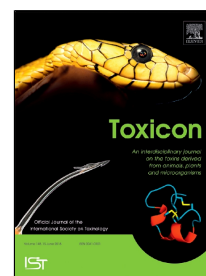


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17 **Abstract**

18 Microcystins (MCs) pollution has quickly risen in infamy and has become a major problem to  
19 public health worldwide. MCs are a group of monocyclic hepatotoxic peptides, which are  
20 produced by some bloom-forming cyanobacteria in water. More than 100 different MCs variants  
21 posing a great threat to animals and humans due to their potential carcinogenicity have been  
22 reported. To reduce MCs risks, the World Health Organization has set a provisional guideline of

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