

# The role of biological monitoring in nano-safety

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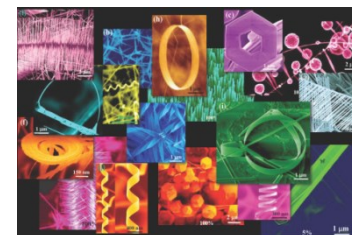
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# The principal challenges in RA

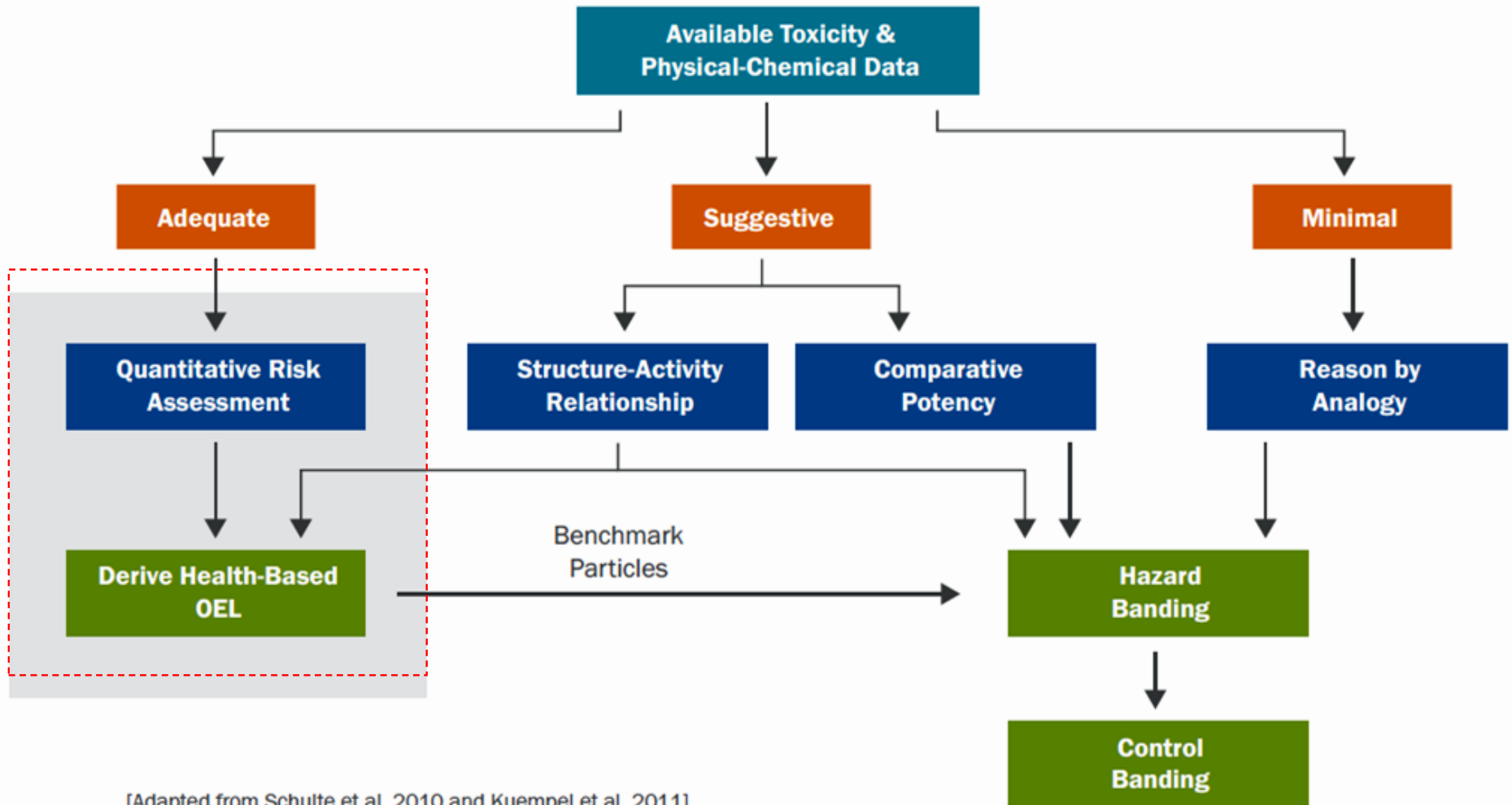
## Nanosafety in Europe 2015-2025: Towards Safe and Sustainable Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology Innovations

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- (1) introduction or establishment of a systematic and standardized metrology for physically characterizing NM (*multiple metrics needed*);
- (2) uncertainty in the nature of the dose-response relationship between exposure of NM and biological effects, whether they are - or not - “**nano-specific**” (*hazard characterization*);
- (3) the difficulties associated with measuring exposure to NM and surveillance once they are introduced into the environment (*Life-cycle assessment*).

**There are inadequate data to inform quantitative risk assessments on current and emerging NM. At most, only qualitative risk assessments are feasible, given the current state of knowledge**

# Impact of the level of information on the guidance development (e.g. Occupational Exposure Limits)



[Adapted from Schulte et al. 2010 and Kuempel et al. 2011]

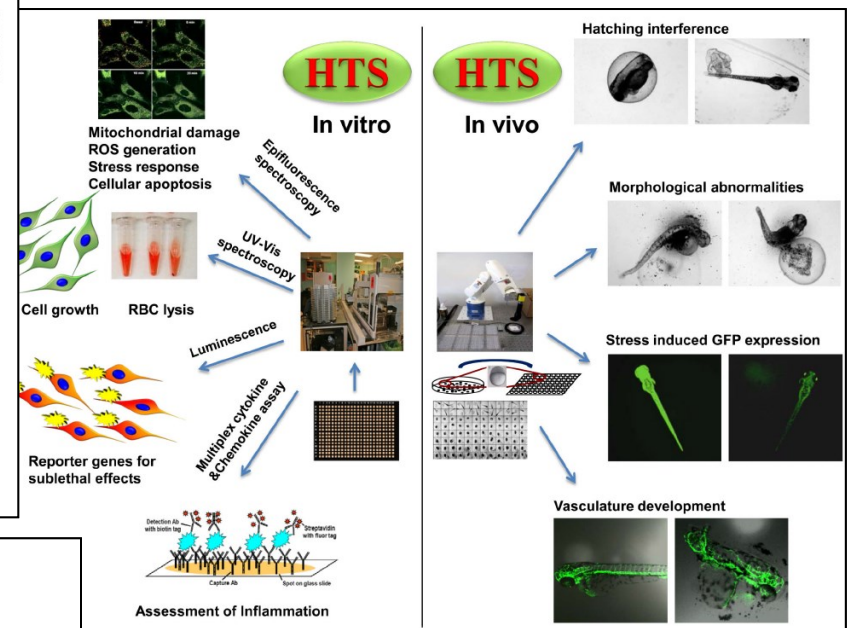
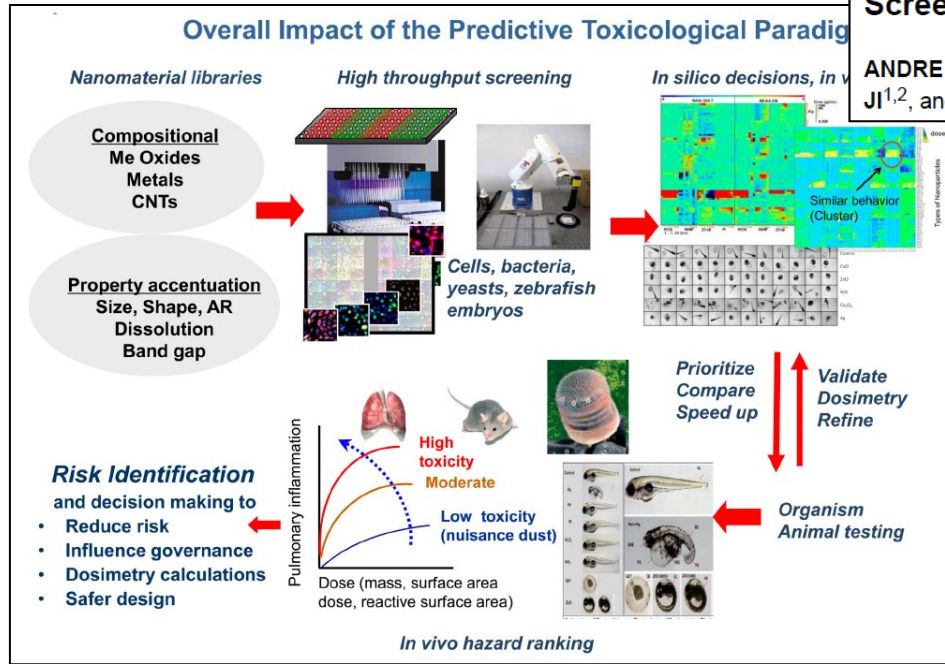
# Toward toxicity testing of nanomaterials in the 21st century: a paradigm for moving forward

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## Nanomaterial Toxicity Testing in the 21st Century: Use of a Predictive Toxicological Approach and High Throughput Screening

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## Implementation of Alternative Test Strategies for the Safety Assessment of Engineered Nanomaterials

Andre Nel

# Definition and meaning of biological monitoring in occupational health

**BM deals with the “systematic, continuous or repetitive activity for collection of biological samples for analysis of concentrations of pollutants, metabolites or specific non-adverse biological effect parameters, with the objective to assess exposure and health risk to exposed subjects, comparing the data observed with the reference level and - if necessary - leading to corrective actions”**

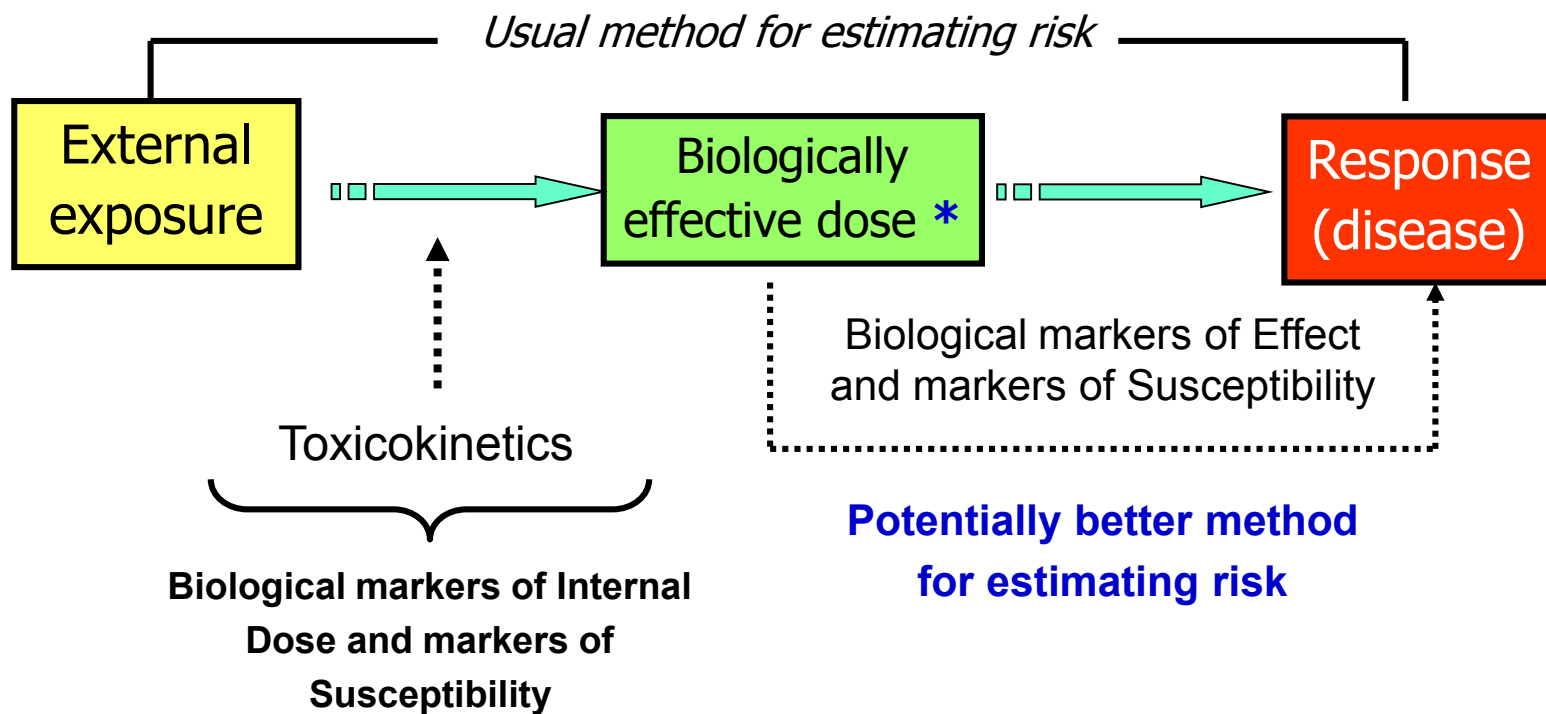
*[ R.L. Zielhuis and P.T. Henderson, 1986 ]*

# Biomarkers (NRC, 1987)

- ✓ **EXPOSURE**: an exogenous substance or its metabolite or the product of an interaction between a xenobiotic agent and some target molecule or cell that is measured in a compartment within an organism .
- ✓ **EFFECT**: any measurable biochemical, physiological or other alteration within an organism that, depending on magnitude, can be recognized as an established or potential health impairment or disease
- ✓ **SUSCEPTIBILITY**: effect-modifying factors, including both genetic (e.g., genetic polymorphisms of drug metabolizing and DNA repair enzymes) and acquired conditions

# Rationale for using biomarkers in risk assessment

IPCS, 1998



\* In particle toxicology, the BED is defined as “the entity within any dose of particles in tissue that drives a critical pathophysiologically relevant form of toxicity (e.g., oxidative stress, inflammation, genotoxicity, or proliferation) or a process that leads to it.



## Nanotoxicity: challenging the myth of nano-specific toxicity

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- ✓ The **Biologically Effective Dose (BED)** is the mechanistic entity that actually drives toxicity.
- ✓ Mechanisms of nanoparticle (NP) toxicity need to be considered in relation to conventional particles (CPs).
- ✓ Recognition of similar mechanisms would aid in benchmarking the NP hazard.
- ✓ Currently known NP BEDs include **surface area, soluble species, charge and shape (AR)**.
- ✓ **All of these BEDs also drive CP toxicity so, whilst nano-relevant, they are not nano-specific.**



## Macrophage Responses to Silica Nanoparticles are Highly Conserved Across Particle Sizes

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## Comparative Proteomics and Pulmonary Toxicity of Instilled Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes, Crocidolite Asbestos, and Ultrafine Carbon Black in Mice

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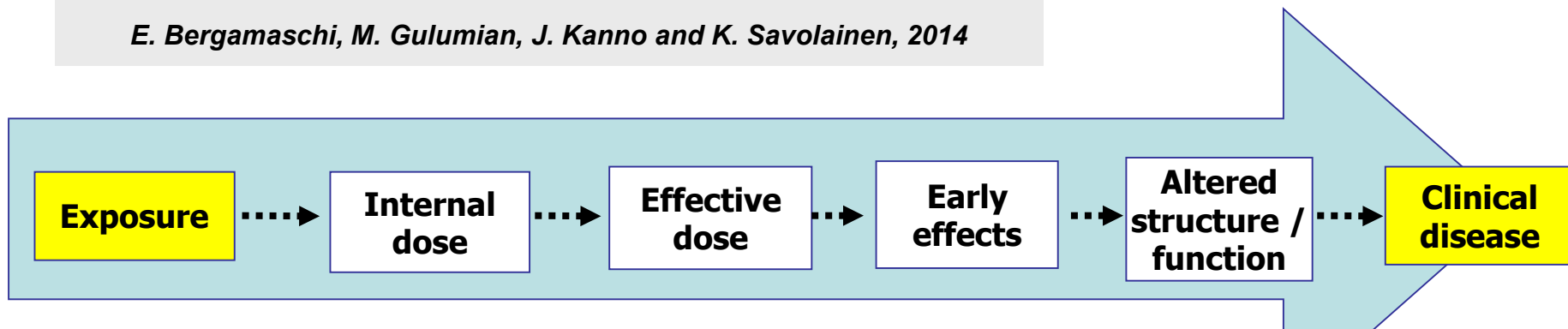


## Particle-Induced Pulmonary Acute Phase Response Correlates with Neutrophil Influx Linking Inhaled Particles and Cardiovascular Risk

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# An appraisal of available biomarkers associated with exposure to UFP & NMs (manufactured/engineered)

*E. Bergamaschi, M. Gulumian, J. Kanno and K. Savolainen, 2014*



## Exposure biomarkers

## Effect biomarkers

- **Exhaled particles and/or elements in EBC** (estimate of the “deposited dose”)
  - *Particles/break down products in biological media*
- **Elements analysis** in biological fluids (excretion, body burden)
- Protein modification (“corona”)

- **Lipid peroxidation products** in EBC or blood (MDA, T-BARS, conjugated dienes, LTB<sub>4</sub>, F2- and 8-isoprostane)
- **DNA excision base products** (8-OH-dG, 8-oxo-Gua)
- **Exhaled NO (FeNO)** and **nitrosative stress** products (3-nitrotyrosine)
- **Carbonyl compounds (4-HNE)** in EBC
- Serum pneumoproteins (CC16)
- Platelet activation/aggregation; pro-thrombotic changes
- **Acute phase proteins** (hsCRP), **Haptoglobin**
- **IL-6, IL-8, TNF $\alpha$  and sTNF-RII**
- **Clotting factors** (fibrinogen, PAI-1)
- **Vascular adhesion molecules** (V-CAM-1)

- Fibrogenic markers (osteopontin)
- Cell transformation
- **Micronucleus**
- **DNA strand breaks** (Comet assay + FPG-ENDO III)
- **DNA (hypo)methylation**
- **MicroRNAs** (miRNAs)

# Health hazards among workers occupationally exposed to ENM

*Liou et al., J Nanopart Res (2012) 14:878*

## NM handled by the workers

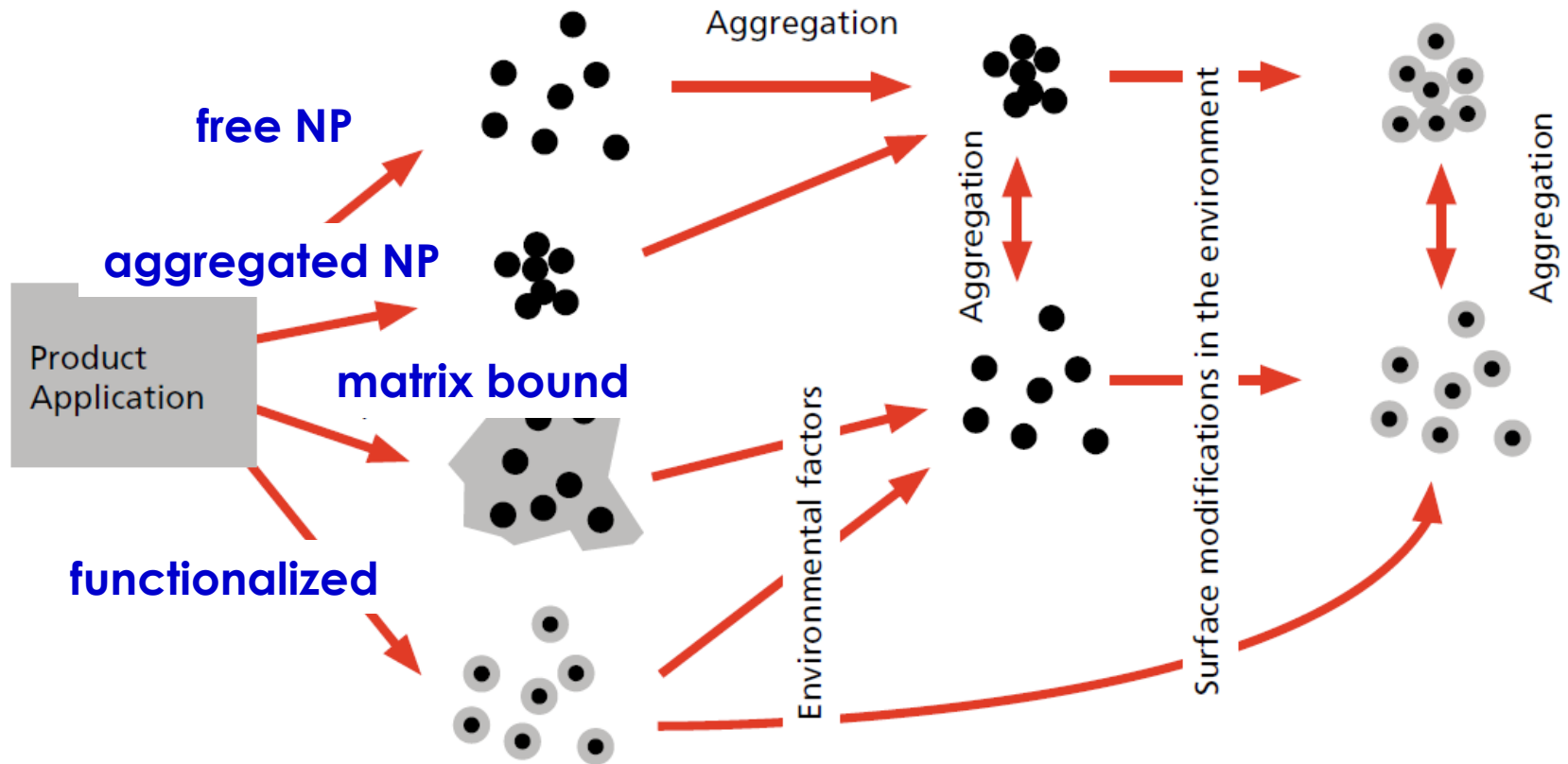
Nanomaterials	Frequency	% of Total (% of exposed group)
Carbon nanotube	52	14.3 (22.9)
Nanoscale silicon dioxide (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	37	10.2 (16.3)
Nanoscale titanium dioxide (TiO <sub>2</sub> )	19	5.2 (8.4)
Nanosilver	15	4.1 (6.6)
Nanoresins	10	2.7 (4.4)
Mixed materials	94	25.8 (41.4)
Exposed group	227	62.4 (100)
Control group	137	37.6
Total	364	100

## Summary of significant findings after adjustment for confounders

Biomarkers	RL1 vs. control	RL2 vs. control	Trend (RL2, RL1, control)
Antioxidant enzymatic activity	SOD↓, GPX↓	SOD↓	SOD↓
Lung inflammation and oxidative damage	–	–	–
Cardiovascular disease markers	IL6↑	Fibrinogen↑, ICAM↑	Fibrinogen↑, ICAM↑
DNA damage and genotoxicity	–	–	–
Pulmonary function	–	–	–
Neurobehavioral function	–	Backward 7-digit memory↓	–

# Release of nanoparticles (NP)

## Environmental factors influence agglomeration and de-agglomerations



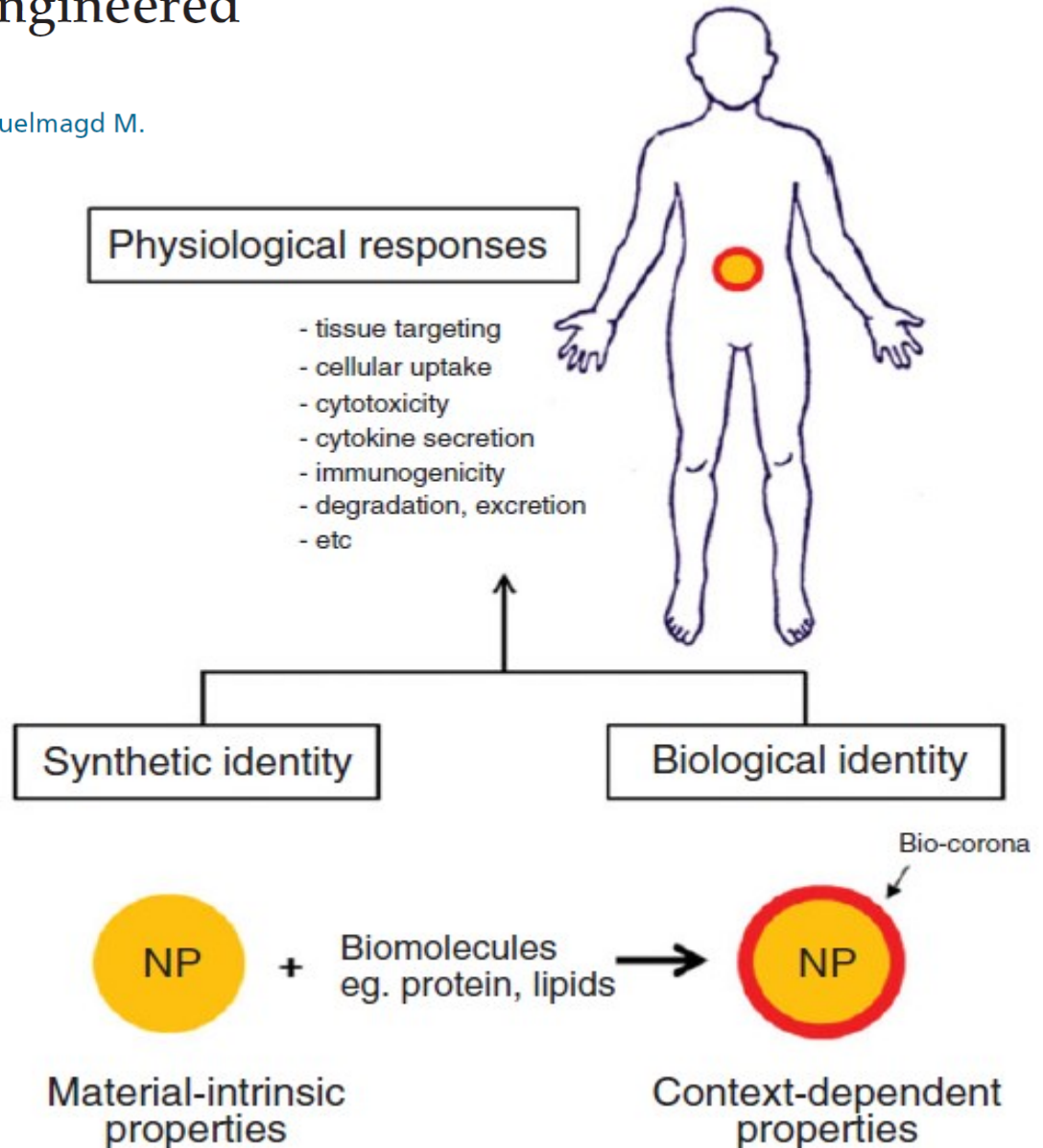
(from Nowack & Bucheli, 2007)

# Bridge over troubled waters: understanding the synthetic and biological identities of engineered nanomaterials

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## Synthetic and biological identities of nanomaterials



# Hazard determinants of manufactured/engineered NMs



## Toxicology Research

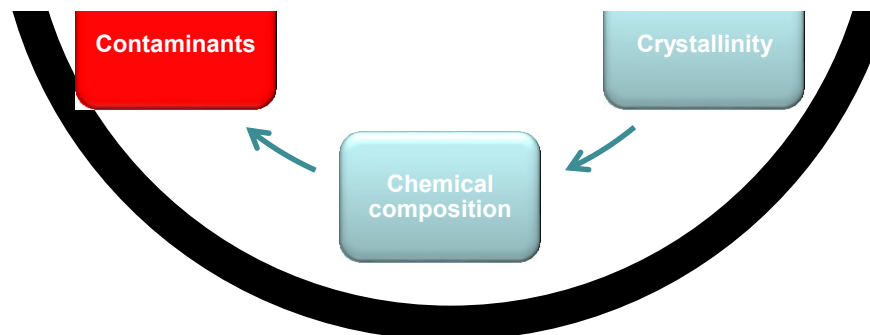
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### Titanium dioxide nanoparticles enhance macrophage activation by LPS through a TLR4-dependent intracellular pathway<sup>†</sup>

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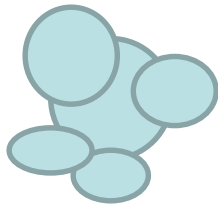


# Exposure...to what ENM ??

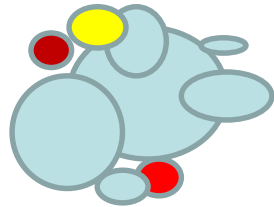
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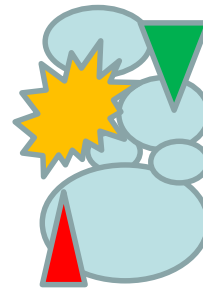
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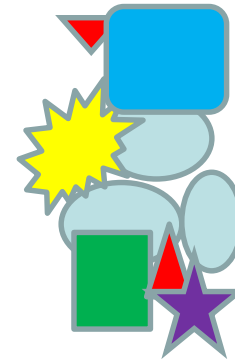
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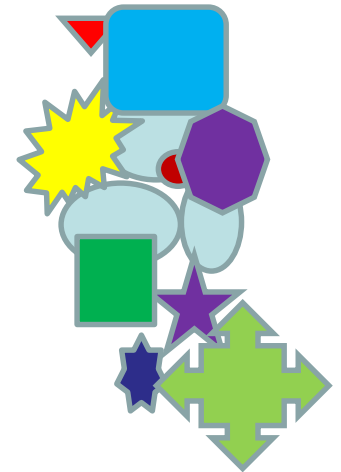
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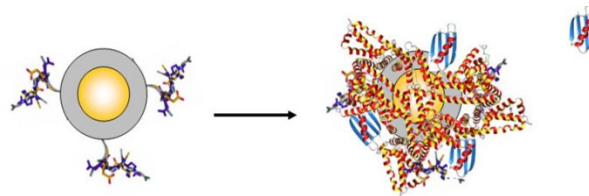
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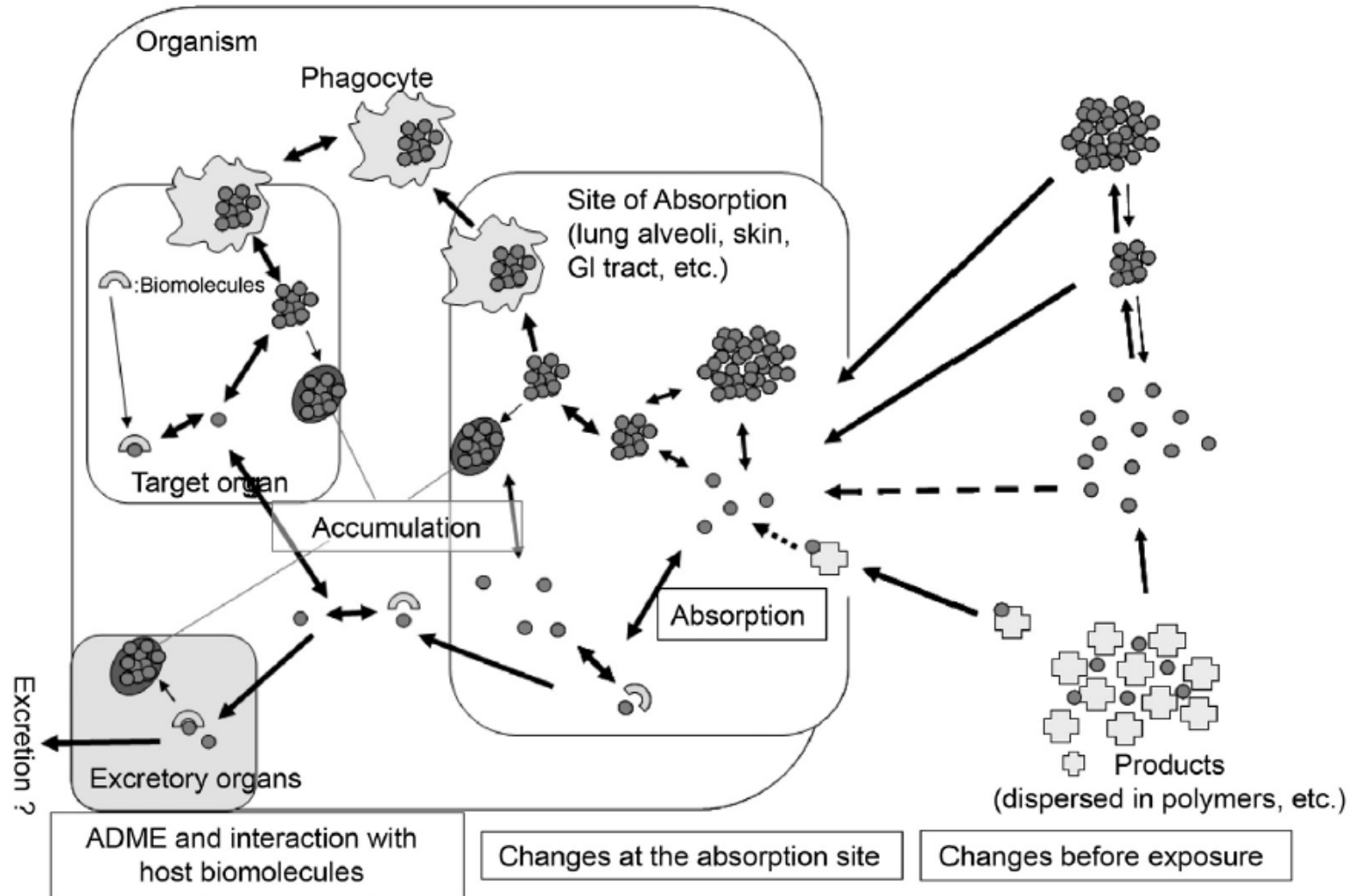
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**A continuum of increasing complexity:  
Which expected effects on biological systems?**

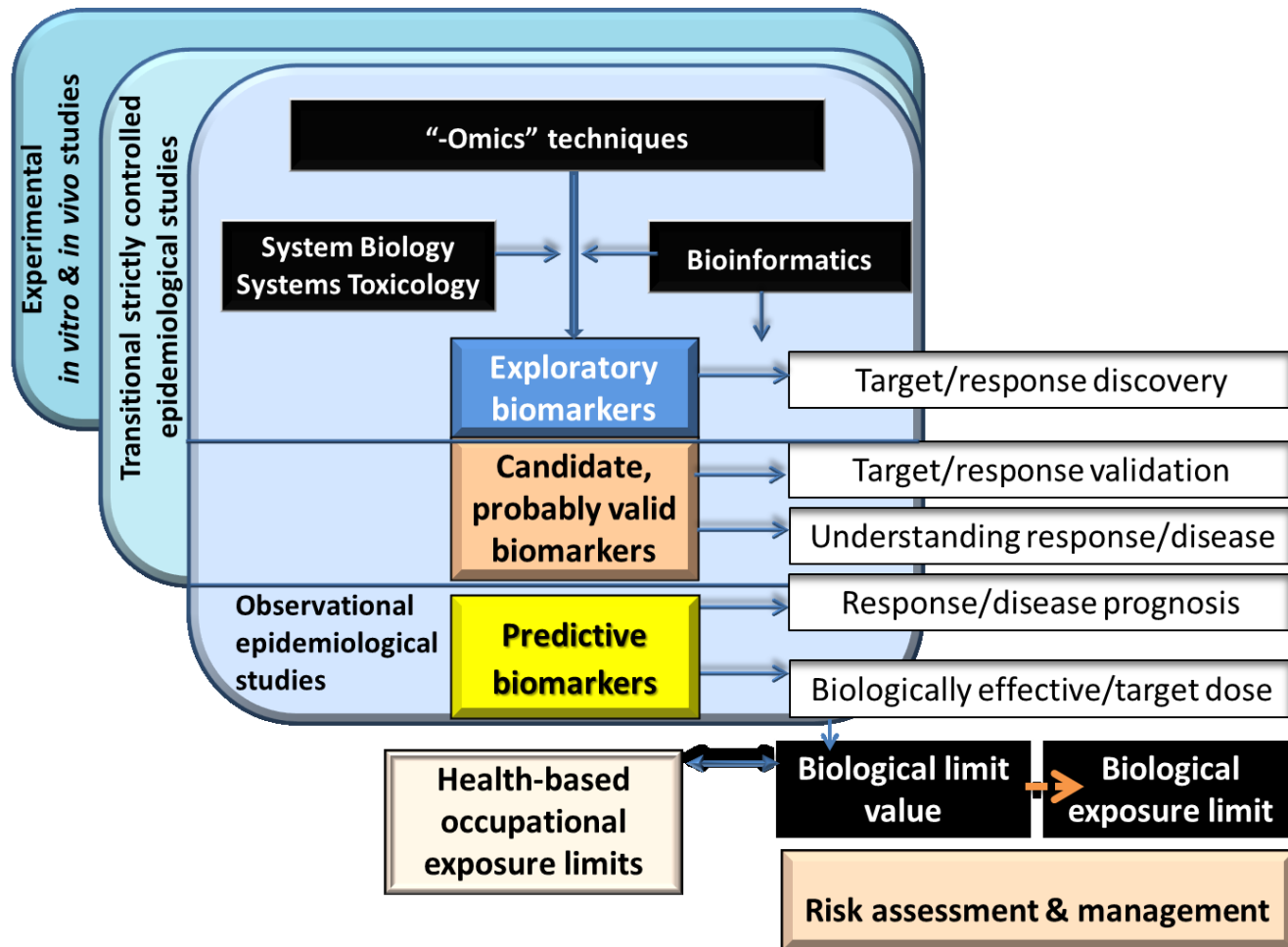


# Representation of absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, and deposition of ENMs in cells and tissues





# Layout of biomarkers research as condition of the responsible development of nanotechnologies and safety of workers exposed to ENM



# A Road Map Toward a Globally Harmonized Approach for Occupational Health Surveillance and Epidemiology in Nanomaterial Workers

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Particularly needed are...

- ✓ Criteria for potentially useful **biomarkers** and (pre)clinical parameters for epidemiological studies about workers in small and medium enterprises and transnational companies.
- ✓ Recommendations on the feasibility of human population studies based on these **biomarkers**.
- ✓ Recommendations on the requirements for harmonized approaches for **human biomonitoring** and health effect studies tailored to nanomaterial workers.

# The risk prediction and management tools

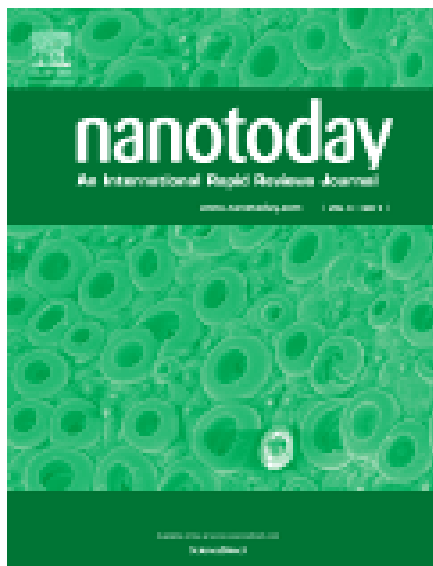
Milestone	Topic	By 2015	By 2020	By 2025
Health	<i>Health effect</i>	Markers for short term effect identified	Markers for long term effect identified	Implementation of the markers
	<i>Register</i>	Health surveillance registries developed  Exposure registries developed	Using registries for research	Implementation of results for regulations
	<i>Study design</i>	Pilot panel studies completed	Case-control studies completed	Longitudinal studies started

Databases and epidemiological or health studies can be considered as “enabling tools” supporting the processes of RA and RM.

## Take-home message

- There is a pressing need to overcome pitfalls in risk assessment (RA) for engineered nanomaterials (ENM)
- Inherent properties of ENM are subject to changes in the environmental settings
- Similar paradigms for particle/nanoparticle hazard do not support “nano-specificity”
- The issue of biomarker specificity for ENM is challenging but should not hamper their use in epidemiological research
- Candidate biomarkers validated in epidemiological studies should consistently support the RA

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