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2 **FROM A COAL-MINING REGION**

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18 **ABSTRACT**

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20 Biomonitoring through urine samples is important for evaluating environmental exposure, since
21 urine is the main form of excretion for most chemical elements. Children are considered more
22 vulnerable to adverse environmental conditions, especially children in developing countries. This
23 study aimed to biomonitor trace elements in urine samples in children from a coal-mining region
24 in the extreme south of Brazil. A cross-sectional study was conducted on 96 children between 6

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