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Allergic Diseases (Asthma, Allergic Rhinitis, Atopic Dermatitis) and Air Pollution

Message from the Guest Editor

Air pollutants include toxic particles and gases emitted in large quantities from many different combustible materials. They also include particulate matter and ozone, and biological contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which can penetrate the human airway and reach the bloodstream, triggering airway inflammation, dysfunction, and fibrosis. Pollutants that accumulate in the lungs exacerbate symptoms of allergic diseases such as asthma and allergic rhinitis (AR). Asthma, a heterogeneous disease with complex pathological mechanisms, is characterized by particular symptoms, such as shortness of breath, a tight chest, coughing, and wheezing. AR is a common disease with a significant impact on quality of life and very high management costs. In general, air pollution decreases quality of life and life expectancy. It exacerbates symptoms in patients with allergic diseases and increases the morbidity and risk of hospitalization associated with allergic diseases. Therefore, in this Special Issue, we present the impact of air pollutants on allergic diseases such as asthma and allergic rhinitis on human health and their underlying mechanisms.

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