

Special Issue

Airway Exposure to Pollution from Ambient Particulate Matter (PM) and Health Effects

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue explores the impact of ambient particulate matter (PM) on airway health, with a particular focus on respiratory diseases and underlying mechanisms. It aims to examine the effects of PM effects, particularly inflammation, oxidative stress, and lung function decline, while highlighting innovative methodologies like in vitro models and alternative testing methods. The key objectives of this Special Issue include investigating size- and composition-specific PM impacts (e.g., PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, and ultrafine particles), advancing mechanistic understanding, and integrating novel exposure and health risk assessment techniques. Contributions will span toxicology, environmental science, public health, and regulatory frameworks. Positioned within a well-established body of literature on PM and respiratory health, this collection of works addresses critical gaps, such as insufficient focus on cellular mechanisms, limited adoption of animal-free methodologies, and the need for comprehensive exposure modeling linked to specific PM sources. By showcasing interdisciplinary approaches, it aims to advance the field's capacity for actionable insights.

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