

## Editorial

# Diesel Exhaust Assessment

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We are pleased to publish in this issue Stewart *et al.*'s (2012) paper on the evaluation of the exposure-assessment methods used in the Diesel Exhaust in Miners Study (Ogden, 2010), previously published in this journal (Stewart *et al.*, 2010; Coble *et al.*, 2010; Vermeulen *et al.*, 2010a,b). Like the earlier papers, publication of Stewart *et al.* (2012) was delayed by legal actions initiated by industry bodies; the paper was accepted by us on 19 February 2011. Papers from this study reporting substantial increases in lung cancer at higher exposures have now been published by Attfield *et al.* (2012) and Silverman *et al.* (2012), also after legal delays.

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