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Wildlife on Drugs: Impacts of Pharmaceutical Pollution on Aquatic Ecosystems

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Dear Colleagues,

Pharmaceuticals have become contaminants of emerging concern with detection in water bodies worldwide. After consumption by humans, pharmaceuticals enter domestic wastewater systems and are typically not completely removed by the wastewater treatment plants. These contaminants are then discharged into water bodies and may be taken up by aquatic life. Pharmaceutical pollution is of particular concern because these chemicals are designed to be biologically active in humans at low levels, and these biological targets/systems are often conserved across vertebrate taxa. The adverse effects of these chemicals on aquatic wildlife are poorly understood, with few water quality standards and regulations in most iurisdictions. This Special Issue aims to provide information and recent studies investigating the exposure, effects and/or risks of pharmaceutical pollution on aquatic wildlife.













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