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**Abstract:** Accumulation of excess fluoride in the environment poses serious health risks to plants,

animals, and humans. This endangers human health, affects organism growth and development,

and and negatively impacts the food chain, thereby affecting ecological balance. In recent years,

numerous studies focused on the molecular mechanisms associated with fluoride toxicity. These

studies have demonstrated that fluoride can induce oxidative stress, regulate intracellular redox

homeostasis, and lead to mitochondrial damage, endoplasmic reticulum stress and alter gene

expression. This paper reviews the present research on the potential adverse effects of overdose

fluoride on various organisms and aims to improve our understanding of fluoride toxicity.

Keywords: fluoride; organisms; environment; toxicity

1. Introduction

Fluoride is a negatively charged non-metallic halogen. Both organic and inorganic forms

of fluoride are frequently found in a variety of natural environments. Consumption of fluoride is

necessary for human and animal health as it plays an important role in maintaining the structure

and physiological function of bones and teeth[1]. The principal sources of fluoride in the human

body are fluoride containing dental products and fluoridated water, although the concentration of

fluoride in water depending on geographical location. The optimal fluoride concentration in

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