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The respiratory system is the primary target organ for airborne particulates, gases, and aerosols from natural and man-made sources. Although we are equipped to deal with many of these agents, there are circumstances when the usual defence mechanisms are overwhelmed, or when lung defence is already compromised, which can lead to both acute and chronic adverse health effects. An important consideration is the ever-changing nature of airborne substances, some of which are increasingly being related to respiratory symptoms, allergy and asthma, COPD, fibrosis, and cancer. In addition, there is mounting evidence that inhaled toxicants can have systemic effects on the cardiovascular system, cognition, growth, and other processes.

The aim of this Special Issue is to highlight current and anticipated future issues relating to the human health effects of exposure to airborne toxicants. Of particular interest is whether what we have already learnt will impact on managing assessment of hazard and risk of exposure to new types of airborne substances and anticipated health effects of future exposures. Original research papers, reviews and short communications are welcome.



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