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**BIDA ONCOLOGY NATIONAL CONFERENCE (Virtual) 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Instructions for Trainees, Speciality Grades & Medical Students**  
**Submission of Abstracts & Posters**  
**Last Date of Submission: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### **Description and Aim**

This one-day conference is aimed at providing general practitioners and practicing hospital clinicians with an educational update on current trends in cancers and Covid-19 impact. The wide spectrum of topics covered will provide the attendee with a sound understanding of the advances in the management of common adult cancers pertinent to their practice. There will be a session for oral and poster presentations for medical students and junior clinicians. There will also be updates on the current issues in the NHS and discussion on training issues for international healthcare graduates.

### **Guidelines for Abstract Submission**

1. Submission of abstracts to [office@bidaonline.co.uk](mailto:office@bidaonline.co.uk)
2. Please visit <https://www.bidaonline.co.uk/bida-oncology-conference> for further information for registration and instructions.
3. The data/abstract should not have been published in any scientific journal prior to submission.
4. Microsoft Word should be used to create the abstract.
5. The word count includes the title, the sub-headings, authors list, affiliations, address, and a maximum of 5 keywords.
6. Abstracts will be independently scored by a panel of experts and highest scoring abstracts will be invited for oral presentations, unless the submission was only for poster presentation.
7. Last date for submission: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021
8. Authors selected for podium presentations will be informed on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.
9. Poster presentations will be selected from abstracts submitted for poster presentations and selected abstracts submitted for podium presentations. Authors would be informed on 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2021.
10. The Conference session is on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

11. You can submit as many abstracts as you like. If more than one abstract is accepted from the same team, separate presenters should register for each abstract accepted.
12. The data/abstract should not have been published in any scientific journal prior to submission.

**Word Count:**

Maximum of 325 words are allowed, including titles, sub-titles, authors and their affiliations (not including any tables / graphs).

**Abbreviations:**

Please try to avoid abbreviations as much as possible. Where essential, use only standard abbreviations. Where first used, abbreviations should be followed by the full term in parenthesis.

**Declaration:**

Any relevant associations should be declared.

**Consent:**

The first author and the senior author will have to undertake that they have obtained informed consent of ALL their co-authors for the submission.

**E-mail:**

The first author and the senior author must provide their working email addresses.

**Guidelines for Selected abstracts for “Podium Presentation”**

Authors will be informed following selection of their abstracts.

**Guidelines for Selected abstracts for “Poster Presentation”**

Poster presenters will have the following opportunities to present your research and communicate with attendees:

- **provide a one-page Poster PDF** that can be published as supplemental material to the abstract.
- **submit a two-minute recorded presentation** with your poster.

**Contacts for Submission**

- Kindly submit your abstract/s in in the required format to [office@bidaonline.co.uk](mailto:office@bidaonline.co.uk)
- If there are any non-technical queries regarding the abstracts, please contact Dr Suzani Shrestha at [suzanishrestha@gmail.com](mailto:suzanishrestha@gmail.com)

The best podium presentation and poster would each receive a “Certificate of Excellence”. The author of the best podium presentation would be invited to submit the article for publication to the Editor of BIDA Journal.

**BIDA Oncology National Conference Executive Committee**  
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## Sample Abstract

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**Title:**

High-Level Beta-Hexachlorocyclohexane Contamination in Dairy Farms—Sacco River Valley, Latium, Italy, 2005

**Abstract:**

**Background:** In March 2005, the Italian National Monitoring System on Chemical Residuals in Food of Animal Origin detected levels of the pesticide beta-hexachlorocyclohexane ( $\beta$ -HCH) in bulk-milk from a dairy farm in the Sacco River valley that were 30 times higher than the legal limit of 3ppb.  $\beta$ -HCH, a lindane isomer and possible human carcinogen, was subsequently found in milk from several neighboring farms. A study was therefore undertaken to evaluate the extent and risk factors for contamination.

**Methods:** All dairy cattle farms in the valley were enrolled in a retrospective cohort study and their bulk milk analyzed for  $\beta$ -HCH. A questionnaire was administered to farmers to evaluate possible exposure factors. Low-level contamination was defined as  $\beta$ -HCH levels in bulk-milk between 0-1.9ppb and high-level as >2ppb.

**Results:** Of 244 farms tested, 34 (13.9%) had high-level contamination. Feeding animals on fodder cultivated in soils watered with and/or flooded by river water was observed in 33/34 (97.0%) of high-level farms and in 23/210 (10.9%) of those with low contamination (relative risk =110.8; 95%confidence interval 15.5-792); the risk remained essentially unaltered after controlling for several potentially confounding variables. Subsequent investigation by local environmental authorities revealed that the source of contamination was an abandoned industrial site near the riverbank that had produced lindane for decades; high  $\beta$ -HCH levels were demonstrated in water sediments, soil, and fodder from the area.

**Conclusions:** Cattle fodder cultivated near a contaminated river was the main risk factor for  $\beta$ -HCH contaminated milk. On the basis of the epidemiologic evidence and environmental testing, watering local fields with river water and production of fodder in farms with contaminated soil was banned, and all animals from positive farms were culled.

**Keywords:** beta-hexachlorocyclohexane, organochlorines, milk, cattle, cohort study