle Income Countries

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The prenatal period is a sensitive time of development that can influence an individual's health trajectory. Accumulating epidemiologic data from higher income countries demonstrates that exposure to environmental pollutants during the prenatal period can have deleterious health effects in early childhood. Meanwhile, low and middle income countries (LMICs) are disproportionately burdened by environmental pollution, yet too few studies have investigated the health effects of prenatal exposures in LMICs. In this Special Issue, we aim to highlight original research or review articles that specifically address prenatal exposures and early childhood health effects in LMICs. Suggested original research articles conducted among LMIC populations may be exposure assessment studies in the prenatal period or epidemiology studies evaluating prenatal exposures and effects during the postnatal (early childhood) period. A Special Issue on this topic will help reveal recent findings in understudied, vulnerable populations while further identifying key gaps in our understanding of the public health impacts of prenatal exposure to environmental pollutants in LMICs.



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