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News Review

Is there plastic in your blood?



The story

A study found plastic particles in blood samples in 80% of 22 people tested.

The study was published in the journal Environment International, and the results were first reported by the newspaper, The Guardian. These findings suggest that plastic particles might have the ability to move around the human body and enter organs.

The effects of microplastics in the body aren't known – but researchers said the new results are concerning and that microplastics could damage human cells.

Key words and phrases

filtered out

removed completely

- We tried to filter out the background noise in the video edit.
- The survey decided to filter out people from lower age groups as they weren't important to the findings.

adverse effects

negative and harmful consequences

- The adverse effects of the new medication will be studied.
- Due to adverse weather conditions, no trains will be running.

key risks

most significant potential dangers

- The potentially faulty steering was seen as a key risk.
- I thought his key points in the speech weren't important.