

## Special Issue

# Effects of Exposure to Micro- and Nanoplastics on Maternal and Child Health

### Message from the Guest Editor

Micro- and nanoplastics (MNPs) have emerged as ubiquitous environmental contaminants, with increasing concern surrounding their potential impacts on human health. Despite increasing evidence of their bioaccumulation and systemic distribution, the specific effects of MNP exposure on maternal and child health remain critically understudied. This Special Issue of *Toxics* aims to compile cutting-edge research that elucidates the mechanisms of MNP toxicity during pregnancy, fetal development, and early childhood. We welcome submissions addressing experimental, epidemiological, or modeling studies that investigate MNP exposure pathways, placental transfer, endocrine disruption, immunotoxicity, neurodevelopmental outcomes, and transgenerational effects. Interdisciplinary contributions integrating environmental science, toxicology, reproductive biology, pediatrics, and public health are particularly encouraged. By assembling high-quality international research, this Special Issue will advance our understanding of how MNPs affect vulnerable populations and inform risk assessment and regulatory policies.

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