1 Supplementary material

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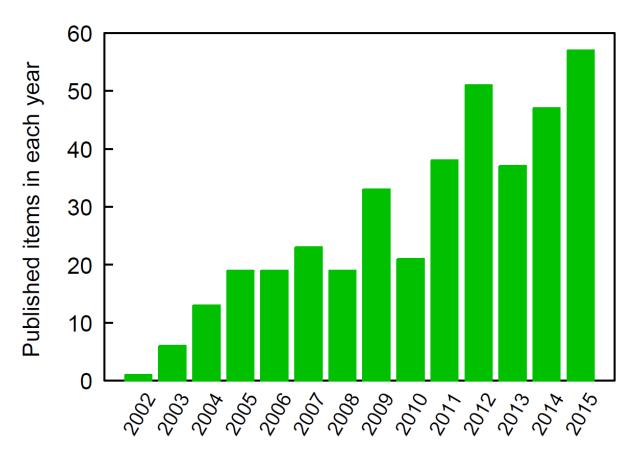


Figure S1 Citation history of the most cited review on antimony in the environment from its publication to end of 2015. Source: ISI Web of KnowledgeSM.

- Citation networks were constructed from the author's antimony literature database (more than 3500 articles), continuously updated through queries to the ISI Web of KnowledgeSM. This was complemented by a manual snow ball procedure. All papers were read and, when possible, results confirmed by search of key words and sentences in pdf files. The objective of the work is not to get an exhaustive review of all existing literature but rather to adequately reflect citation practices.
- It is acknowledged that, when there is more than one statement in the same sentence, it is not possible to know to which statement the references refer to.
 - The structure of the tables containing the results is similar. The first column shows the literal citation in brackets. Observations and comments are highlighted in grey. When useful, key words or sentences appear in yellow. The other columns show first the reference of the article, then the articles cited and, finally, of those that cite it. For the sake of clarity, articles are identified by using an abbreviation system commonly used in databases and do not follow the journal citation rules.
- In a very few cases (five), it has not been possible to access the original articles. They appear highlighted in pale red in the tables and in the list of references.

Table S1. Papers published in the period 2009-2015 containing the statement "Sb(III) is ten times more toxic than Sb(V)"

Papers are ordered first chronologically and then alphabetically for each year. For each paper, the original text and citations are given. Square brackets are used to indicate the numbering of the reference in the original source paper when necessary. Papers published before 2009 are only given when they have been cited. Comments are shaded in grey

Original text	Reference	Articles cited	Articles that cite this article
"The inorganic species are more toxic than the organic forms, and the trivalent state is approximately ten times more toxic in comparison to Sb(V) (Smichowski, Madrid, and Cámara 1998; Smichowski 2008)"	2015GON_TAD	1998SMI_MAD 2008SMI	
"Both species are toxic, but Sb(III) is 10 times more toxic than Sb(V).2"	2015LUO_LUO	2011AMA_WU	
"Sb ³⁺ is 10-fold more toxic than Sb ⁵⁺ (Wang et al. 2015; Anjum and Datta2012; Guo, Wu, and He 2009)."	2015MUB_CHA	2015WAN_WAN 2012ANJ_DAT 2009GUO_WU	
"and the reduced inorganic species Sb ^{III} being 10 times more toxic than the oxidized Sb ^V species [6]."	2015TIS_REN	2008SMI [6]	
"Sb(III) is 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) [2]".	2015WAN_WAN	2012WU_SUN	2015MUB_CHA
"Sb(III) is regarded as 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) [19,20]."	2014DOR_AMA	1998LIN_MIC [19] 2010JIA_WEN [20]	
"Sb(III) is known to be 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) [5]."	2014FAN_TAN	1998SMI_MAD [5]	
"Generally, inorganic antimony is more toxic than organic antimony, being that the trivalent species is 10 times more toxic than pentavalent species."	2014FER_DOS	No references	
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"Generally, antimony compounds are 10 times less toxic than arsenic compounds, but it depends also in the oxidation state and chemical structure [1]."		2005COR [1]	

"Sb (III) appears to be ten times more toxic than Sb (V), while methylated Sb appears to be the least toxic (Wilson et al. 2010)."	2014GUI_CAL	No references
The reference given concerns methylated Sb.		
"The toxicity of antimony species is similar to arsenic with trivalent compounds being ten times more poisonous than pentavalent species [10]."	2014GUO_WU	1994GUR_SHA
"Sb(III) is very interesting for speciation analysis as it is 10 times as toxic as Sb(V) [8–	2014JAB_SZO	2010POP_HAN [8]
13]."		1999KAB_PEN [9]
		2002FIL_BELa [10]
		2008MAR_ATT [11]
		1996LEO_GER [12]
		2000GAR_BUL [13]
"Sb(III) has been reported to be about 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) (Filella et al., 2002)"	2014NAK_ALT	2002FIL_BELa
"Meanwhile, the toxicity of Sb(III) is reported to be 10 times greater than that of Sb(V)	2014SHA_MA	1998SMI_MAD [12]
[12,13]."		2001KRA_EMO [13]
"with SbIII being 10 times more toxic than SbV (Smichowski, 2008)."	2014TIS_LES	2008SMI
"Sb(III) compounds are ten times as toxic as Sb(V) compounds [2,3]."	2013AME_MEI	1998GUY_JON [2]
	predatory journal	2007FIL_BEL [3]
"Furthermore, Sb(III) is 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) [16] so detection of total antimony is not sufficient to assess toxic effects."	2013COS_ROM	2002FIL_BELa
"Sb(III), for example, is reported to be 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) [2]"	2013IQB_SAE	1998SMI_MAD [2]
"The toxicity of Sb(III) ions is 10 times higher than Sb(V) ions [9–11]."	2013MEN_BAR	1993SHA_PAT [9]
		2003SAR_SOY [10]
		2004OZD_SOY [11]

"Elemental antimony is more toxic than its salts, and Sb(III) compounds are more toxic than Sb(V) compounds by a factor of 10.	2013ROJ_ARA	No references	
"the Sb(III) form, for example, is ten times more toxic than the Sb(V) form (Gurnani et al., 1994; Gebel, 1997; Oorts et al., 2008; Smichowski et al., 1998a, 1998b)." Error: the two refs by Smichowski are the same.	2013SAL_MOH	1994GUR_SHA 1997GEB 2008OOR_SMO 1998SMI_MAD	
"The toxicity of Sb(III) compounds is of 10 times more than Sb(V) compounds [1]."	2013SON_ZHA	2008SMI [1]	
"and the toxicity of Sb(III) is 10 times greater than that of Sb(V) [3–5]."	2013WEN_ZHU	1998POO_CHU [3] 2009GON_CER [4] 2008SMI [5]	
"trivalent Sb compounds exert 10 times' higher acute toxicity than pentavalent Sb species"	2013XI_HE	2001KRA_EMO	
"Of both forms Sb (III) is known to be more toxic than Sb (V) and is predominant in ground waters." but no mention to "10 times".	2012ANJ_DAT predatory journal		2015MUB_CHA
"In general, antimonite (SbIII) is ten times more toxic than antimonate (SbV), and inorganic Sb species are more toxic than organic species (10–11)."	2012GE_WEI	2002FIL_BELa [10] 1997GEB [11]	
"The trivalent inorganic forms of antimony are the most common species, and are known to be 10 times more toxic than pentavalent one [4,6]."	2012LEN_GUO	2011AMA_WU [4] 2009NAM_YAN [6]	
"The Sb(III) compounds have ten times higher acute toxicity than the Sb(V) species [7]."	2012WU_SUN	2001KRA_EMO [7]	2015WAN_WAN
No mention to Sb(III) vs. Sb(V) toxicity.	2011AMA_WU		2015LUO_LUO 2012LEN_GUO
"and trivalent antimony salts are 10 times more toxic than pentavalent salts [4]." Error in reference 2008SUN_SIN. It is 1998SUN_SIN.	2011GAD_SAN	2008SUN_SIN [4]	

"Furthermore, Sb(III) has a toxicity ten times higher than Sb(V) does [9]."	2011XU_WAN	1998SMI_MAD [9]	
"Inorganic antimony compounds are more toxic than organic antimony compounds, and $Sb(III)$ is ten times more toxic than $Sb(V)$ [1]."	2011QUI_OLI	1998GUY_JON [1]	
"The toxicity of Sb(III) is 10 times higher than that of Sb(V) [2]."	2011ZEN_YAN	1995KEN_LEI [2]	
"Sb(III) components are claimed to exert 10 times higher toxicity than Sb(V) components (Fowler and Goering, 1991)."	2010DUA_SON	1991FOW_GOE	
"The toxicity of antimony(III) ion is 10 times higher than that of antimony(V) ion, and antimony(III) has been shown to cause lung cancer [4,5]."	2010JIA_WEN	2003SAR_SOY [4]	2014DOR_AMA
antimony(III) has been snown to cause lung cancer [4,5].		1998POO_CHU [5]	
" with the trivalent Sb(III) being the more toxic form." but no mention to "10 times".	2010POP_HAN		2014JAR_SZO
"The Sb(III) form is ten times more toxic than Sb(V) form [10]."	2010SAR_CIT	1998SMI_MAD [10]	
"Sb(III) form is 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) form [11]."	2010ULU_SAR	1998SMI_MAD [11]	
"Specifically, antimony (III) is reported to be 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) [14–17]."	2010WU_HE	1994GUR_SHA[14]	
		1997GEB [15]	
		2008OOR_SMO [16]	
		1998SMI_MAD [17]	
"Sb(V) is ten times more toxic than Sb(III) [6]."	2009CER_AMA	2001KRA_EMO [6]	
"The inorganic species are the most toxic ones, whereby the toxicity of Sb(III) is ten	2009FER_FER	2008SMI [1]	
times higher than that of $Sb(V)$ [1,2]."		2007FIL_BEL [2]	
"Generally, inorganic antimony is more toxic than organic species, with Sb(III) being 10 times more toxic than Sb(V)."	2009GON_CER	No references	2013WEN_ZHU
"Sb(III), for example, is reported to be 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) (Smichowski et al., 1998)."	2009GUO_WU	1998SMI_MAD	2015MUB_CHA

Elemental Sb is more toxic than its salts, and generally trivalent Sb compounds exert a ten times higher acute toxicity than pentavalent Sb species [2] and might cause lung cancer and stibine is a highly toxic gas that can cause both serious injury to the central nervous system and hemolysis."	2009MAD_BOZ	1995KEN_LEI [2]	
"The toxicity of Sb also depends on the oxidation state; Sb(III) compounds have 10 times higher acute toxicity than Sb(V) species [1]."	2009MIT_TAK	2001KRA_EMO [1]	
"the trivalent species are known to be more toxic than pentavalent one" but no mention to "10 times".	2009NAM_YAN		2012LEN_GUO
'Determination of total antimony is not sufficient to evaluate its toxic effect in seawater, indeed, inorganic Sb(III) is 10 times more toxic than inorganic Sb(V) and inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than the organic ones [1]."	2009PEN_LAV	2002FIL_BEL a [1]	
"Sb(III) is considered to be more toxic than Sb(V)"[1]" but no mention to "10 times".	2008MAR_ATT		2014JAR_SZO
"Antimony is a nonessential element and Sb(III) is reported to be about ten times more toxic in solution than Sb(V) [2]."	2008OOR_SMO	2002FIL_BEL [2]	2013SAL_MOH 2010WU_HE
"Sb(III) compounds are about 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) species."	2008SMI	No references	2015GON_TAD 2015TIS_REN 2014TIS_LES 2013SON_ZHA 2013WEN_ZHU 2009FER_FER
Cardiotoxicity in relation to kala-azar patients treated with sodium antimony gluconate. No mention of "ten times".	1998SUN_SIN		2011GAD_SAN
Experimental and clinical trials with compounds containing antimony have shown that the trivalent compounds are generally more toxic than the pentavalent compounds (Winship, 1987; Gebel, 1997; WHO, 2006)." No mention to "10 times".	2007FIL_BEL		2013AME_MEI 2009FER_FER
"Trivalent Sb has a toxicity that is 10 times higher than that of pentavalent Sb (5)."	2005COR	1991FOW_GOE	2014FER_DOS

"The toxicity of Sb(III) ions is 10 times higher than of Sb(V) ions, hence the importance of the separate determination of these two ions [7, 8]."	2004OZD_SOY	1993SHA_PAT [7] 2003SAR_SOY [8]	2013MEN_BAR
"The toxicity of Sb(III) is ten-times higher than that of Sb(V) [1-3]." Reference 2 is wrong	2003SAR_SOY	1977LUC_VEN [1] 1999HOU_NAR [2] 1976STE [3]	2013MEN_BAR 2010JIA_WEN 2004OZD_SOY
"Trivalent species are reported to be more toxic than pentavalent forms [Bencze, 1994]" No mention to "10 times".	2002FIL_BELa		2014JAB_SZO 2014NAK_ALT 2013COS_ROM 2012GE_WEI 2009PEN_LAV
"Sb(III) compounds in general are claimed to exert a 10-times higher toxicity than pentavalent Sb compounds."	2001KRA_EMO		2014SHA_MA 2013XI_HE 2012WU_SUN 2009CER_AMA 2009MIT_TAK
No mention to Sb(III) vs. Sb(V) toxicity.	2000GAR_BUL		2014JAB_SZO
	1999KAB_PEN		2014JAB_SZO
"SbIII compounds can be as much as 10 times more toxic than SbV compounds, with the highly toxic SbH $_3$ being the most poisonous. [10]"	1998GUY_JON	1988IFF	2013AME_MEI 2011QUI_OLI
"Since $Sb(II1)$ compounds are more toxic than $Sb(V)$ ones and" but no mention to "10 times".	1998LIN_MIC		2014DOR_AMA
No mention to "10 times".	1998POO_CHU		2013WEN_ZHU 2010JIA_WEN

"Toxicity of Sb(III) has been shown to be 10 times higher than that of Sb(V)."	1998SMI_MAD	1976STE [8]	2015GON_TAD
"Inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than the organic ones and Sb(III) is ten			2014FAN_TAN
times more toxic than Sb(V) [8]."			2014SHA_MA
			2013IQB_SAE
			2013SAL_MOH
			2011XU_WAN
			2010SAR_CIT
			2010ULU_SAR
			2010WU_HE
Nowhere is mentioned that Sb(V) is more toxic than Sb(III), even less that it is 10 times	1997GEB		2013SAL_MOH
more toxic			2012GE_WEI
			2010WU_HE
Review on mutagenicity, carcinogenicity and teratogenicity of Sb compounds. No mention of "10 times"	1996LEO_GER		2014JAB_SZO
Nowhere is mentioned that Sb(V) is more toxic than Sb(III), even less that it is 10 times	1995KEN_LEI		2011ZEN_YAN
more toxic			2009MAD_BOZ
"Trivalent compounds of Sb have been reported to be more toxic than pentavalent ones	1994GUR_SHA		2014GUO_WU
(58, 202)." but no mention to "10 times".			2013SAL_MOH
			2010WU_HE
"Antimony (III) is more toxic than antimony(V) [1]". but no mention to "10 times".	1993SHA_PAT		2013MEN_BAR
			2004OZD_SOY
'Trivalent antimonials are generally more toxic than pentavalent forms' but nowhere is found the statement that Sb(III) is 10 times more toxic than Sb(V)	1991FOW_GOE		2010DUA_SON
			2005COR

No mention found on organic/inorganic relative toxixity.	1988IFF* (1988SEI SIG)	1998GUY_JON
No mention of Sb(III) vs Sb(V) toxicity.	1977LUC_VEN	2003SAR_SOY
Although the fact that $Sb(III)$ is more toxic than $Sb(V)$ is cited in the Toxicity section (no citations), nowhere is found in this article the statement that $Sb(III)$ is 10 times more toxic than $Sb(V)$	1976STE	2003SAR_SOY 1998SMI_MAD

^{*}This reference is cited often as Seiler et al. (1988).

Table S2. Papers published up to 2015 including a statement of the type "The toxicity of antimony is similar/comparable/analogous to that of arsenic"

Papers are ordered chronologically and then alphabetically for each year. For each paper, the original text and its citations are given. Square brackets are used to indicate the numbering of the reference in the original source paper. The comparative term used is highlighted in yellow. Comments are shaded in grey.

Original text	Reference	Articles cited	Articles that cite this article
"Even at low concentrations, Sb is considered potentially toxic, and is a non-essential element (Smichowski 2008) with chemical and toxicological properties comparable to arsenic compounds (Flores et al. 2002)."	2015GON_TAD	2002FLO_SAN	
"The environmental toxicity of Sb compounds is understood similar to As."	2015MER_RUB	No references	
"Arsenic and antimony are both metalloids () These trace elements with similar chemistry and toxicity are naturally occurring and commonly present together (An and Kim, 2009; Lehr et al., 2007)."	2015UNG_SAN	2009AN_KIM 2007LEH_KAS	
"The toxicity of Sb is assumed to be similar to that of As with respect to its effects and mechanism (Buschmann and Sigg, 2004)."	2015WAN_ZHA	2004BUS_SIG	
"its chemical and toxicological properties are similar to arsenic."	2014ANS_KLA	No references	
"Antimony (Sb) is a metalloid element and it shares similar toxicity and chemical nature with arsenic"	2014DOR_AMA	No references	
"The toxicity of antimony species is similar to arsenic with trivalent compounds being ten times more poisonous than pentavalent species [10]."	2014GUO_WU	1994GUR_SHA [10]	
"Although there is a scarcity of peer-reviewed studies that document the extent of Sb ecotoxicity and its environmental behavior, the toxicology and geochemistry of Sb are generally thought to be analogous to that of As. 14	2014KUL_MIL	2009FIL_WIL [14]	
"Antimony also has highly toxic properties similar to arsenic."	2014NAK_ALT	No references	

"Water-soluble Sb is comparable in its toxicological behavior to arsenic (As), hence trivalent species are more toxic than pentavalent ones (Gebel, 1997)."	2013PAO_FIO	1997GEB	
"Antimony is a proven carcinogen and is comparable to arsenic in toxicity and chemical properties [8]."	2012WU_SUN	2008WES_PRA [8]	
"Moreover, antimony is a toxic bioaccumulative element with similar chemical and toxicological properties to arsenic, and moderate levels of them may lead to bioavailability and harmful environmental effects."	2010DUA_SON	No references	
"Similar to As, Sb is a chalcophilic group V metalloid, and is assumed to have a comparable geochemical behavior and toxicity (Gebel, 1997; Wilson et al., 2004; Tighe et al., 2005)".	2010FU_WU	1997GEB 2004WIL_CRA 2005TIG_ASH	
"It is commonly assumed that antimony is similar to arsenic in both chemical behavior and toxicity (Fowler et al. 1991)."	2010LIU_LE	1991FOW_GOE	
"The toxicity of antimony is assumed to be similar to that of arsenic with respect to effects and mechanism (Gebel, 1997)".	2010XI_HE	1997GEB	
"Antimony (Sb) is a naturally occurring metal in the earth's crust (e.g. stibinite, Sb ₂ S ₃), and commonly present with arsenic (Lehr et al., 2007).	2009AN_KIM	2007LEH_KAS	2015UNG_SAN
No mention of As toxicity; no comparison of As and Sb toxicity.	2009FIL_WIL		2014KUL_MIL
"Both elements and their species are also comparable in toxicity [6]."	2009MUL_DAU	1998GEB_SUC [6]	
"Sb belongs to the group of non-essential elements and its toxicity is comparable to arsenic and bismuth."	2009PAN_LIU	No references	
"The toxicity of inorganic Sb is assumed to be similar to that of As and also depends on the oxidation state; Sb(III) is more toxic than Sb(V) (Picard and Bosco, 2003)."	2008MIT_TAK	2003PIC_BOS	
"Antimony has toxic properties similar to arsenic."	2008NAK_SEK	No references	
"However, research shows that antimony and arsenic, a proven carcinogen, are similarly toxic [Gebel, 1997]."	2008WES_PRA	1997GEB	2012WU_SUN

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"It is generally assumed that the geochemical behaviour and toxicity of Sb are similar to those of arsenic (As) [Wilson et al., 2004; Tighe et al., 2005a,b].	2007ETT_MIH	2004WIL_CRA 2005TIG_ASH 2005TIG_LOC	
"Chemical and toxicological properties of Sb are similar to those of As."	2007KAB_MUK	No references	
"Sb is typically found with arsenic (As), another group V element having similar chemistry and toxicity." (Introduction)	2007LEH_KAS	No references	2015UNG_SAN 2009AN KIM
"Therefore, despite the literature suggesting that $Sb(III)$ and $As(III)$ may be biochemical analogs, $Sb(III)$ oxidation is catalyzed by a pathway different than that used for $As(III)$." (Abstract)			200711(_1111)1
"It is a non-essential element for life, and it has chemical and toxicological properties similar to that of arsenic [3]."	2007PAC_GIL	2006LI_HU [3]	
"Also they have similar chemical and toxicological properties and they can cause cancer in trivalent state [1]."	2007YER_ERD	1997GEB	
"Antimony, which is considered a nonessential element, is comparable in its toxicological behavior to arsenic and bismuth [163]."	2006GRU_HAN	ULL [163]	
The reference is a previous edition of the same encyclopedia but it is incomplete.			
"Antimony is considered to be toxic and carcinogenic in a manner similar to arsenic [Gebel, 1997]."	2006KEL_ALE	1997GEB	
"Nevertheless, antimony is a cumulative toxic element and it has chemical and toxicological properties similar to those of arsenic [2]."	2006LI_HU	1997GEB	2007PAC_GIL
"The toxicity of inorganic Sb is assumed to be similar to that of As and also depends on the oxidation state; Sb(III) is more toxic than Sb(V) [5]".	2006MIT_HAR	2003PIC_BOS [5]	
"The toxicity of Sb is thought to be similar to that of As."	2006SCH_ROS	No references	
"Antimony is in the group of non-essential elements and its toxicity is comparable in behavior to arsenic and bismuth."	2005ABB_BAR	No references	
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"Toxicity of antimony is assumed to be similar to that of arsenic, with respect to effects and mechanism [4, 5]."	2005BUS_CAN	1998CAI_SAL [4] 1997GEB [5]	
"No biological function jas yet been found for Sb, and its toxicity to animals is comparable to that of As and Pb."	2005SHO_KRA	No references.	
"In comparison with As, there is a dearth of information on the ecotoxicology of Sb and the extent of its environmental dispersion, cycling, and chemistry in heterogeneous field systems."	2005TIG_ASH	No references	2010FU_WU 2007ETT_MIH
"Similar to As, evidence suggests toxicity and availability of Sb depends on its speciation (Gebel, 1997; Smichowski et al., 1998; Filella et al., 2002)." References not considered, different subject			
This paper does not contain any mention to As or Sb toxicity	2005TIG_LOC		2007ETT_MIH
"Also they (arsenic and antimony) have similar chemical and toxicological properties and they cause cancer in trivalent state [1]."	2005YER_ERD	1997GEB [1]	
"The toxicity of antimony is assumed to be similar to that of arsenic with respect to effects and mechanism (5, 6)"	2004BUS_SIG	1998CAI_SAL [5] 1997GEB [6]	2015WAN_ZHA
"Antimony is similar to arsenic in toxicity to animals [18]."	2004CRA_WIL	1994GUR_SHA [18]	
"Nevertheless, antimony is a toxic cumulative element with similar chemical and toxicological properties to arsenic [3]."	2004MIR_LOPa	1997GEB [3]	
"Nevertheless, antimony is a cumulative element with similar chemical and toxicological properties to arsenic [2]."	2004MIR_LOPb	1997GEB [2]	
"Arsenic is considered to be toxic and carcinogenic in a similar way to antimony (Gebel, 1987) and is currently regarded as one the most serious inorganic drinking water pollutants in the world."	2004WIL_CRA	1997GEB	2010FU_WU 2007ETT_MIH
"Antimony is in-group of non-essential elements and its toxicity is comparable in behavior to arsenic and bismuth."	2003ABB_NAJ	No references	

"Antimony (Sb) is a Group V element that is similar to arsenic in many aspects of chemical behaviour and toxicity to animals [Gurnani et al., 1994; WHO, 1996; Filella et al., 2002].	2003ASH_CRA	1994GUR_SHA 1996WHO 2002FIL_BEL	
"Antimony has chemical and toxic properties similar to those of arsenic; however, the carcinogenic effect of antimony is not completely understood [1]."	2003FUE_PINa	1994GUR_SHA [1]	
"Antimony, a nonessential element for animals and plants, it is a cumulative toxic element that has chemical and toxicological properties similar to those of arsenic [1-2]."	2003FUE_PINb	1997GEB [1] 1997WEY_RIC [2] 1994GUR_SHA	
"The environmental monitoring of antimony is of growing interest; it is a non-essential element that has chemical behavior and toxicity similar to those of arsenic [16].	2003GRE_FUE	1997GEB [16]	
No comparison of As and Sb toxicity.	2003PIC_BOS		2008MIT_TAK 2006MIT_HAR
"Although the biogeochemical behavior of Sb is poorly studied, there is some evidence that it is similar to As and P [Adriano, 2001]."	2003WAG_PER	2001ADR	
The only related statement found in the paper is "Antimony has no biological function and, like arsenic, it is toxic."	2002FIL_BELa		2003ASH_CRA
"Antimony is a non-essential element and its compounds have toxicities similar to arsenic compounds [1]."	2002FLO_SAN	1991FOW_GOE [1]	
"Generally, the inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than the organic ones – toxicity and chemical behavior are similar – and they may even perhaps be more toxic than the analogous arsenic species [1]."	2002SAY_BEL	1993LAU_HOE [1]	
"Since the geochemical behavior of Sb is similar to that of As, it is commonly associated with nonferrous deposits and therefore, is emitted to the environment during the smelting of these ores" but no comment relating the toxicity of both elements.	2001ADR		2003WAG_PER

"Although the studies on Sb speciation are limited, it has been clearly shown that the toxicity of Sb species is similar to that of arsenic with Sb(III) being much more poisonous than Sb(V) (Gurnani et al., 1994)."	2001BEL_CHE	1994GUR_SHA	
"Nevertheless, antimony is a cumulative toxic element that has chemical and toxicological properties similar to those of arsenic [3].	2001GRE_PIN	1997GEB [3]	
"Antimony is a heavy element and its toxicity is comparable to arsenic."	2000CRA_FOR		
"Chemical behaviour and toxicity of antimony are similar to that of arsenic [2]."	2000KAN_KAW	1991FOW_GOE [2]	
"These inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than organic compounds, the toxicity and chemical behaviour of antimony being similar and even perhaps more toxic [3, 4] than that of arsenic."	2000SAY_BEL	1993SAU_HOE [3] 1979ELI_FRI [4]	
"It was reported that antimony is a non-essential elements in plants, animals and humans; its toxicity is similar to that of arsenic, and is perhaps even more toxic [9]."	2000ZHE_OHA	1979ELI_FRI [9]	
"Studies on Sb speciation are rather scarce but it is known that the acute toxicity of Sb species is similar to that of arsenic with Sb(III) being much more poisonous than Sb(V) [3]".	1999BEL_CHE	1990THA_PIC [3]	
Study on operons encoding homologous As-resistance determinants (<i>ars</i>). No clear why it was cited here.	1998CAI_SAL		2005BUS_CAN 2004BUS_SIG
Study on geogenic exposure to As and Sb.	1998GEB_SUC		2009MUL_DAU
"Antimony is one of the toxic elements which should be focused on. Its chemical behaviour and toxicity are similar to that of arsenic [1].	1998ULR	1991FOW_GOE [1]	
"Chemically, Sb is similar to arsenic, and perhaps even more toxic [1-2]."	1998ZHA_COR	1993LAU_HOE [1] 1979ELI_FRI [2]	
"Biologically, As(III) is more toxic than As(V), and antimony is similar to arsenic in its toxicity [1, 2]."	1997DEO_TAV	1977FOW_GOY [1] 1984GAS_SMI [2]	•

"Arsenic and antimony share some chemical and toxicological properties [1-3]. () There is little known about antimony to evaluate its toxicology and determine its impact on the environment and human health. () This short review compares the toxicological profiles of arsenic and antimony with respect to genotoxicity." (Introduction) "In spite of all these uncertainties, it can be assumed that environmental health issues are less for antimony than arsenic-for two reasons. First, human carcinogenicity with antimony has not been proved. Second, the environmental distribution is low" (Conclusions)	1997GEB	1986ELI_FRI [1] 1975LUC_VEN [2] 1988NOR_MAR [3]	2013PAO_FIO 2010FU_WU 2010XI_HE 2008WES_PRA 2007YER_ERD 2006KEL_ALE 2006LI_HU 2005BUS_CAN 2005YER_ERD 2004BUS_SIG 2004MIR_LOPa 2004MIR_LOPb 2004WIL_CRA 2003FUE_PINb 2003GRE_FUE 2001GRE_PIN
"Antimony, which is considered a nonessential element, is comparable in its toxicological behavior with arsenic and bismuth."	1997MAE_FUK	No references	
Toxicity study. No mention to As.	1997WEY_RIC		2003FUE_PINb
"The toxicological behaviour of antimony is similar to that of arsenic and bismuth, regarding antimony compounds in the oxidation state +3 are more poisonous than those in the oxidation state +5."	1996WAG_SAN	No references	
	1996WHO		2003ASH_CRA
"The toxicity of antimony compounds is similar to those of arsenic, trivalent compounds being more toxic than pentavalent ones [1]."	1995CHW_ZMI	1991FOW_GOE	

"Antimony, which is considered a non-essential element, is comparable in its toxicological behavior to arsenic and bismuth."	1995DIE_REI	No references	
"Antimony (Sb) belongs to subgroup VA of the periodic table together with arsenic, which it resembles both chemically and biologically [50]. () The toxic action of Sb on living systems is less than that of arsenic and more than bismuth within the subgroup	1994GUR_SHA	1979ELI_FRI [50]	2014GUO_WU
			2004CRA_WIL
VA." (1. Physical and chemical properties)			2003ASH_CRA
			2003FUE_PINa
			2003FUE_PINb
			2001BEL_CHE
"Antimony, which is considered a nonessential element, is comparable in its toxicological behavior to arsenic and bismuth."	1994MAE	No references	
"The toxic effects of antimony compounds are similar to those of arsenic, trivalent	1994ZMI	1988IFF [1]	
compounds being more toxic than pentavalent ones [1-3]."		1987MCA [2]	
		1991FOW_GOE [3]	
No mention found to As and Sb toxicity.	1993LAU_HOE		2002SAY_BEL
			1998ZHA_COR
"Comparable to arsenic in toxicity, antimony is thought to act by bonding irreversibly to thiol-containing enzymes, and it is known that antimony metabolism depends on its oxidation state."	1992CAL_MAD	No references	
"Comparable to arsenic in toxicity, antimony is thought to act by bonding irreversibly to thiol-containing enzymes,"	1991CAL_MAD	No references	

"Antimony compounds show toxic properties similar to those of arsenic."	1991FOW_GOE	No references	2010LIU_LE
			2002FLO_SAN
			2000KAN_KAW
			1998ULR
			1995CHW_ZMI
			1994ZMI
"Antimony has similar toxic properties to arsenic, and is considered the more toxic in both acute and chronic cases".	1990FER	No references	
No reference is made in this paper to As or Sb toxicity	1990THA_PIC		1999BEL_CHE
"Inorganic antimony compounds are very toxic (comparable to arsenic); their toxic effects are thought to result from irreversible binding to thiol-containing enzymes [26]."	1989APT_HOW	1980BER [26]	
"The toxic effects of antimony compounds are similar to those of the corresponding arsenic compounds".	1988IFF		1994ZMI
"The ressemblance of antimony to arsenic should be taken into consideration when evaluating the health effects of antimony to humans. Arsenic is a common contaminant of industrial grades of antimony and many of the symptoms of antimony exposure are similar to those of arsenic. The close chemical relationship between the two elements also indicates, however, similarities in biological effects".	1988NOR_MAR	No references	1997GEB
No mention found.	1987MCA		1994ZMI
"Antimony belongs to the same periodic group as arsenic, which it resembles both chemically and biologically. Arsenic is, however, much more toxic."	1986ELI_FRI	No references	1997GEB
	1984GAS_SMI		1997DEO_TAV
"No teratogenic effects have been reported for antimony, but soluble antimony salts are as acutely toxic as those of arsenic (Venugopal and Luckey, 1978)."	1982GER_MAE	1978VEN_LUC	
"Antimony(III) forms thioantimonates with sulfhydryl groups of cellular constituents". No mention of As.	1980BER		1989APT_HOW

"Antimony belongs to the same periodic group as arsenic, which it resembles both chemically and biologically."	1979ELI_FRI		2000SAY_BEL 2000ZHE OHA
The authors modified this statement in the second edition of the book (1986) (see entry above). However, some articles, published after 1986, cited this old version as a proof that Sb might be "even more toxic" than As. A review by Gurnani et al. (1994) [1994GUR_SHA] copies literally this sentence.		1998ZHA	1998ZHA_COR 1994GUR_SHA
"Arsenic, the lightest metalloid of subgroup VA, is the most toxic for all species and all modes tested" (page 328) but "Soluble Sb salts are more toxic than similar Pb or As compounds" (page 214).	1978VEN_LUC		1982GER_MAE
	1977FOW_GOY		1997DEO_TAV
"Soluble antimony salts are considered to be more harmful than are similar lead or arsenic salts, but soluble antimony salts are few in number".	1977LUC_VEN		1997GEB
"Sb salts are considered more toxic than similar Pb or As salts".	1975LUC_VEN	No references	

Table S3. Papers published up to 2015 including a statement of the type "inorganic antimony is more toxic than organic antimony"

Papers are ordered first chronologically and then alphabetically for each year. For each paper, the original text and citations are given. Square brackets are used to indicate the numbering of the reference in the original source paper when necessary. Mentions of actual compounds are highlighted in yellow

Original text	Reference	Articles cited	Articles that cite this article
"The inorganic components are considered more toxic than the organic ones, and the toxicity of $Sb(III)$ has been shown to be stronger than that of $Sb(V)$ for some organisms ([4], and references therein)."	2015CID_BID	2003BOE_KIR [4]	
"The inorganic species are more toxic than the organic forms, and the trivalent state is approximately ten times more toxic in comparison to Sb(V) (Smichowski, Madrid, and Cámara 1998; Smichowski 2008)"	2015GON_TAD	1998SMI_MAD 2008SMI	
"with inorganic species being more toxic than organic [8]"	2015TIS_REN	2000NAS_MAS [8]	
"Their inorganic forms are much toxic than organic forms (Gebel 1997; Filella et al. 2007; Oorts et al. 2008)."	2015YAN_HE	1997GEB 2007FIL_BEL 2008OOR_SMO	
"Generally, inorganic antimony is more toxic than organic antimony, being that the trivalent species is 10 times more toxic than pentavalent species."	2014FER_DOS	No references	
"Its inorganic form is more toxic than the organic form, with SbIII being 10 times more toxic than SbV (Smichowski, 2008)."	2014TIS_LES	2008SMI	
"In general, inorganic Sb compounds are found to be more toxic than organic Sb, and Sb(III) is more toxic than Sb(V) ((Filella et al. 2002b); (Okkenhaug et al. 2011))."	2013FAN_WAN	2002FIL_BELb 2011OKK_ZHU	

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2013MEN_BAR	2004FRA_KUE [5] 2001PYR [6]	
	2001KRA_EMO [7]	
	2007ZHA_MOR [8]	
2013SON_ZHA	No references	
2012GE_WEI	2002FIL_BELa [10]	
	1997GEB [11]	
2012TSE_LIU	2001KRA_SHO	
2011OKK_ZHU	2002FIL_BELb	2013FAN_WAN
2011QUI_OLI	1998GUY_JON [1]	
2011ZEN_YAN	No references.	
2010WIL_LOC	1997GEB	
	1999HE_YAN	
	2001KRA_EMO	
	2002FIL_BELa	
2009ACK_GIE	1999GEB	
2009BEL_GOM	1991BOW_GOE	
2009BEL_GOM		
	2013SON_ZHA 2012GE_WEI 2012TSE_LIU 2011OKK_ZHU 2011QUI_OLI 2011ZEN_YAN 2010WIL_LOC	2001PYR [6] 2001KRA_EMO [7] 2007ZHA_MOR [8] 2013SON_ZHA No references 2012GE_WEI 2002FIL_BELa [10] 1997GEB [11] 2011TSE_LIU 2001KRA_SHO 2011QUI_OLI 1998GUY_JON [1] 2011ZEN_YAN No references. 2010WIL_LOC 1997GEB 1999HE_YAN 2001KRA_EMO 2002FIL_BELa 2009ACK_GIE 1999GEB

"Generally, inorganic antimony is more toxic than organic species, with $Sb(III)$ being 10 times more toxic than $Sb(V)$."	2009GON_CER	No references	
"The inorganic species are the most toxic ones, whereby the toxicity of $Sb(III)$ is ten times higher than that of $Sb(V)$ [1,2]."	2009FER_FER	2008SMI [1]	
times nigher than that of Sb(v) [1,2].		2007FIL_BEL [2]	
"Determination of total antimony is not sufficient to evaluate its toxic effect in seawater, indeed, inorganic $Sb(III)$ is 10 times more toxic than inorganic $Sb(V)$ and inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than the organic ones [1]."	2009PEN_LAV	2002FIL_BEL [1]	
"Similar to As, toxicity of Sb species decreases in the order inorganic SbIII >inorganic SbV >methylated Sb compounds.[5–10]"	2009TEL_MAH	2005SHO_KRA [5]	
		1997GEB [6]	
		1999HE_YAN [7]	
		2000LIN_PRA [8]	
		2001KRA_EMO [9]	
		2004OZD_SOY [10]	
"In general, inorganic Sb compounds were found to be more toxic than organic ones, and SbIII more than SbV species.[5]."	2009TSC_ROB	2002FIL_BELa [5]	
No mention of organic vs. inorganic toxicity.	2008OOR_SMO		2015YAN_HE
"Elemental antimony is more toxic than its salts and inorganic species of Sb are more	2008SMI	No references	2015GON_TAD
toxic than the organic ones."			2014TIS_LES
			2009FER_FER
"These two forms exhibit pronounced differences in their analytical behavior, toxicity and mobility [1]; inorganic compounds of antimony are more toxic than its organic forms; toxicity of Sb(III) has been shown to be 10 times higher than that of Sb(V)."	2008TIT_KEN	No references	
"The trivalent form is ten times more toxic than the pentavalent form, while the organic Sb species are less toxic, which is a similar behaviour to arsenic."	2008ZIH_JAN	No references	

Nothing in this article concerning organic/inorganic toxicity.	2007FIL_BEL		2015YAN_HE 2009FER_FER
"Similar differences exist between the toxicity of arsenic(III) and arsenic(V), and of antimony(III) and antimony(V). The (III) oxidation state is more toxic than the (V) state one, whereas organoarsenic and organoantimony compounds are the least toxic [2, 3]."	2007HUA_HU	1991MER [2] 1990FER [3]	
"Inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than the organic forms."	2007WU_JIN	No references	
"The toxicity of the different species of the same element is different, in which the inorganic compounds are more toxic than the organic compounds and the toxicity of As(III), Se(IV) and Sb(III) is stronger than that of As(V), Se(VI) and Sb(V) [1-3]."	2007ZHA_MOR	2001KRA_EMO [3]	2013MEN_BAR
"Inorganic compounds of antimony are more toxic than its organic forms."	2006LI_HU	No references	
"Inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than the organic ones, and antimonite, Sb(III), is ten times more toxic than antimoniate, Sb(V)."	2006ROD_TYS	No references	
"The toxicity of the element depends on the oxidation state, Sb(III) being more toxic than Sb(V), although its molecular form is also important, inorganic species being more toxic than organic compounds [2]."	2006VIN_LOP	1988SEI_SIG [2]	
"The toxicity of Sb depends on its molecular form: inorganic Sb compounds are more toxic than organic Sb compounds."	2005AME_MEI	No references	
"Unlike most other elements, antimony is more toxic than its organic compounds."	2005GOM_DOM	No references	
No clear mention to organic/inorganic toxicity.	2005SHO_KRA		2009TEL_MAH
Review on arsenic, no mention of antimony.	2004FRA_KUE		2013MEN_BAR
"Inorganic compounds of antimony are more toxic than its organic forms. This requires the determination of inorganic antimony as well as total antimony."	2004OZD_SOY	No references	2009TEL_MAH
"The toxicity of arsenic and antimony varies widely, ranging from highly hazardous inorganic species to relatively harmless organic species."	2004SUN_QIA	No references	
Nothing in this article concerning organic/inorganic toxicity.	2003BOE_KIR		2015CID_BID

"Inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than that of organic compounds [4]."	2003SAR_SOY	1998SMI_MAD [4]	
The paper does not contain any statement in relation to the toxicity of organic versus inorganic forms.	2002FIL_BELa		2012GE_WEI 2010WIL_LOC 2009PEN_LAV 2009TSC_ROB
The paper does not contain any statement in relation to the toxicity of organic versus inorganic forms.	2002FIL_BELb		2013FAN_WAN
"Generally, the inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than the organic ones – toxicity and chemical behavior are similar – and they may even perhaps be more toxic than the analogous arsenic species [1]."	2002SAY_BEL	1993LAU_HOE [1]	
"For example, inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than methylated ones, and Sb(III) is 10 times more toxic than Sb(V) [1]."	2002YU_CAI	2001KRA_EMO [1]	
"The inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than $\frac{\text{methylated ones}}{\text{more toxic than Sb}(V)}$."	2001DAS_GUA	No references	
Nothing found in this paper concerning organic/inorganic toxicity.	2001KRA_EMO		2010WIL_LOC 2009TEL_MAH 2007ZHA_MOR 2002YU_CAI 2013MEN_BAR
Nothing found in this paper concerning organic/inorganic toxicity.	2001KRA_SHO		2012TSE_LIU
This paper is on selenium, no mention of antimony.	2001PYR		2013MEN_BAR
Analytical paper.	2000LIN_PRA		2009TEL_MAH

No direct mention. Indirect: "The toxicity of antimony is largely dependent upon chemical speciation and the most toxic characteristics are displayed by the inorganic antimony (III) oxyanion".	2000NAS_MAS		2015TIS_REN
"These inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than organic compounds, the toxicity and chemical behaviour of antimony being similar and even perhaps more toxic [3, 4] than that of arsenic."	2000SAY_BEL	No references	
"Sb(III) is reported to be ten-times more toxic than Sb(V); generally, inorganic species are more toxic than organic ones [10]."	2000ZHE_OHA	1976STE [10]	
	1999GEB		2009ACK_GIE
Comparison of Sb(III) and Sb(V) effects on rice germination. No mention of organic/inorganic toxicity	1999HE_YAN		2010WIL_LOC 2009TEL_MAH
"On the basis of acute oral toxicity, the inorganic and trivalent forms of antimony appear more toxic than the organic or hexavalent forms [Venugopal and Luckey, 1978; Winship, 1987]."	1999LYN_CAP	1978VEN_LUC 1987WIN	
"SbIII compounds can be as much as 10 times more toxic than SbV compounds, with the highly toxic SbH ₃ being the most poisonous. [10]"	1998GUY_JON	1988IFF	2011QUI_OLI
"Although there are more than 3000 organic compounds described in the literature, only two inorganic forms, $Sb(III)$ and $Sb(V)$, and two organic species, methylstibonic acid and dimethylstibinic acid, have been detected in natural waters. Inorganic species of antimony are more toxic than the organic ones and $Sb(III)$ is ten times more toxic than $Sb(V)$ [8]."	1998SMI_MAD	1976STE [8]	2015GON_TAD 2003SAR_SOY
Review on genotoxicity. No mention of organic/inorganic relative toxixity.	1997GEB		2015YAN_HE 2010WIL_LOC 2009TEL_MAH 2012GE_WEI

"In oxygenated waters the predominant species is Sb(V), although higher concentrations of Sb(III) and methylated compounds that would be expected from thermodynamic calculations have been detected. This could be attributed to microbial activity, which is suspected to favour such a transformation as a detoxification mechanism since the methylated species of antimony are less toxic than the inorganic ones." "Inorganic oxyanions are normally more toxic than organic compounds [4]."	1995CAL_MAD	1986CRA [4]	
"Inorganic species are more toxic than organic species."	1995SMI_MAD	No references	
No mention found on organic/inorganic relative toxixity.	1993LAU_HOE		2002SAY_BEL 2000SAY_BEL
No mention found on organic/inorganic relative toxixity.	1991FOW_GOE		2009BEL_GOM
The authors that cite this book do not give the corresponding page. The chapter of antimony is 1991FOW_GOE. No specific statement is found in this chapter on the toxicity of inorganic versus organic forms.	1991MER		2007HUA_HU
No mention found on organic/inorganic relative toxixity.	1990FER		2007HUA_HU
No mention found on organic/inorganic relative toxixity.	1988IFF* (1988SEI_SIG)		2006VIN_LOP
Conclusions do not mention organic/inorganic relative toxixity. In any case, 'organic' here could only mean sodium stibogluconate, tartrate, etc.	1987WIN		1999LYN_CAP
"Organic compounds of arsenic and antimony are less toxic than the inorganic oxyanions."	1986CRA	No references	1995CAL_MAD
Animals: "In peroral exposure, acute and chronic, antimony potassium tartrate is more toxic than antimony tri- and pentoxide [Flury, 1927; Bradley and Fredrick, 1941]."	1986ELI_FRI	1927FLU 1941BRA_FRE	
Toxicity study. Hamsters. Intratraqueal instillation of As ₂ O ₃ and Sb ₂ O ₃ . They show different behaviour.	1984LEF_GER		2009BEL_GOM

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Animals: "In peroral exposure, acute and chronic, antimony potassium tartrate is more toxic than antimony tri- and pentoxide [Flury, 1927; Bradley and Fredrick, 1941]."	1979ELI_FRI	1927FLU 1941BRA_FRE	2000SAY_BEL
"Organic Sb compounds are more toxic than similar As and Pb compounds".	1978VEN_LUC		1999LYN_CAP
"The symptoms occur more frequently during treatment with tartar emetic".	1976STE		1998SMI_MAD 2000ZHE_OHA
Toxicity study. Intraperitonally administered to guinea pigs: "The above findings establish a relatively low order of toxicity for the oxides and sulfides of antimony. () Antimony metal, however, presents a rather high order of toxicity. The high toxicity of tartar emetic, 10 times that of metal, long has been recognised". Metal was ground (325-mesh sieve) and suspended in corn oil.	1941BRA_FRE		1986ELI_FRI 1979ELI_FRI
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