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The article is more a commentary and review than a research article. The only mentioning about possible relation to disease is contained in a paragraph on p. 123, for which I did the translation:

". . . . There were others who suspected that yellow rain was air dropped poison, and as a result would not dare to consume water or food [that might have been exposed to it]. Such suspicion had no factual basis. During and after the yellow rain episodes, the particular regions had no sudden occurrence of diseases that might relate to yellow rain. We visited a number of persons who had direct skin contact with yellow rain, and found no example of ill effects. During that period [1976 late summer], Shin-Fung Village of Ching-Kiang City had a dozen or so yellow rain incidents, but records of the Village Clinic showed no indication of unusual clinical cases during that period, comparing with the same period of past years. Apparently, yellow rain in the Northern Kiangsu Province region had no relation to diseases whatsoever . . . ."