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**Allergy and Asthma: The metabolic/immunological basis for the role of environmental and life-style factors**

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Skin diseases (allergies), diseases of the respiratory tract and above all asthma, genetic defects as well as cancer are rapidly increasing in the western conurbations with use of cat cars - since 1990 very heavily in the east-Bloc states/ fall of the wall and exchange of old cars without cat against cat cars (1-3).

The most common occupational as well as public contact allergen Ni (4) and the most significant atmospheric asthmatic pollution Pt (Pd) (5) (automobile exhaust) are responsible for this fact (2,3,5): In the air finest distributed Pt at a metropolis like Munich results in about 300 to 400 g/year plus heavy pollutions of aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons (6), root particles (6-8) and a direct inhalation by pedestrians/ infants and pregnant woman.

The mechanisms acting: Ni does not bind to sulfur but to N. Colloidal Pt(Pd) and Ni for instance have a preference for C, alkene, alkine; alkylate, catalyse additive reactions, oxidations, hydrogenations. Pt (Cis-Pt) inhibits/ stimulates proliferations/ IgE-synthesis.

A summation of the causes for multifactorial diseases, e.g. allergies, respiratory tract diseases and asthma is described by us (1,9,10).