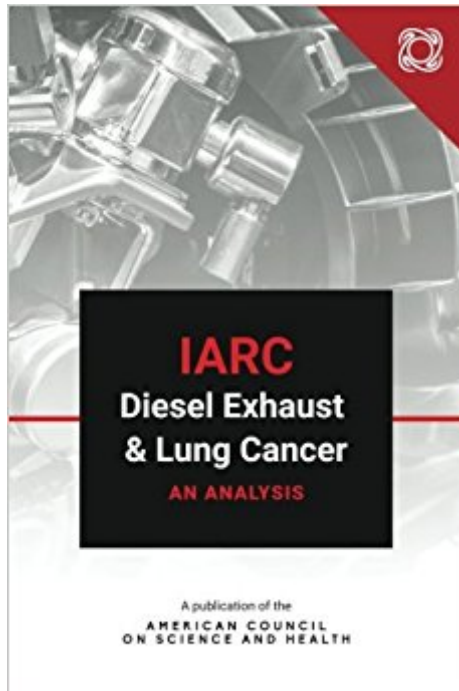




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The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has a mandate to determine whether specific chemical compounds are likely to be carcinogenic (cause cancer). The group maintains that most cancers are linked to environmental factors, and are therefore preventable, but there is an inherent flaw in the organization's approach to informing the public about the issues they address: they use simple assessments of hazard and not real risk, which can be confusing to media and the public. This report, produced by the American Council on Science and Health (ACSH), examines their most recent diesel emissions findings and discusses how they came to conclusions that would not pass an ordinary weight of evidence test - if the goal were to truly inform the public about potential harm. The American Council on Science and Health is a consumer education consortium concerned with issues related to food, nutrition, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, lifestyle, the environment and health. It was founded in 1978 by a group of scientists concerned that many important public policies related to health and the environment were not based on evidenced-based science. These scientists created the organization to add reason and balance to debates about public health issues and bring common sense views to the public.

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It's become increasingly clear to the public and American policymakers that the International Agency for Research on Cancer is overtly interested in creating new carcinogens to stay relevant, rather than determining possible carcinogens for further study, as was their original mandate. I hope this book helps get IARC back to doing solid work in the public interest, and remove the activists

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