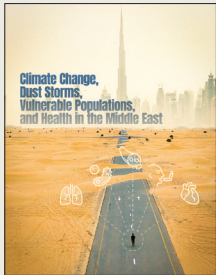


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The impact of dust storms on human health has been well described in Asian and European countries. Despite an increasing number of dust storm events plaguing the Middle East at-

tributable to climate change, little is presently understood about the effects of dust storms on the health of human populations residing in this region. This month's cover article, "Climate Change, Dust Storms, Vulnerable Populations, and Health in the Middle East: A Review," sought to identify and assess what is currently understood about the health impacts of dust storms in the Middle East. The review identified a number of health consequences associated with dust events in the region of interest, existing gaps in available literature, vulnerable populations, and directions for future research.

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