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## 2 **Socio Environmental and Haematological Profile of** 3 **Landfill Residents (São Jorge Landfill – Sao Paulo –** 4 **Brazil)**

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23 **Abstract:** We are experiencing an unprecedented urbanization process that alongside with  
24 physical, social and economic developments is having a significant impact on population's health.  
25 Due to higher apprehensions of pollution, violence and poverty, our modern cities no longer  
26 ensure a good quality of life so they become unhealthy environments. This study aims to measure  
27 the socio-environmental and hematologic profile of residents of Santo André's landfill – "Bairro  
28 Espírito Santo" by using the contextualization of the studied area. The research method is  
29 Observational type and from Retrospective cohort and by convenience sampling in Santo André in  
30 the Greater ABC region. The study determined a socio environmental profile and the hematologic  
31 diseases screening related to a close location to the landfill. The disease manifests itself within a  
32 broad spectrum of symptoms that causes changes in blood count parameters. The full blood counts  
33 analysis was performed, indicating that the blood counts of residents living near the landfill led to  
34 positive hematological changes and diseases like Leukopenia, Anemia, Neutropenia and  
35 lymphocytosis were the most common changes. However it is considered that the proof of the  
36 relation of cause- effect to environmental exposures that may trigger chronic manifestations in  
37 humans requires specific studies that are often complicated.

38 **Key Words:** Landfill; Waste; Socio-environmental impact; Hematologic diseases

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### 40 **1 Introduction**

41 Nowadays due to higher apprehensions of pollution, violence and poverty, cities no longer  
42 ensure a good quality of life and become unhealthy environments to the local inhabitants<sup>1</sup>. An  
43 unprecedented urbanization in our history, alongside with physical, social and economic  
44 developments is having a significant impact on population's health<sup>1,2</sup>.

45        Alongside the continuous demographic growth there is an implicit relation with the amount of  
46 resources that have to be consumed in order to sustain all Earth citizens. Therefore it recognized a  
47 larger waste production what invariably affects a group of society dynamics.

48        Landfill deposition still remains as the main destination concerning waste management and it is  
49 expectable that it will remain for the next decades<sup>3,4,5</sup>. It is estimated that at a worldwide scale more  
50 than five million people die every year due to diseases related to waste<sup>2</sup>. The adverse effects of  
51 municipal solid waste in the environment plus in public and individual health are widely  
52 recognized by several authors<sup>6</sup> that point out a deficiency in the implemented systems and above it  
53 the lack of a strong policy that emphasizes health safeguard<sup>7</sup>.

54        The large amount of waste was not a concern from an extensive period due to the distance of  
55 deposition sites to the urban areas. Meanwhile with the population growth it has been harsh to  
56 soothe the distance among them<sup>8</sup>. Another arising problem connected to population growth is the  
57 unsystematic occupation of dwellings in hazardous locations and quite vulnerable environmental  
58 areas, where several are devoid of urban infrastructure (sanitation, electricity), among others<sup>9,10</sup>.

59        It is scientifically proven that there are several impacts arising from landfill positioning whether  
60 to population's health either to environment and air, water and soil pollution are the leading ones  
61 that may affect Public Health. According to this way of thinking waste and its adequate treatment  
62 and deposition became one of the major sanitary and environmental concerns to cities<sup>3, 11, 12</sup>.

63        The Environmental degradation scenario is unquestionable and there is a lack of policies so that  
64 the crisis can be reverted. The analysis complexity embracing all of impacts requires studies on the  
65 various impacts of waste produced daily by the population<sup>13, 14</sup>. It is common knowledge that the  
66 blood test can be an important tool for the evaluation of various situations, such as diagnosis and  
67 progression of hematologic diseases, detection of infectious frames and therapeutic monitoring<sup>15</sup>.

68        Therefore hemogram can guide the initial suspects supported by clinical files. It is inferred the  
69 importance of the hematologic analysis as an important diagnosis tool providing useful information  
70 for a better conduct in these cases.

71        It is necessary the adoption a set of measures that include politics globalization, government  
72 social efficiency and social participation growth. It is the government duty to ensure that change is  
73 possible but always sustained in clear objectives as well in results well defined and special actuation  
74 properly defined.

75        Surrounding the landfill of San Jorge, there are situations that show how the environment has  
76 suffered impacts either in looks either physical or social<sup>19, 20</sup>. The landfill began to operate in the 80s  
77 and it is located in São Jorge District. Santo André's landfill is a facility that provides treatment and  
78 disposal of solid waste produced in the county. Therefore it evolved from a non official dumping  
79 location to a controlled one with good environmental practices. Nowadays it is an area destined to  
80 receive solid waste produced in Santo André and provide the most suitable and green destination to  
81 the waste.

82        The present study aims to assess the socio-environmental profile of residents in the landfill in a  
83 residential area of Santo André – Bairro Espírito Santo. This field work will allow a better urban  
84 planning and a greater social and environmental responsibility from all sectors in society.

## 85    2 Method

86        The research method is an observational with retrospective cohort study by convenience  
87 sampling in Santo André in the Greater ABC region. The study consists of the elaboration of a socio  
88 environmental profile and assessing the incidence and prevalence of hematological diseases related  
89 not only the condition of housing but also to exposure to environmental contaminants from the  
90 landfill. The study must be understood as a primary tracking diagnosis and it will be the kick off  
91 about a transversal study to Espírito Santo inhabitants that will be performed in a near future.

92        The exposed group lives in the surroundings of the landfill. There is a total unawareness of the  
93 reality of this people due to the fact that national entities do not have permission to enter in order to  
94 study and help this community. Furthermore this study got a special permit to develop a campaign  
95 in being the spinoff of a more transversal study. The community habits a place that was a dumping

96 place and actually it is the contiguous to the landfill; therefore the study aim was to establish  
97 connections among the location and the community's health.

98 The study was conducted in two phases. The first phase consisted of a survey and research  
99 profile of the residents as the following variables: age, gender, type of house, water treatment, water  
100 supply and type of sewage, based on interviews and completing a questionnaire. The second phase  
101 consisted of the collection of blood samples into two distinct groups: a group of people living in the  
102 community (experimental group) and a group of random people attending a health facility located  
103 in central city (control group).

104 According to the data obtained a descriptive and comparative analysis of the changes in  
105 hematologic patterns among both groups.

106 The blood samples were performed through periferic venopuncttion using the vacuum method.  
107 After recovery the blood was added to the tube with EDTA. The samples were homogeneized for 10  
108 minutes and evaluated through flux citometry with the ABX Pentra 120 equipment. The serial  
109 evaluations were performed in blades using the Leishman method in order to obtain the procedures  
110 approached. The analysis occurred according to the Good Biomedical Practices.

111 The questionnaires that contained any mistake or not properly filled in were excluded in order  
112 to have viable data. The questionnaire was in Semasa database and it was performed according to  
113 internal and national regulations.

114 In order to verify the investigation hypothesis the Qui-Square method and Fischer's exact test  
115 were performed. The statistical interpretation was executed based on a significance level of  $p \leq 0,05$   
116 for a confidence interval of 95%. The non observation of the presupposes for the proper use of Qui  
117 Square results in an descriptive analysis of the crossed tables ( $N > 20$ ;  $80 \text{Freq} \geq 5$  e  $\text{Femin} \geq 1,0$ ).

118 The sample was only gathered after the theme enlightening and only the authorization of the  
119 individuals. The anonymity was guaranteed as well as the confidentiality of the data obtained.

120 The tools used were the application of questionnaires and the blood counts in order to correlate  
121 the socio environmental conditions with hematologic changes.

122 All subjects gave their informed consent for inclusion before they participated in the study. The  
123 study was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki, and the protocol was approved  
124 by the Ethics Committee of Secretária Municipal de Saúde, Santo André (1.587.630).

## 125 3 Results

### 126 3.1 First Phase

127 Questionnaires were distributed with the purpose of establishing a profile of the socio  
128 biographic towards location. In table 1 the most significant variables of the community.

129 **Table 1.** Socio Biographic Characteristics of the Inhabitants

|           | COMMUNITY SAMPLE |      |
|-----------|------------------|------|
|           | N                | %    |
| GENDER    |                  |      |
| FEMALE    | 55               | 65,5 |
| MALE      | 29               | 34,5 |
| AGE GROUP |                  |      |
| [6-12[    | 7                | 8,3  |
| [13-18[   | 6                | 7,1  |
| [19-30[   | 30               | 35,7 |
| [31-50[   | 31               | 36,9 |
| [51-60[   | 8                | 9,5  |
| [+60[     | 2                | 2,4  |

| HOUSE TYPE   |    |      |
|--------------|----|------|
| BRICKS       | 53 | 63,1 |
| WOOD         | 20 | 23,8 |
| MIX          | 5  | 6,0  |
| ANOTHER      | 6  | 7,1  |
| INCOME*      |    |      |
| LESS THAN 2  | 67 | 79,8 |
| BETWEEN 3-5  | 16 | 19,0 |
| BETWEEN 5-10 | 1  | 1,2  |
| PLUS 10      | 0  | 0,0  |
| SEWAGE       |    |      |
| YES          | 54 | 64,3 |
| NO           | 30 | 35,7 |
| TOTAL        | 84 | 100  |

\* Minumm Wage (M.W) = 724 Reais

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131 Of the several variables that were incorporated in the study and tabulated the appropriate  
 132 statistical program, mentioned above are the best way of mirroring the social and demographic  
 133 landscape of the target population. It is important to note that the variable "Sanitation" existing in  
 134 table 1 corresponds to the presence of the official network of water, sewage and electricity.

135 As can be seen by observing Table 1 there is a female predominance and the age groups of 19 to  
 136 30 and 31 to 50 are the most prevalent in respondents. There is also a level of low income, the lack of  
 137 a significant relation to the existence of sanitation difference. It was also verified that the income was  
 138 inferior to 2 Minimum wages (M.W.) and it evidences that we face a special group in terms of  
 139 economic capacity. It is also noted that there is a prevalence of the brick type of houses (63,1%) and  
 140 (64, 3%) of them have sewage.

### 141 3.2 Second Phase

142 In order to obtain plausible conclusions to the case study it was necessary to compare the effects  
 143 of the convenience sampling with another group of people that were not exposed to several and  
 144 harmful environmental factors (Non Exposed Group) towards to the one's exposed (Exposed  
 145 Group).

146 Of the 84 people individuals' described in table 1, 32 were randomly chosen and were designed  
 147 as "Exposed Group". The Non-Exposed Group was interviewed at the same time as they did the  
 148 blood sample. In total were interviewed 30 people which will correspond to the amount of blood  
 149 samples.

150 As described earlier , so the importance of the two groups share the same characteristics , it  
 151 appears that the percentages are significantly similar , where the female is the most prevalent, with  
 152 75 % in the " Group Exposed " and 66.7 % in " unexposed group " .

153 Regarding the age, the age range between 31-50 years was the most commonly reported, with  
 154 11 people (36.7%) in the "unexposed group" and 19-30 in the Exposed group with 13 persons (40.6  
 155 %).

156 It appears that the housing and financial realities are significantly different in different groups,  
 157 of which 84, 4 % of the "Group Exposed" presents a less than two minimum wages income, while  
 158 56.7 % of the "non exposed group" has similar income .

159 Regarding the "Non-exposed group" it is observable a greater purchasing power, and therefore  
 160 all of the respondents live in brick houses and nearly all have sanitation. In the table 2 it is described  
 161 the exposure type according to socio biographic characteristics.

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**Table 2.** Association of the socio biographic characteristics with the exposition type

| SOCIO BIOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS |                | Exposition type |           |         |           |       |           | x <sup>2</sup> ; gl; p-value |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|------------------------------|
|                                  |                | NON EXPOSED     |           | EXPOSED |           | TOTAL |           |                              |
|                                  |                | N               | % COL UNA | N       | % COL UNA | N     | % COL UNA |                              |
| GENDER                           | Female         | 20              | 66,7      | 24      | 75        | 44    | 71        | 0,522; 1; 0,471              |
|                                  | Male           | 10              | 33,3      | 8       | 25        | 18    | 29        |                              |
|                                  | Total          | 30              | 100       | 32      | 100       | 62    | 100       |                              |
| AGE GROUP                        | [6-12[         | 2               | 6,7       | 6       | 18,8      | 8     | 12,9      | 5,973; 5; 0,309              |
|                                  | [13-18[        | 1               | 3,3       | 3       | 9,4       | 4     | 6,5       |                              |
|                                  | [19-30[        | 9               | 30        | 13      | 40,6      | 22    | 35,5      |                              |
|                                  | [31-50[        | 11              | 36,7      | 6       | 18,8      | 17    | 27,4      |                              |
|                                  | [51-60[        | 5               | 16,7      | 3       | 9,4       | 8     | 12,9      |                              |
|                                  | ≥60            | 2               | 6,7       | 1       | 3,1       | 3     | 4,8       |                              |
|                                  | Total          | 30              | 100       | 32      | 100       | 62    | 100       |                              |
| SEWAGE                           | Yes            | 29              | 96,7      | 22      | 84,4      | 51    | 82,3      | 8,269; 1; 0,004              |
|                                  | No             | 1               | 3,3       | 10      | 15,6      | 11    | 17,7      |                              |
|                                  | Total          | 30              | 100       | 32      | 100       | 62    | 100       |                              |
| TYPE OF HOUSE                    | Brick          | 30              | 100       | 20      | 62,5      | 50    | 80,6      | 13,950; 1; <0,0001           |
|                                  | wood           | 0               | 0         | 12      | 37,5      | 12    | 19,4      |                              |
|                                  | Total          | 30              | 100       | 32      | 100       | 62    | 100       |                              |
| INCOME                           | Less 2 MW      | 17              | 56,7      | 27      | 84,4      | 44    | 71        | 7,359; 2; 0,025              |
|                                  | Among 3- 5 MW  | 9               | 30        | 5       | 15,6      | 14    | 22,6      |                              |
|                                  | Among 5- 10 MG | 4               | 13,3      | 0       | 0         | 4     | 6,5       |                              |
|                                  | Total          | 30              | 100       | 32      | 100       | 62    | 100       |                              |

164 According to the variables analysis it is observed that both groups have significant association  
 165 to the variables sewage (p=0,004) house type (p<0,0001) and Income (p=0,025) with the exception of  
 166 the variables gender and age group (p>0,05).

167 It is noted that the totality of the individuals with sewage (82,3%) 94,4% of them live in the  
 168 surroundings of the landfill.

169 According to house type the totality of the non exposed live in brick houses and from the total  
 170 of individuals that lives in this type (n=50) the majority (62, 5% is exposed to the landfill.

171 The total of individuals that own an income lower than 2 M.W is 44 (71%) as 27 of them (84, 4%)  
 172 is exposed to the landfill and (56,7%) correspond to the non exposed.

173 In order to verify the association among hematologic changes towards socio biographic  
 174 characteristics the next table was prepared. (Table 3)

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**Table 3.** Hematologic Changes discovered in individual's hemogram

| Variable   | Description     | Hematologic Changes |         |    |         |       |          | X <sup>2</sup> ; gl; p |
|------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|----|---------|-------|----------|------------------------|
|            |                 | Yes                 |         | No |         | Total |          |                        |
|            |                 | n                   | % Linha | n  | % Linha | n     | % Coluna |                        |
| GENDER     | Female          | 20                  | 45,5    | 24 | 54,5    | 44    | 29,0     | 0,522; 1 ; 0,470       |
|            | Male            | 10                  | 55,6    | 8  | 44,4    | 18    | 71,0     |                        |
|            | Total           | 30                  | 45,5    | 32 | 54,5    | 62    | 100      |                        |
| AGE GROUP  | [6-12[          | 5                   | 62,5    | 3  | 37,5    | 8     | 12,9     | NO PRESUPPOSES         |
|            | [13-18[         | 2                   | 50,0    | 2  | 50,0    | 4     | 6,5      |                        |
|            | [19-30[         | 11                  | 50,0    | 11 | 50,0    | 22    | 35,5     |                        |
|            | [31-50[         | 9                   | 52,9    | 8  | 47,1    | 17    | 27,4     |                        |
|            | [51-60[         | 2                   | 25,0    | 6  | 75,0    | 8     | 12,9     |                        |
|            | ≥60             | 1                   | 33,3    | 2  | 66,7    | 3     | 4,8      |                        |
|            | Total           | 30                  | 48,4    | 32 | 51,6    | 62    | 100      |                        |
| SEWAGE     | Yes             | 25                  | 49,0    | 26 | 51,0    | 51    | 82,3     | NO PRESUPPOSES         |
|            | No              | 5                   | 45,5    | 6  | 54,5    | 11    | 17,7     |                        |
|            | Total           | 30                  | 48,4    | 32 | 51,6    | 62    | 100      |                        |
| HOUSE TYPE | Brick           | 25                  | 50,0    | 25 | 50,0    | 50    | 80,6     | 0,269; 1; 0,604        |
|            | Wood            | 5                   | 41,7    | 7  | 58,3    | 12    | 19,4     |                        |
|            | Total           | 30                  | 48,4    | 32 | 51,6    | 62    | 100      |                        |
| INCOME     | Less 2 MW       | 17                  | 56,7    | 27 | 84,4    | 44    | 71       | NO PRESUPPOSES         |
|            | Between 3-5 MW  | 9                   | 30      | 5  | 15,6    | 14    | 22,6     |                        |
|            | Between 5-10 MW | 4                   | 13,3    | 0  | 0       | 4     | 6,5      |                        |
|            | Total           | 30                  | 100     | 32 | 100     | 62    | 100      |                        |

177 During the analysis of the hematologic changes it was observed that there is no significant  
178 association to any variable.

179 Relatively to the age group variable among the age groups of 6-12 and 51-60 there is a great  
180 disparity among changes found. In an overall summit the majority (51, 6%) do not possess  
181 hematologic changes.

182 Regarding the sewage variable there is a balance in terms of percentages and we infer that  
183 (51,6%) does not have any hematologic changes. As regards income variable 44 individuals (71%)  
184 have an inferior income of 2 Minimum wages.

185 In order to investigate the existence of association among the exposure type and hematologic  
186 changes within individuals a statistical analysis was performed. The summit of results about  
187 hemograms changes is summed in table 4.

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**Table 4.** Relation among exposure type with hematologic change

|               |         | Hematologic Change |           |       |        |
|---------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|-------|--------|
|               |         | Change             | No change | Total |        |
| EXPOSURE TYPE | NON     | n                  | 10        | 20    | 30     |
|               |         | % Line             | 33,3%     | 66,7% | 100,0% |
|               | EXPOSED | % Column           | 33,3%     | 62,5% | 48,4%  |
|               |         | % Total            | 16,1%     | 32,3% | 48,4%  |
|               | EXPOSED | Count              | 20        | 12    | 32     |
|               |         | % Line             | 62,5%     | 37,5% | 100,0% |
|               |         | % Column           | 66,7%     | 37,5% | 51,6%  |
|               |         | % of Total         | 32,3%     | 19,4% | 51,6%  |

|       |            |        |        |        |
|-------|------------|--------|--------|--------|
|       | Count      | 30     | 32     | 62     |
|       | % Line     | 48,4%  | 51,6%  | 100,0% |
| TOTAL | % Column   | 100,0% | 100,0% | 100,0% |
|       | % of Total | 48,4%  | 51,6%  | 100,0% |

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$$\chi^2=5,274;g1=1; p=0,022$$

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By observing the table 4 it is noted an association among the variables of Exposure type and Hematologic change as being significant in a statistical perspective ( $p < 0,05$ ). It is verified a pattern of association among exposure and the presence/absence of hematologic changes ( $p = 0,022$ ).

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The total exposed to landfill (32 cases), the majority had hematological disorders (62.5%). It was found that of 30 cases where the presence of hematological abnormalities was found, most of these are exposed to landfill (66.7%).

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As noted in Table 4, there was an increase of approximately 50% for changes in screening performed in the exposed group compared to the unexposed group, which indicates that the population is not in the best health.

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The chance of occurrence of hematological disorders is 3.33 times higher in subjects exposed to the presence of the landfill compared to that presented hematological changes in the unexposed group. It is recognized by the observation data, that 10 individuals from the non-exposed group showed alterations in parameters, whereas the incidence in the exposed group was significantly higher with 20 individuals to submit changes.

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Diseases such as Leukocytosis, Anemia, Lymphocytosis and Neutropenia were the major findings and changes are evident in the exposed group compared to the unexposed group.

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#### 4 Discussion

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Analyzing the changes in vital functions of living beings, it is possible to know the effects of exposure to pollutants aforementioned to its occurrence and existence of any more significant damage<sup>16, 21, 22, 23, 24</sup>.

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It is considered that proving the cause-effect connection with environmental exposures that may trigger chronic manifestations in humans requires specific studies that prove costly and time consuming<sup>25, 26, 27, 28</sup>. It is necessary that the data must be collected in the field so as to be compared with experimental observations in order to demonstrate the process and how the interactions occur so as to study the dynamics<sup>14</sup>.

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The effects of human exposure to environmental pollutants are manifested typically in the long term and are masked by other causes. Adding to this, the fact that the probability of harmful elements synergy and exponentiation of the risk is generally unknown and there is thus extremely difficult for corroboration by a science based on laboratory tests, without incorporating other relevant factors, such as corporate interests, industrial, or professional regulators who stand against the recognition of the effects on human health<sup>18, 22, 24, 28</sup>.

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Given these considerations and also relying on the limitations of the health system itself in identifying peculiarities in the epidemiological profile of the population; a methodology was defined that aims the total understanding of the exposure process. There are five parameters that are difficult to materialize such as individual characteristics, duration of exposure, frequency of exposure, average time and "contact rate", never forgetting that the characteristics of the individual vary by age, gender, occupation, and body weight<sup>29</sup>.

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The focus of the study is the exposure of individuals to organisms, as well as to social, economic and environmental processes in anticipation of models that focus historically in the monitoring and maintenance of health<sup>19, 20</sup>. There have been published several papers that address the role that the landfill can hold on people's health<sup>28, 29, 30</sup>. There is no doubt that a landfill should be viewed from a holistic point of view, in that it must manage the direct and indirect that it may exercise near the same impact<sup>3, 16, 30</sup>.

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Despite the existence of Federal Government programs for vulnerable populations, do not show an improvement of living conditions of this community<sup>11, 12</sup>. As a tool to promote the respective

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235 indicative and screening improvements to minimize ongoing risks potentiating of the CBC taking  
236 into account all capabilities of this method of monitoring. CBC integrates a set of parameters that  
237 describes the number and characteristics of some elements in the blood. The CBC is composed of  
238 three basic determinations include (or red series), leukocytes (white or series) Review of  
239 erythrocytes and platelets (platelet or series)<sup>31</sup>.

240 The lymphocytosis is characterized by an increase in the number of lymphocytes (sub-group of  
241 white blood cells). The disease neutropenia indicates a low number of neutrophils that are a subset  
242 of leukocytes that originate in the bone marrow, thus revealing an immune susceptibility. The  
243 increase of leukocytes is a sign of a viral infection, i.e. near the landfill people tend not to viral and  
244 bacterial infections<sup>31</sup>. The disease leukocytosis reveals an increased number of leukocytes that  
245 reveals the existence of infection since they are the elements that are linked to fighting immune  
246 system to foreign bodies. The higher leukocytosis, may be more contaminated landfill, can be  
247 interpreted as a parameter to reveal deepening to establish causal links. The disease of anemia is  
248 more complex, so the causes are more comprehensive and diversified, which immediately implies a  
249 more detailed investigation into these cases<sup>31, 32, 33</sup>.

250 The Lymphocytosis, Neutropenia and Leukocytosis diseases can be understood as correlated  
251 despite having opposite directions of growth, as previously conveyed<sup>33</sup>.

252 The results express the presence of discrepancies in the health of the Holy Ghost Quarter  
253 population, compared with the other subjects in the study, which requires the completion of further  
254 studies detect the most common causes and the consequences for the residents of order to enable the  
255 development of a continuous and systematic supervision for the same programs. It is suggested that  
256 in-depth study for potential replacement of the group under study so that based on the results of this  
257 study primary health problems resulting from exposure were identified in comparison with the  
258 non-treatment group.

259 The problems derived from municipal solid waste are current and without a proper equation<sup>34</sup>.  
260 There is no alternative but to a behavioral change in relation to waste, given the reduction in its  
261 creation and gradually implement a use of technologies that are within our technical capabilities and  
262 leverage resources to gradually acquire greater control over the environmental and health effects  
263 caused by waste. <sup>(35)</sup>

264 The prevention and control of public health consequences related to urban solid waste lack of  
265 information and epidemiological data, in which causal relationships can be established. There is a  
266 colossal deficiency in studies on the recovery of degraded areas for disposal of urban solid waste. In  
267 this context, this article seeks to contribute to a consolidation of the state of art related to the theme,  
268 in order to contribute to awareness of the elements aimed at improving the quality of urban cities  
269 and hence the quality of life of citizens<sup>29, 34</sup>.

270 The supporting research of this kind is a priority. The development of greater technical training,  
271 in view of the environmental and health issues, as well as the involvement of professionals in  
272 integrated waste management systems, in the medium and long term, these variables enter in  
273 projects and plans<sup>13, 35, 36</sup>.

274 Data from this study should be compared with other data, may involve a characterization of the  
275 epigenetic profile of the population<sup>37</sup> and to a characterization of the study areas for the presence of  
276 particulate material<sup>38</sup>. The challenge is to continue collecting more valid and reliable data in order to  
277 achieve an extrapolation between environmental and respective consequences for the health of  
278 population's risk factors to make a comparison to a national and global scale. <sup>(16)</sup> The study described  
279 is the first step in a thorough all the *Espírito Santo* community study.

280 The data obtained in this study indicate that screening strategies for prevention and health  
281 promotion should include joint actions established between citizens and the management of services  
282 and always aimed at improving living conditions, particularly targeted to urban planning,  
283 implementation educational programs, as well as awareness for behavior change, once isolated  
284 actions are considered ineffective in reducing any aggravation<sup>36-39</sup>.

285 It can be inferred that this study has a purpose of consolidating knowledge which contribute to  
286 the prevention and detection of known and unknown to the public and environmental



287 exposure-related adverse health effects<sup>38,39</sup>. The study should be understood as a primary screening  
288 indication of some pathologies. In addition to being able to assess the state of health of the patient  
289 may be indicative of the state of pollution of landfill insofar as the conditions are reflected in the  
290 landfill people.

291 We must identify priorities at the community level, so that the understanding of environmental  
292 health problems is essential. Sustainable planning is a tool for achieving proceeds with an  
293 implementation of a research-oriented future intervention, and thus addresses the issues of greatest  
294 importance. However, this process is not simple in communities characterized by persistent health  
295 disparities and a lack of historical confidence in health professionals<sup>38,39</sup>.

296 The primary findings, based on elaborate study were anemia, leukocytosis, Lymphocytosis and  
297 Neutropenia. These data show this to be a group with greater immune susceptibility, adding that  
298 some elements of the exposed already have infections that are consistent with exposure to  
299 contaminants, supporting the existence of a pattern. Aiming at the promotion of Health suggests the  
300 continuity of the project monitoring, in order to obtain a greater number of clairvoyance that  
301 support the trace output made and described.

302 Based on the study, the exposed group has 3.33 times more likely to develop hematological  
303 abnormalities, with reference to its exposure to the landfill with the group that was not exposed.

304 Although the results show only the Holy Spirit occurred in the neighborhood, in the Greater  
305 ABC region also provide important information for the expansion of knowledge concerning the  
306 assessment of this risk in residential areas around the planet clues. The demand for a thorough  
307 investigation is urgent with a view to broadening and disseminating information related to the  
308 potential effects of human exposure to contaminants from multiple sources that affect public health.

309 Future investigations may include concepts like the Nano Particles and the term Epigenetics, in  
310 order to promote a holistic view of the causes, mechanisms and consequences that flow from human  
311 to a multitude of organism's exposure, thus completing the present study and scientific knowledge,  
312 thus eliminating cross existing limitations.

## 313 5 Conclusion

314 The full blood counts analysis was performed and it was discovered that the blood counts of  
315 residents living near the landfill had positive results in hematological changes and diseases like  
316 Leukopenia, Anemia, Neutropenia and lymphocytosis were the most frequently encountered  
317 changes. However it is considered that the proof of the relation of cause- effect to environmental  
318 exposures that may trigger chronic manifestations in humans requires specific studies that are often  
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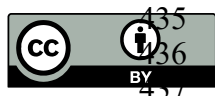
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