

Health Risk Assessment of Manufactured Nanomaterials: More Than Just Size

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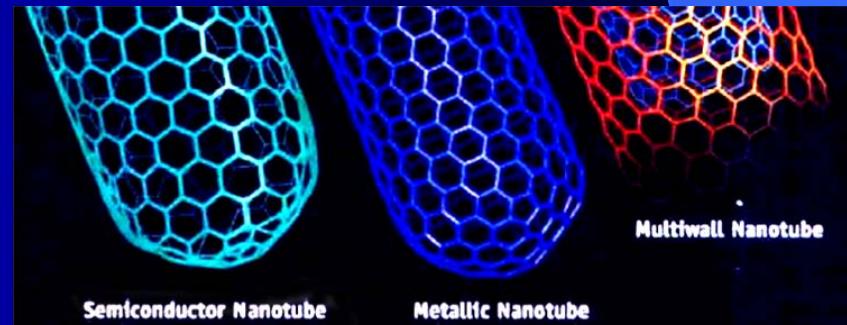
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Workshop

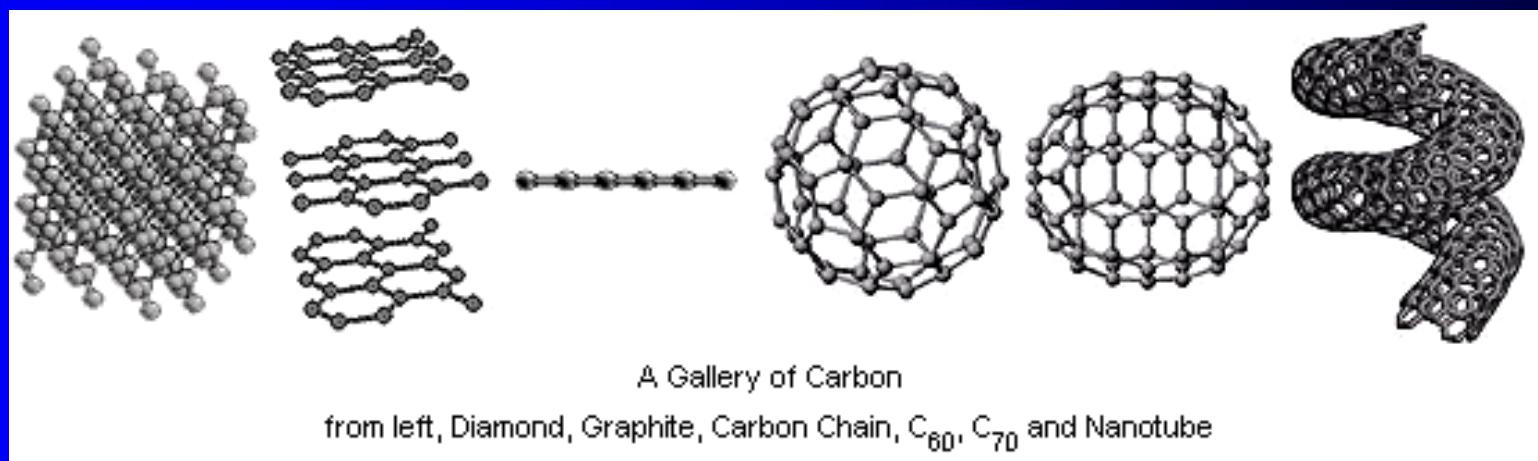
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Outline

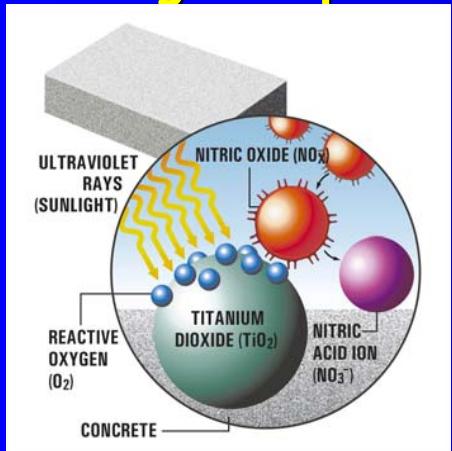
1. Nanotechnology and Air Pollution Control
2. Uncertainties in Nanotechnology Risk Assessment
3. Toxicity of Nanomaterials (Nanotoxicology):
 - CNTs, fullerenes, dendrimers, nano-metals
 - focus on health effects
 - insights into factors regulating particle toxicity:
“more than just size” and “unique toxicities”
4. Summary



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Air Pollution Control: Photo-Catalytic Nano- TiO_2 , ZnO

Paving and painting out pollution



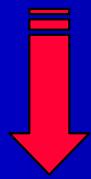
Self cleaning glass/surfaces



-2002, nano TiO_2 \cement, Milan, Italy, 60% decrease in near road side NOx levels

-Second Generation: Doped with V, Pd, or Nd allows photo-catalytic activity with sun light

-EU Photocatalytic Innovative Coverings Applications for Depollution Assessment (PICADA) NOx reduction



Air

*Environmental Interactions, Transformations, and Fate?
Potential Health Effects?*

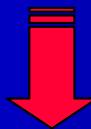
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*Air Pollution Control: Nano-metals
(Al_2O_3 ; Transition Metals; CeO_2 : 5 - 10nm)*

Fuel Additives: Better Fuel Economy and Reduced Emissions

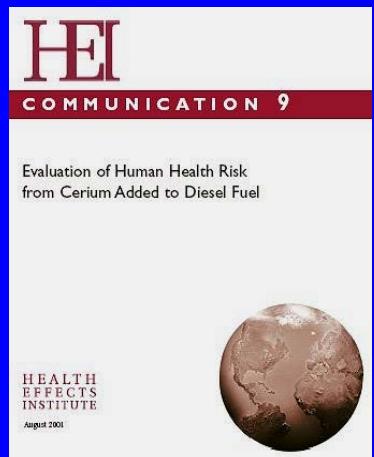


- On and Off Road Diesel\Gas Additive:
 - Oxonica: Envirox® (nano-Cerium Oxide; 10nm);
 - Nanotech Fuel Corporation: Fuel Reformulator
- Dept. of Defense



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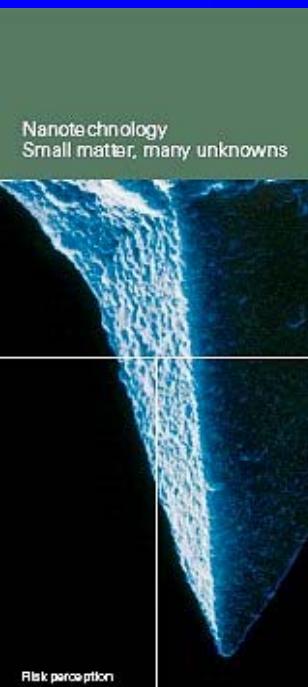


Diesel Exhaust:

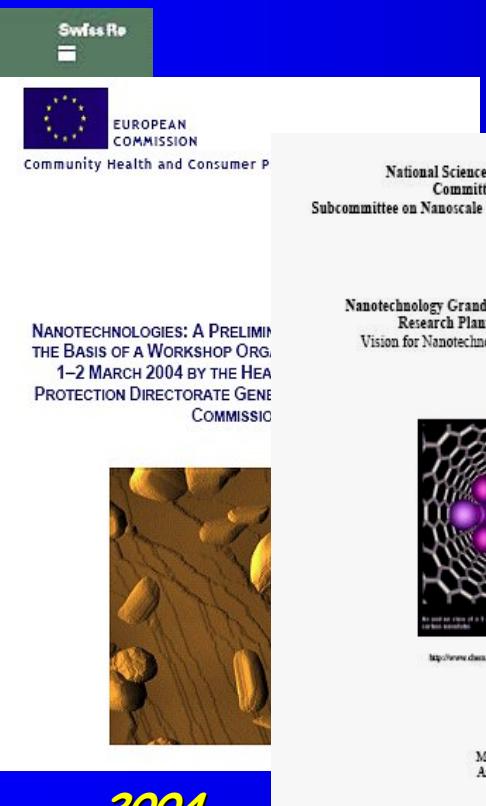
- ↑>50% in each: benzene; 1,3-butadiene; acetaldehyde (Air Toxics)
- ↓80% PAHs (Air Toxic)
- ↓8-20% NOx (NAAQ)
- ↑50-100% CO (NAAQ)

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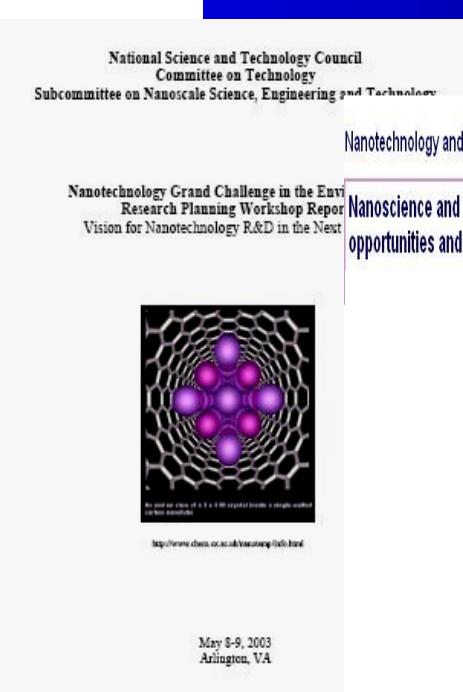
Reports: Uncertainties in Nanotechnology Risk Assessment



Spring, 2004
Swiss Report
Reinsurance
Company



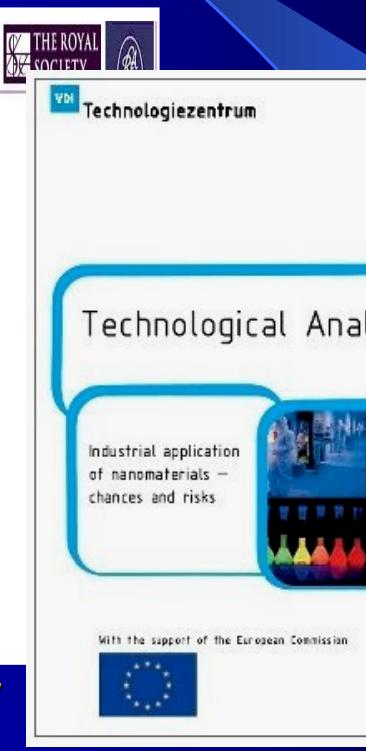
2004
European
Commission



April 2004
NNI Report
Grand Challenge:
"Nanotechnology in
the Environment"



July 2004
UK Royal
Society
Report



August 2004
German
NanoSafe
Report

Nanoparticles: An occupational hygiene review

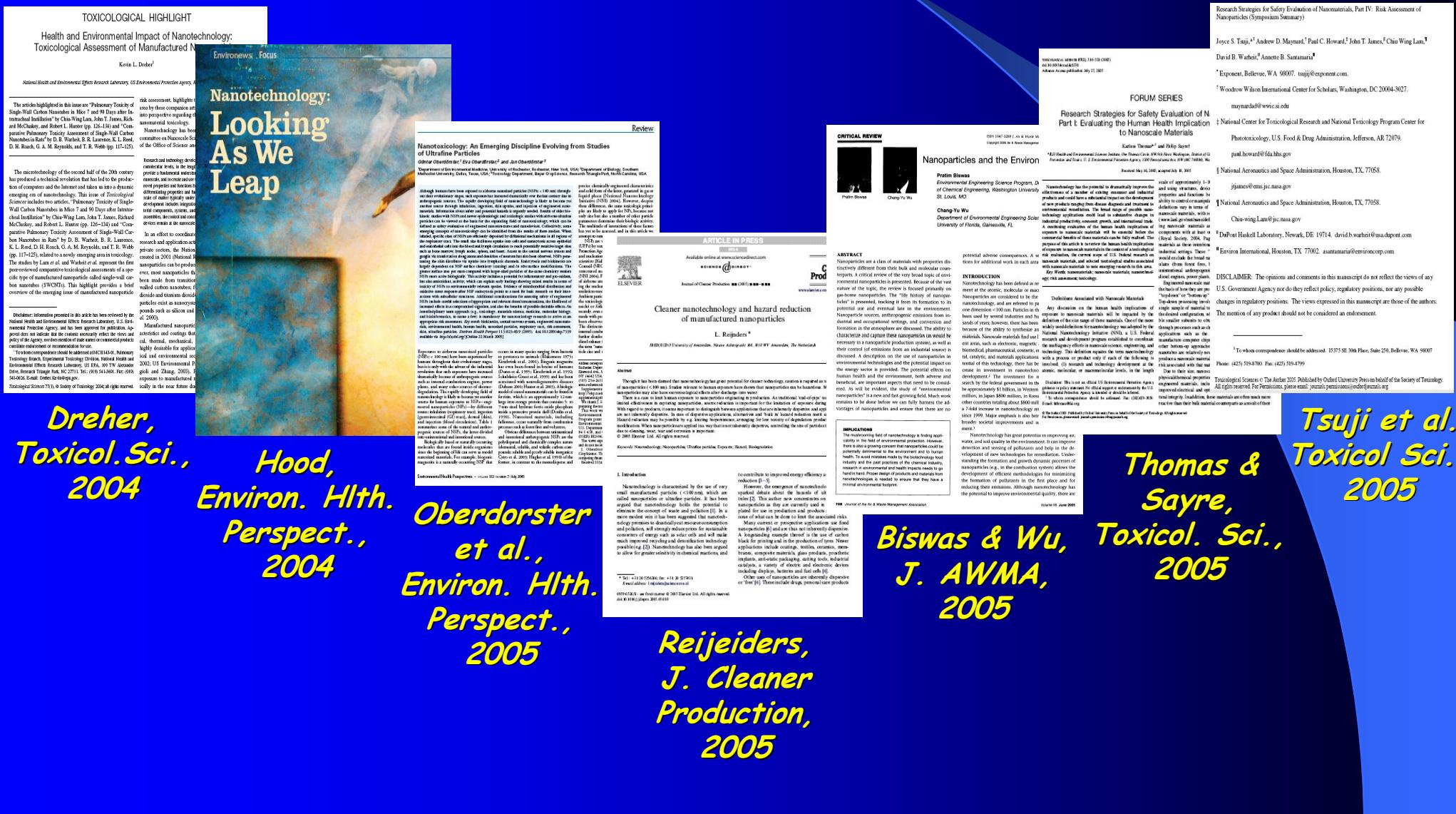
Prepared by the Institute of Occupational Medicine
for the Health and Safety Executive 2004



RESEARCH REPORT 274
Nov. 2004
UK HSE
Report

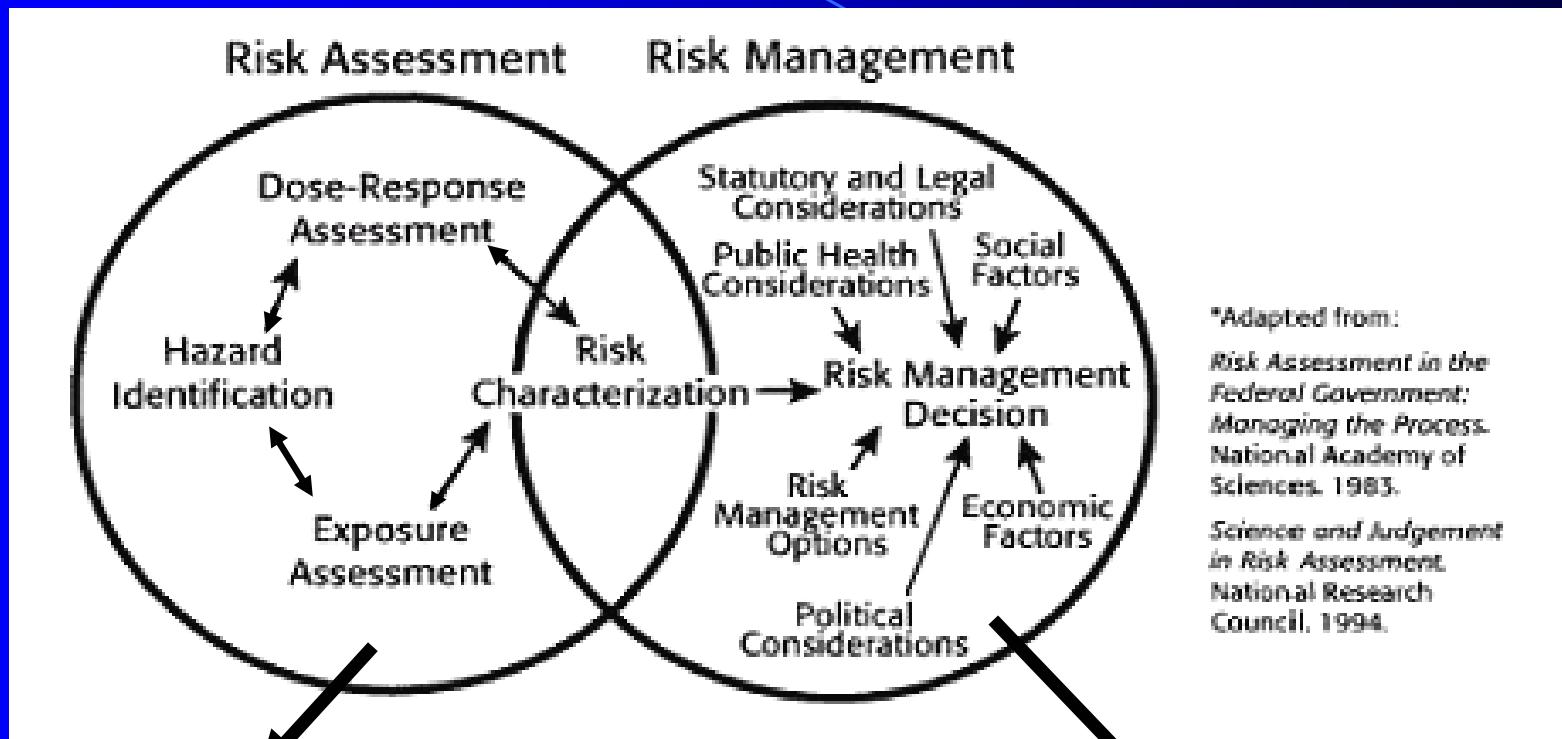
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Publications: Uncertainties in Nanotechnology Risk Assessment



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Uncertainties



*Adapted from:
Risk Assessment in the Federal Government: Managing the Process. National Academy of Sciences. 1983.
Science and Judgment in Risk Assessment. National Research Council. 1994.

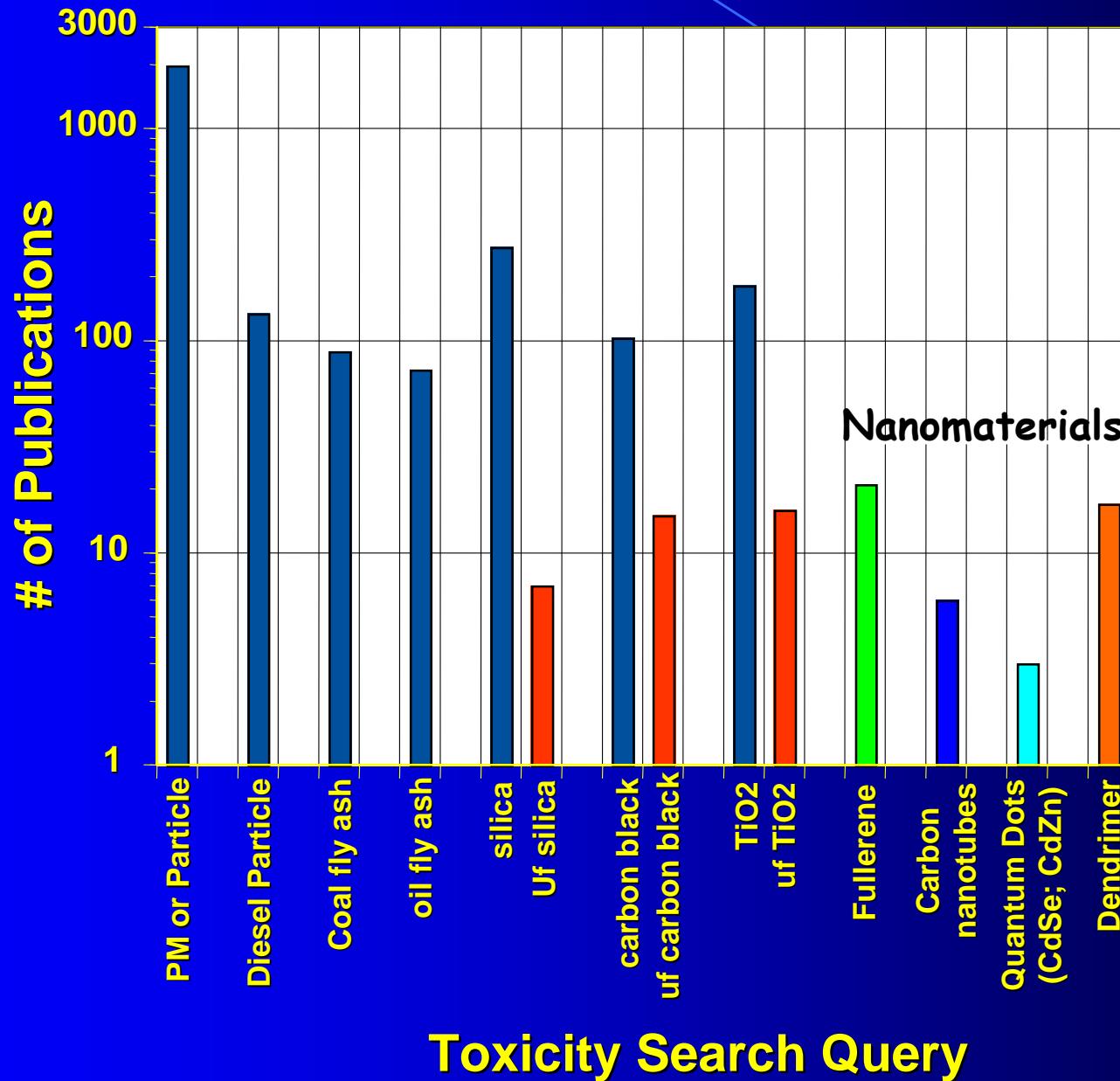
- ➡ - Health, Ecological, Environmental Effects
- ➡ - Hazard Identification (tox. metric)
 - Nomenclature
 - Exposure/Detection
 - Fate, Transport, Transformation
 - Waste Generated
 - Production Volume

- Worker Protection
- Spill Clean Up and Monitoring
- Chemical Hygiene Plans
 - worker protection
 - handling waste
 - monitoring
 - spill control and clean up

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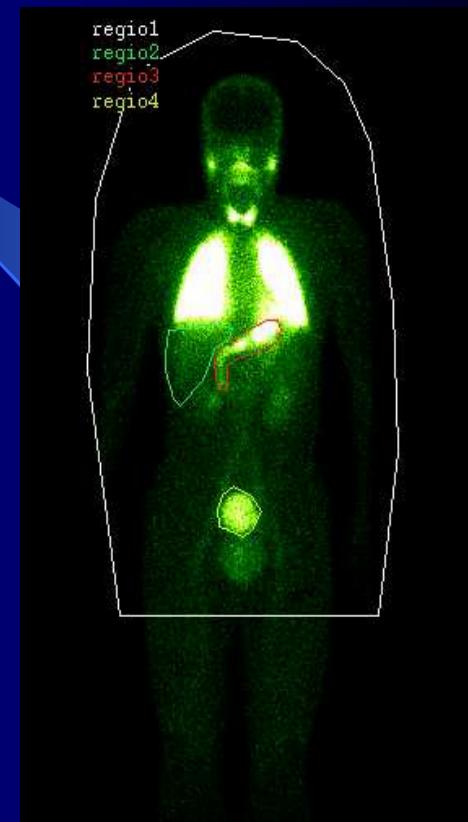
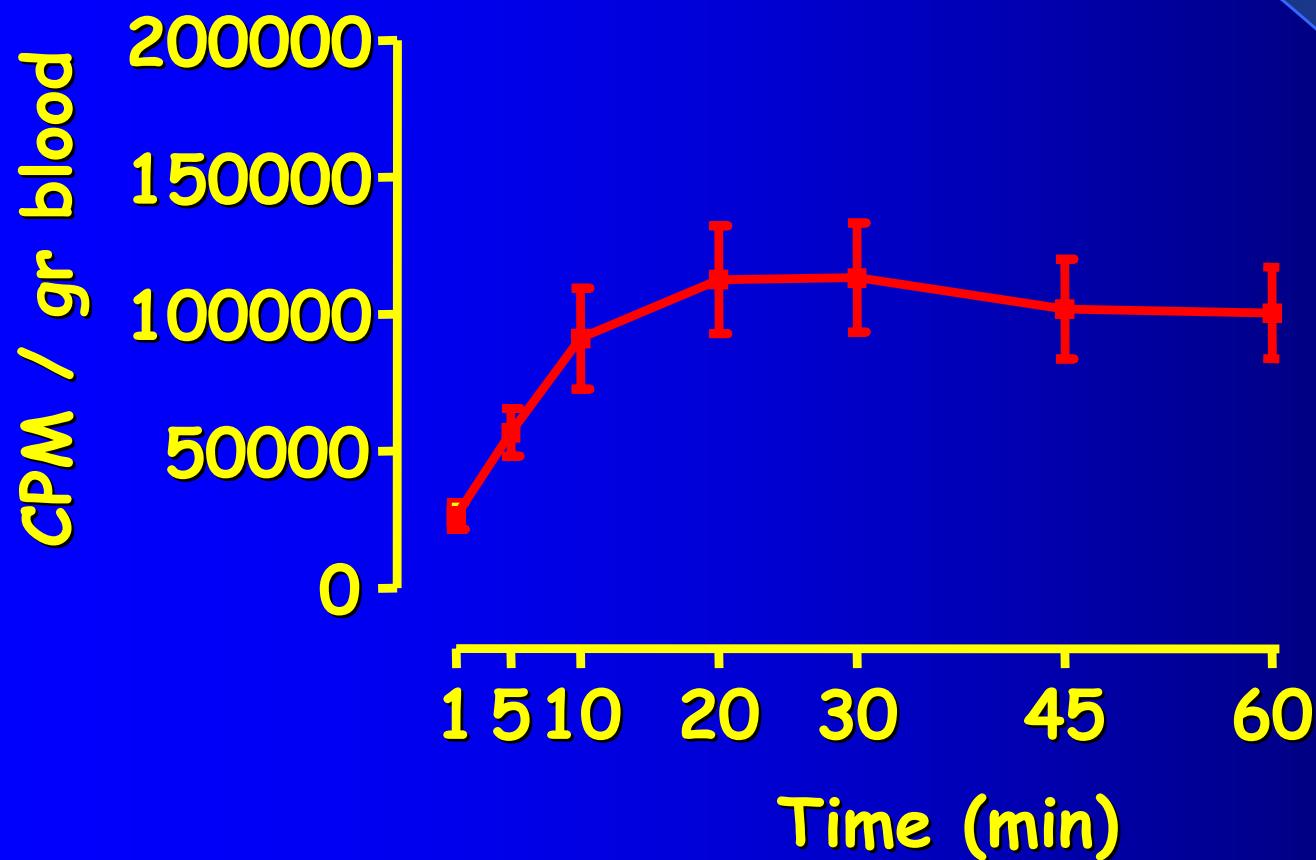
What do we know about nanoparticle toxicology?

Particle Toxicology Database: PubMed 2004-1982



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Size: Deposition, Translocation and Fate of Nanoparticles

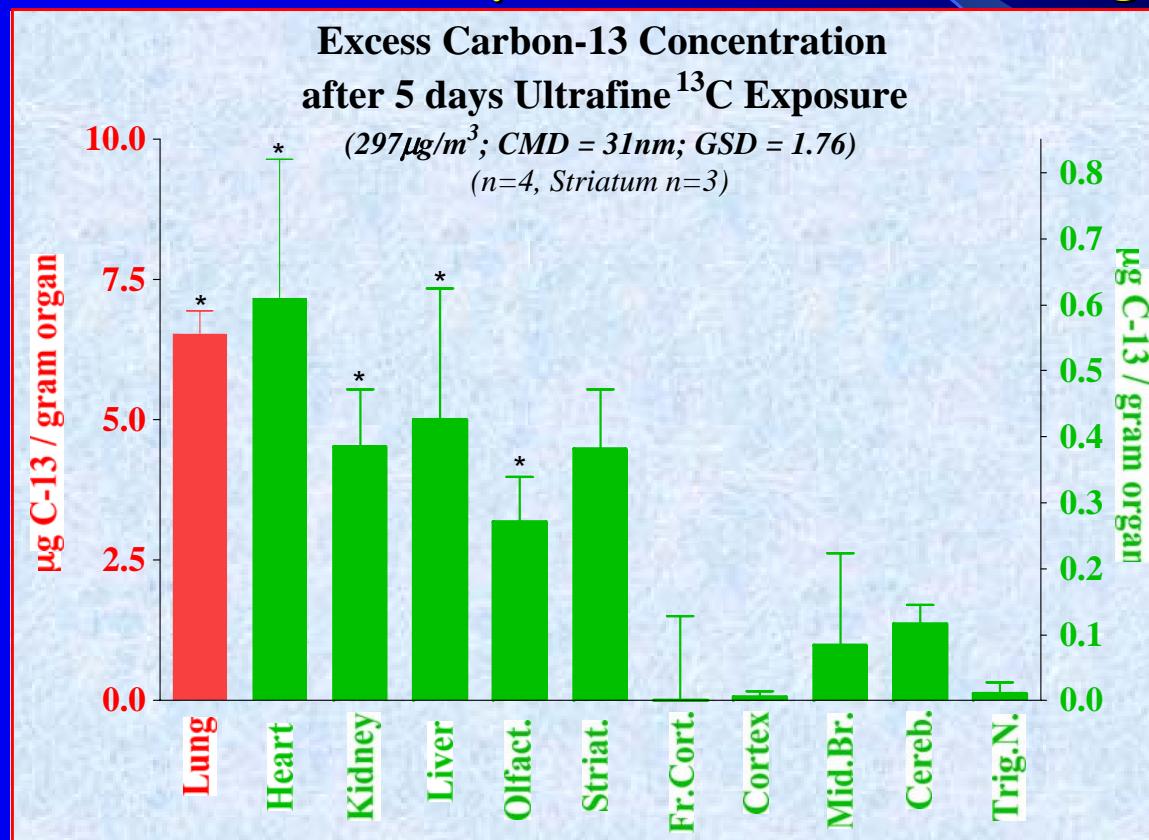


Nemmar et al., *Circulation*, 105:411-414, 2002
($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ nano-CB, 5 - 10nm)

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Size: Deposition, Translocation, and Fate

Translocation of Pulmonary Deposited Carbon Black Nanoparticles to Other Organs



Local versus Systemic Health Effects

G. Oberdorster et al., US EPA, PM BOSC Review, 2005

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What do we know about the toxicity of nanomaterials used in pollution remediation and control?

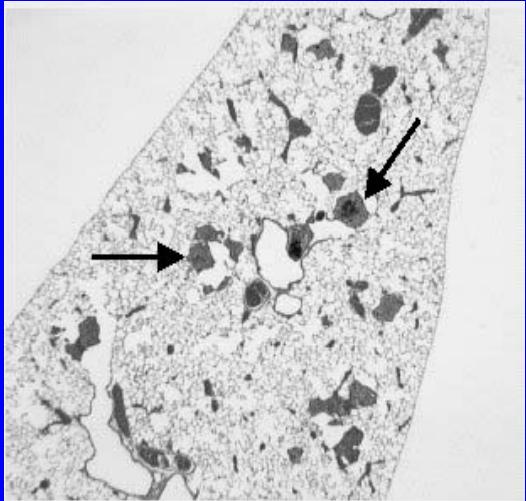
PubMed Search Results

Nanomaterial	Number Citations on Toxicity
Carbon Nanotubes	9
Fullerenes	37
Dendrimer	29
Nano (ultrafine)-TiO ₂	16
Nano-Zero Valent Iron	0
Nano-Cerium Dioxide	0
Nano (ultrafine)-ZnO	11
Ceramic Nanoparticles	0

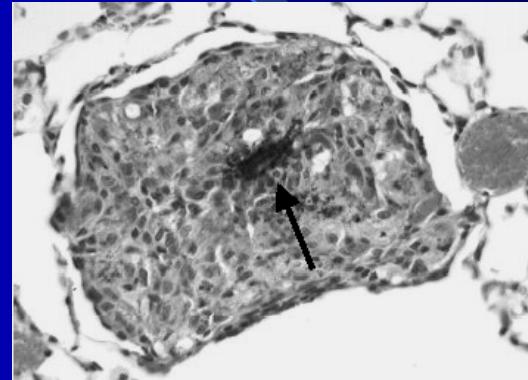
Limited
Toxicological
Database {

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- Single Wall Carbon Nanotube Pulmonary Toxicity
- Adequacy of Existing Particle Toxicology Databases



Multiple Granulomas in Rat Lung
Following SWCNT Exposure



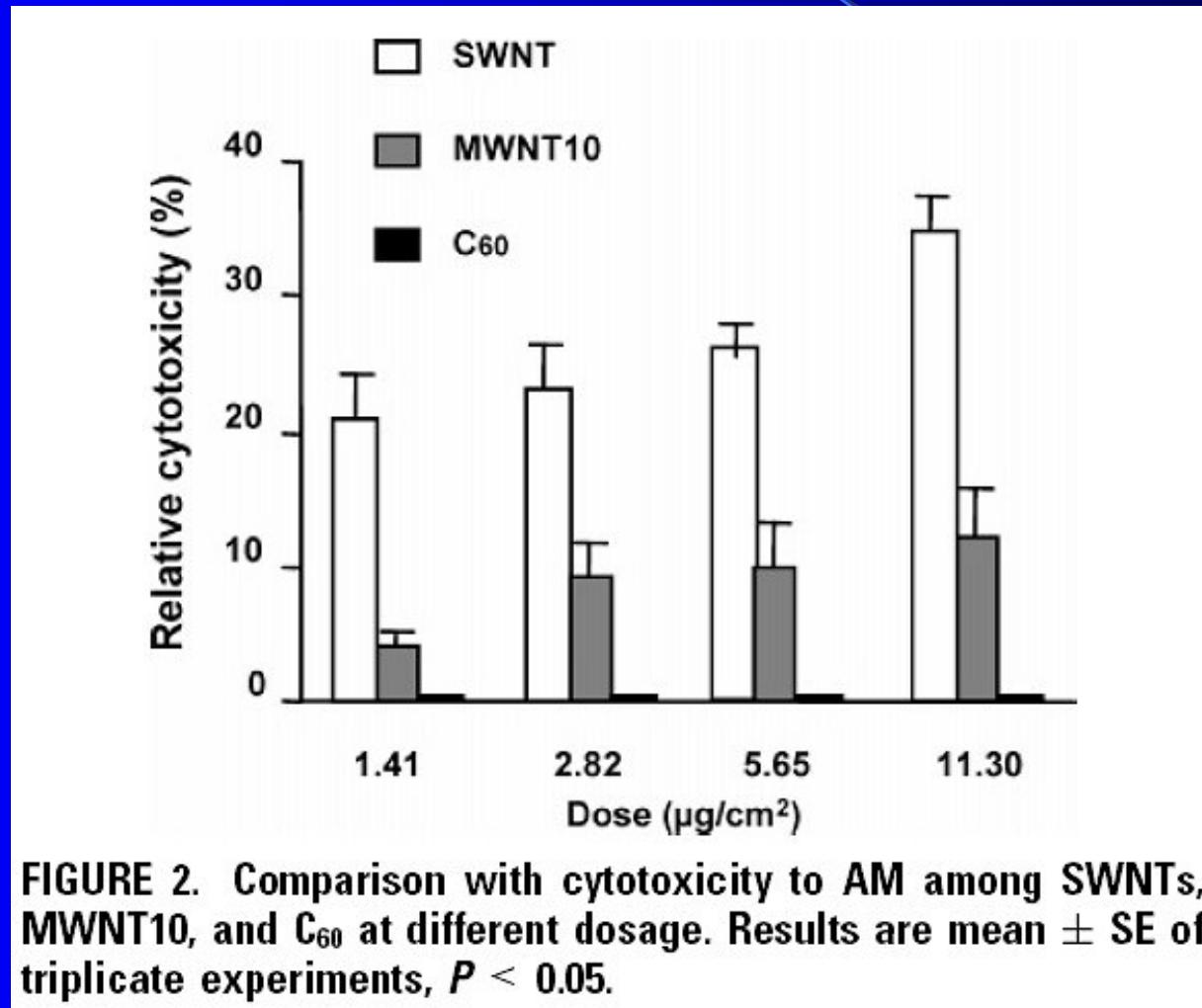
Magnification of SWCNT
Induced Granuloma

1. Comparative toxicological assessment using equivalent mass exposure:
 $SWCNT = \text{Quartz} \gg \text{nano-Carbon Black} > SiO_2 > \text{Graphite}$, yet MSDS sheet reference graphite for health hazard specifications;
 $SWCNT = \text{Quartz}$
2. SWCNT lung injury with little or no inflammation, new mechanism of lung injury
 - D. B. Warheit et al., *Toxicological Sciences* 77:117-125, 2004
 - C-W. Lam et al., *Toxicological Sciences* 77:126-134, 2004
 - A. Shvedova et al., *Am. J. Physiol: Lung Cell Molec. Physiol.* 289:L698-L708 ,2005

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Single Wall Carbon Nanotube Pulmonary Toxicity

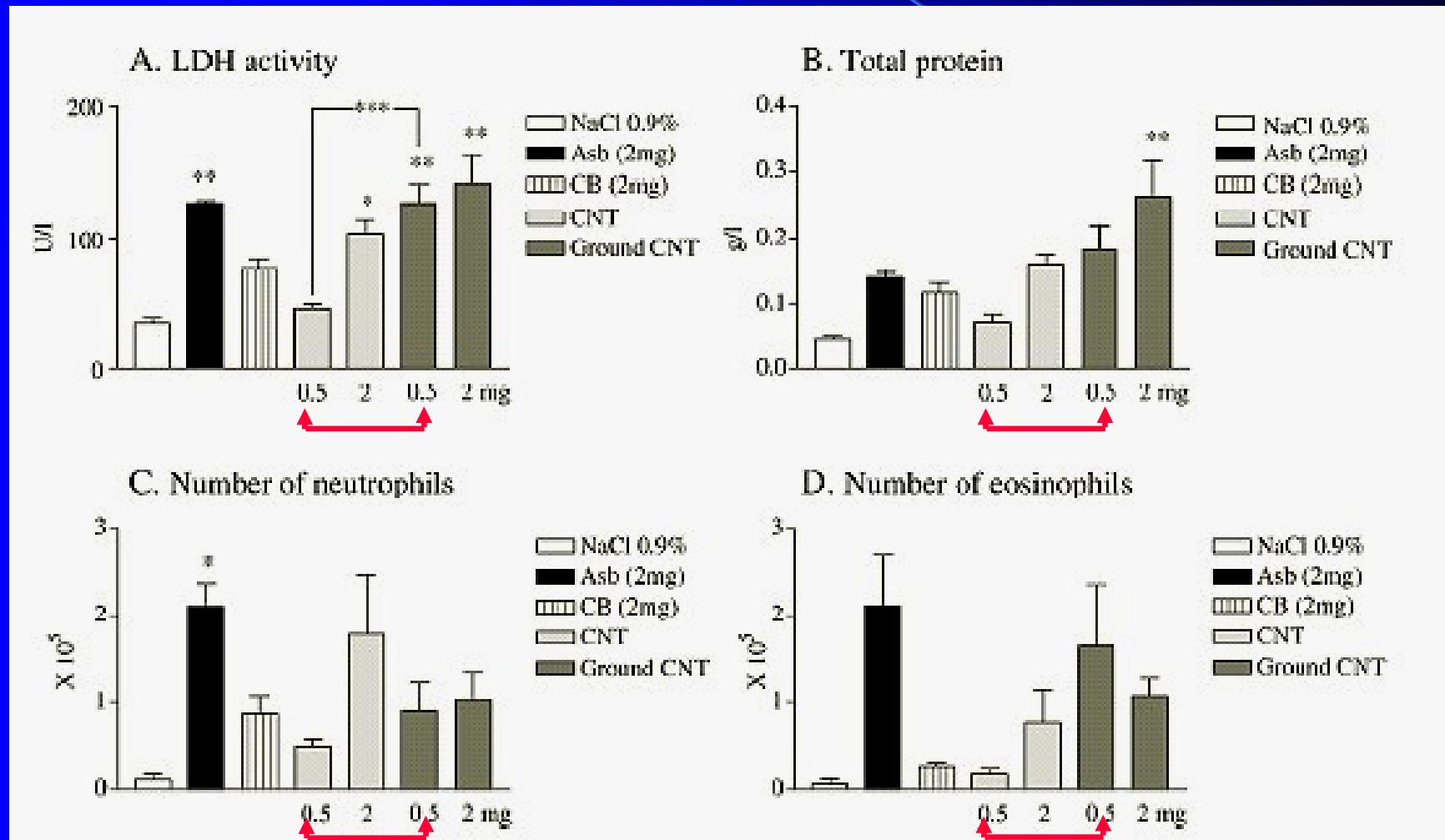
Size vs. Shape vs. Surface Properties



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Intact versus Ground CNTs

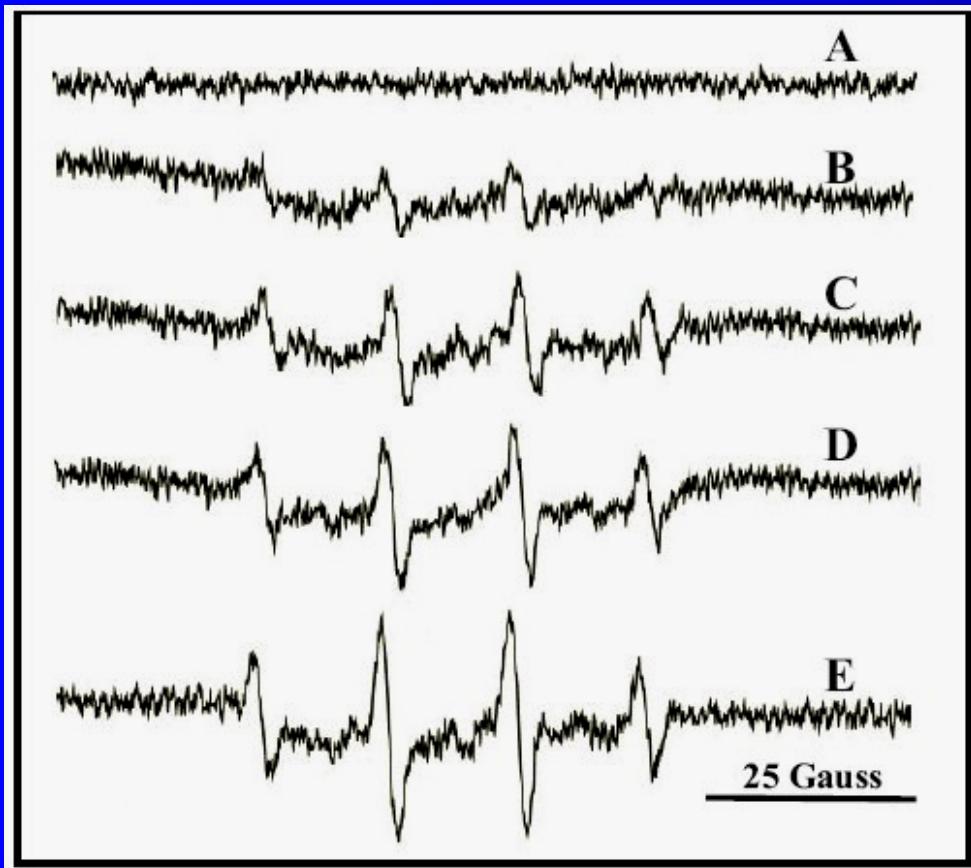


J. Muller et al., *Toxicol. Appl. Pharmacol.*, 207: 221-231, 2005

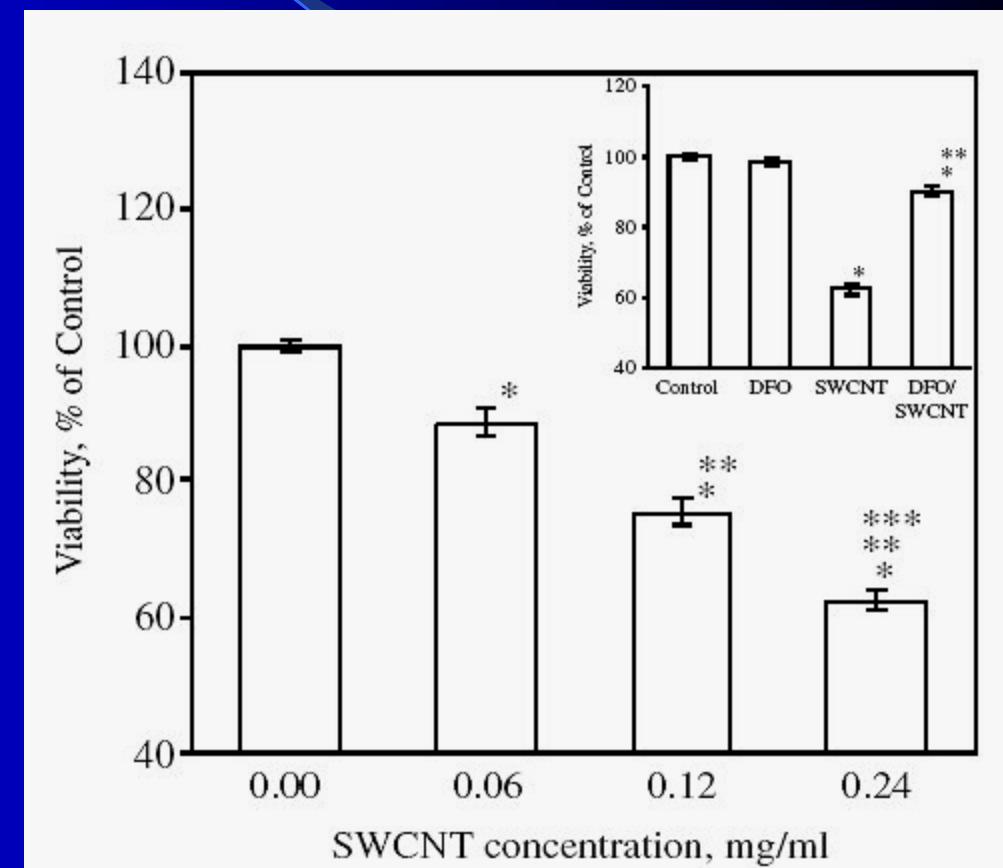
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Single Wall Carbon Nanotube Dermal Toxicity

Hydroxyl Radical Formation (Oxidative Stress)



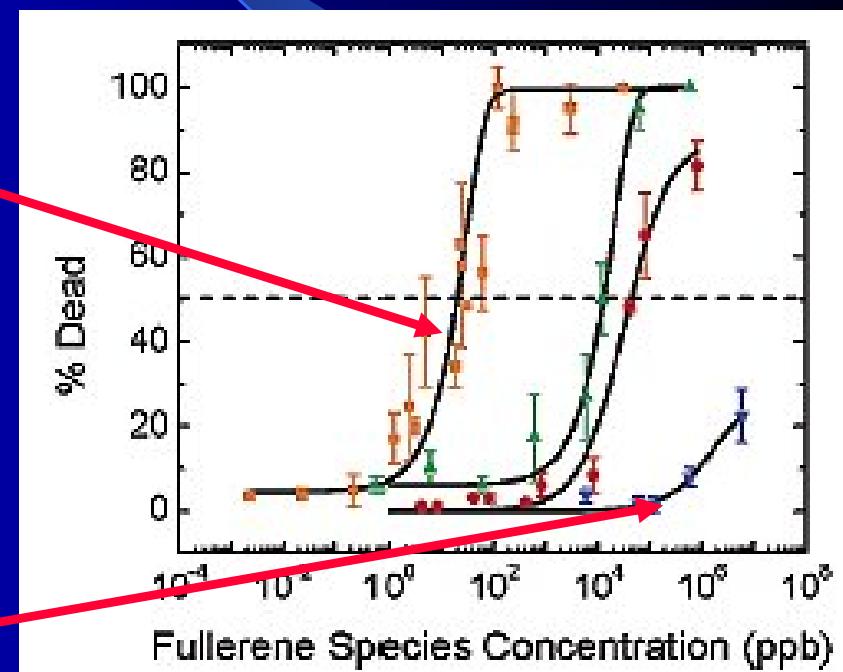
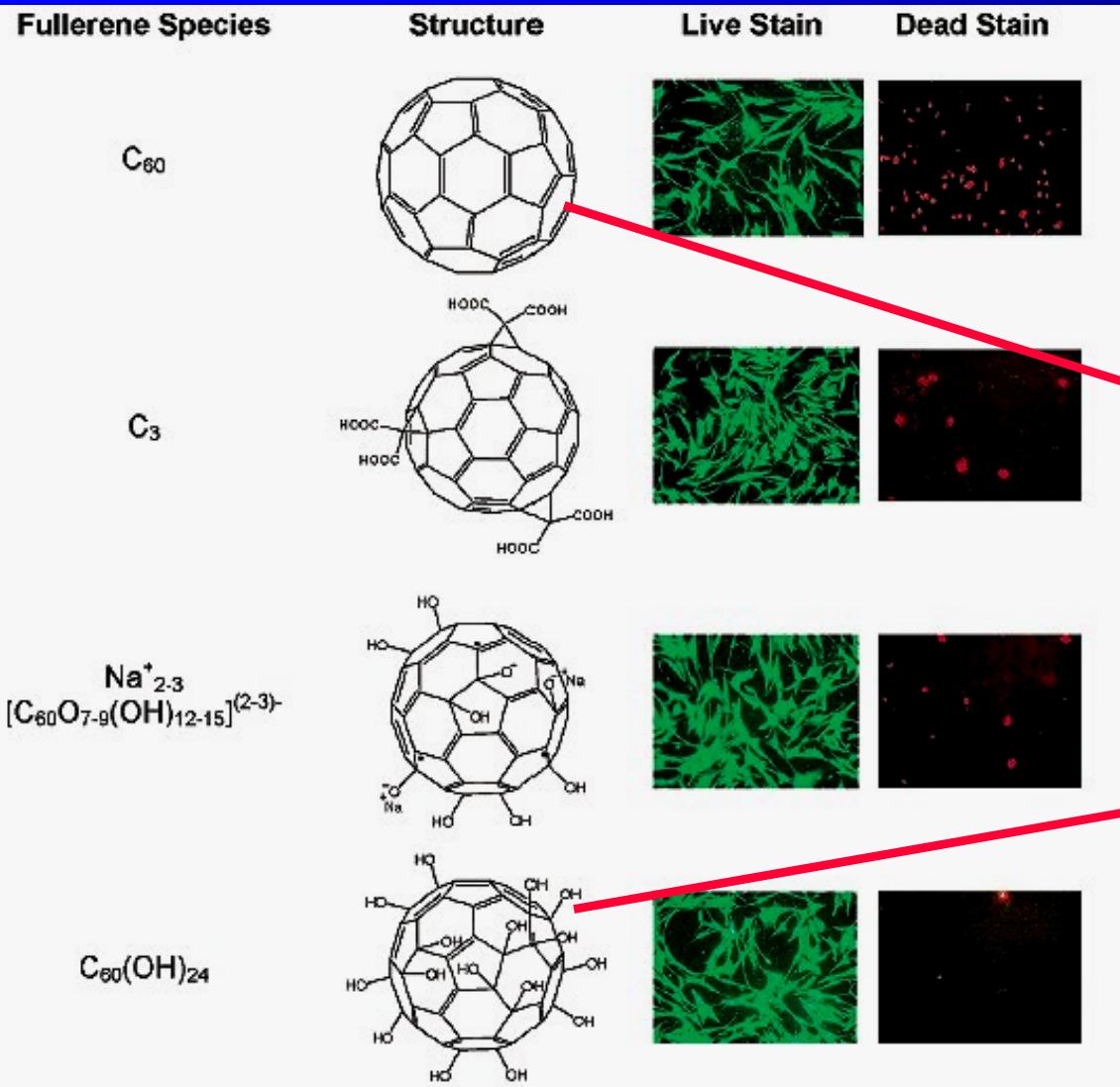
Cellular Toxicity (Epidermal Keratinocytes)



A. Shvedova et al., *J. Toxicol. Environ. Health, Part A*, 66:1909-1926, 2003
N.A. Monteiro-Riviere et al., *Toxicol. Lett.* 155:377-384, 2005. (MWCNTs)

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In Vitro Dermal Toxicity of Fullerenes: Size vs. Surface Properties



C. M. Sayes et al., *Nano Letters* 4(10):1881-1887, 2004

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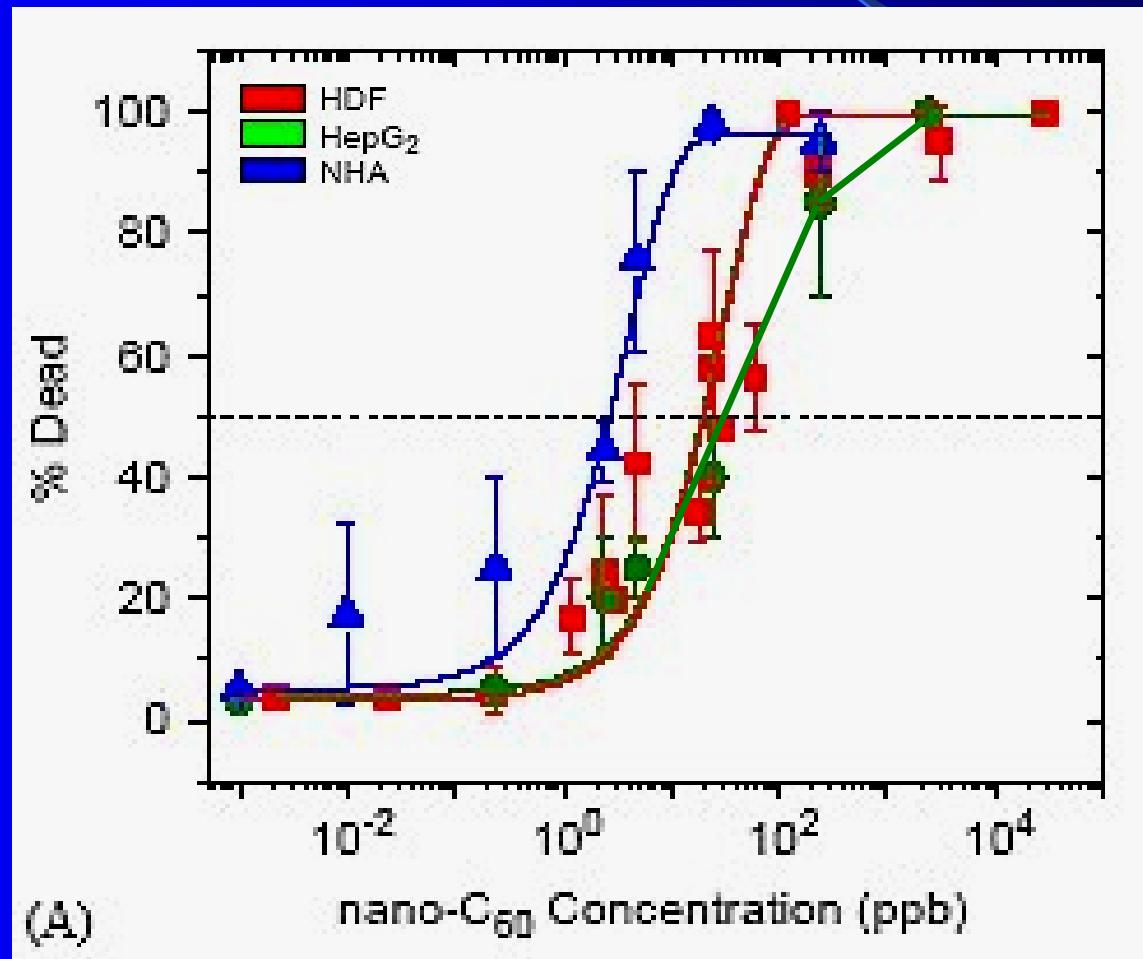
In Vitro Toxicity of Fullerenes (Dermal Fibroblasts; Liver Cells; Astrocytes)

LC_{50} :

NHA-2ppb

HDF-20ppb

HepG2-50ppb



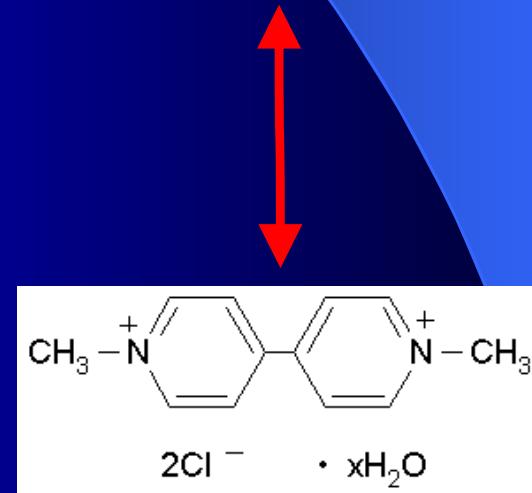
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Comparative In Vitro Toxicity of Fullerenes

Toxicants	LC ₅₀ , mg/kg
C ₆₀ (OH) ₂₄	> 100,000
Ethanol*	17,000
THF	11,000
Toluene	1,600
Paraquat	100
Benzo[a]pyrene*	10
nano-C ₆₀	0.02
Dioxin*	0.001

*National Institute of Health,
Registry of Cytotoxicity Data (ZEBET)



Paraquat

Courtesy of C. M. Sayes, Rice University, CBEN

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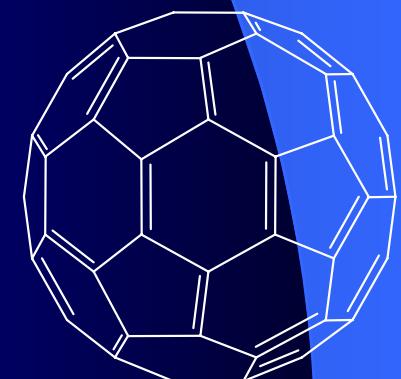
In Vivo Toxicity of Fullerenes

In Vivo Biological Behavior of a Water-Miscible Fullerene:
 ^{14}C labeling, Absorption, Distribution, Excretion, and
Acute Toxicity.

Y.S. Tokuyama et al., *Chem. Biol.*, 2(6):385-389, 1995.

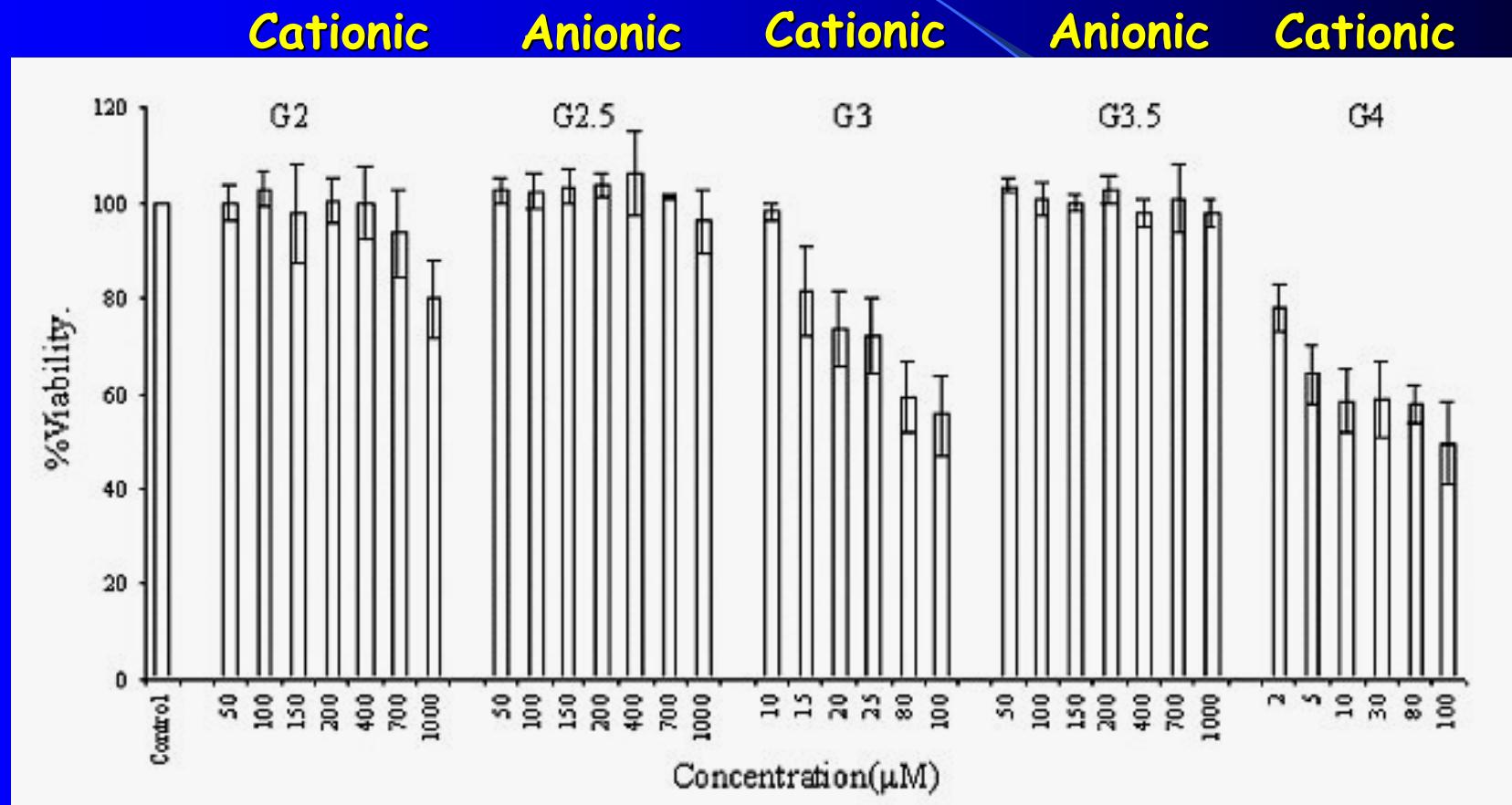
Novel Harmful Effects of [60]Fullerene on Mouse Embryos
In Vitro and *In Vivo*

T. Tsuchiya et al., *FEBS Lett.* 393(1):139-145, 1996.



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In Vitro Intestinal Toxicity of Dendrimers Generation, Size, and Charge



R. Jevprasesphant et al., *Intl. J. Pharmaceutics*, 252:263-268, 2003.

R. Jevprasesphant et al., *Pharmaceutical Res.*, 20(10):1543-1550, 2003.

D. Fischer et al., *Biomaterials*, 24:1121-1131, 2003

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Organ Distribution of Dendrimers

PAMAM. Gen. 5, d=5nm, Positive vs. Negative Charge

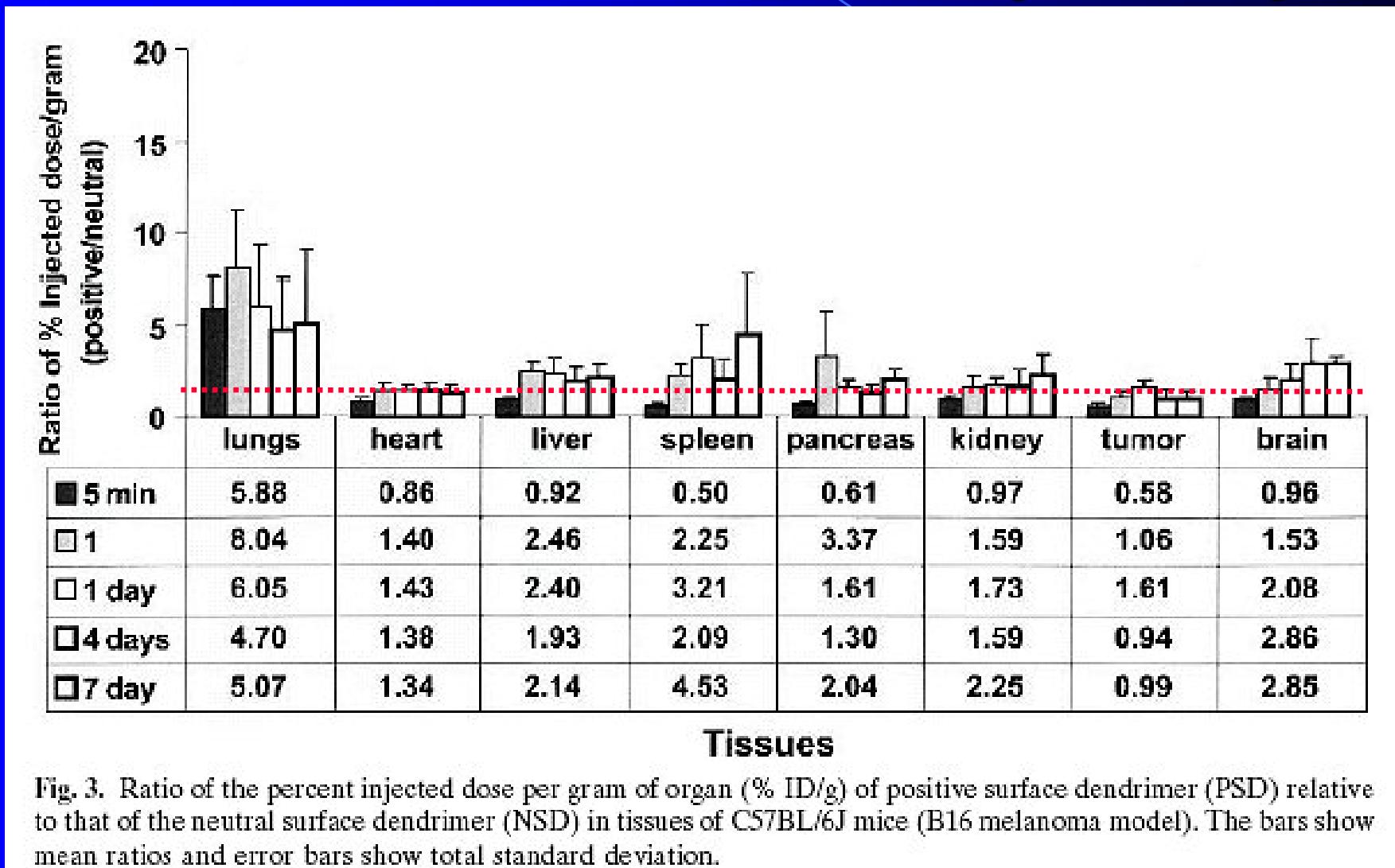
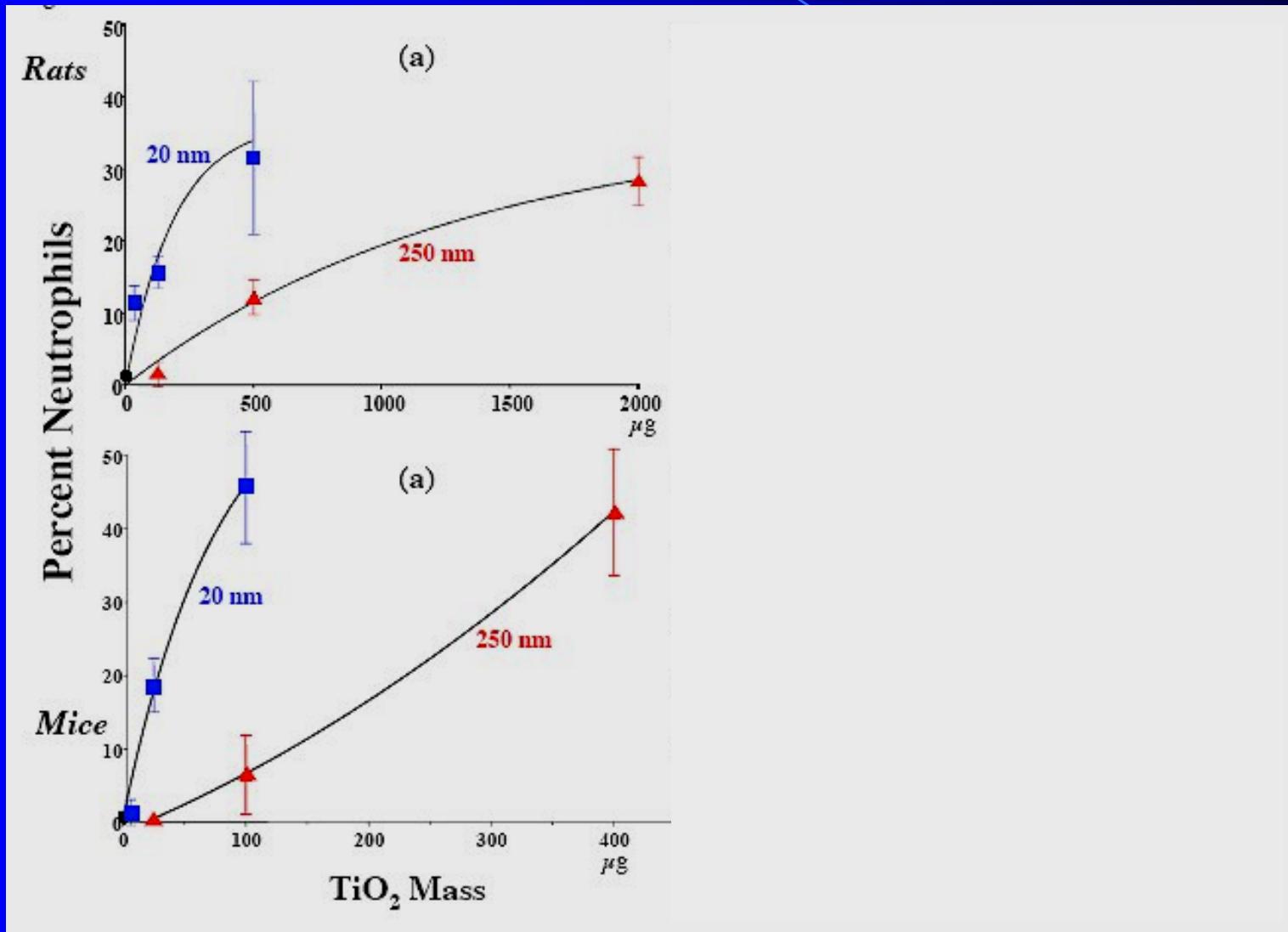


Fig. 3. Ratio of the percent injected dose per gram of organ (% ID/g) of positive surface dendrimer (PSD) relative to that of the neutral surface dendrimer (NSD) in tissues of C57BL/6J mice (B16 melanoma model). The bars show mean ratios and error bars show total standard deviation.

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Pulmonary Toxicity of Fine vs. Nano- TiO_2 Size vs. Surface Properties



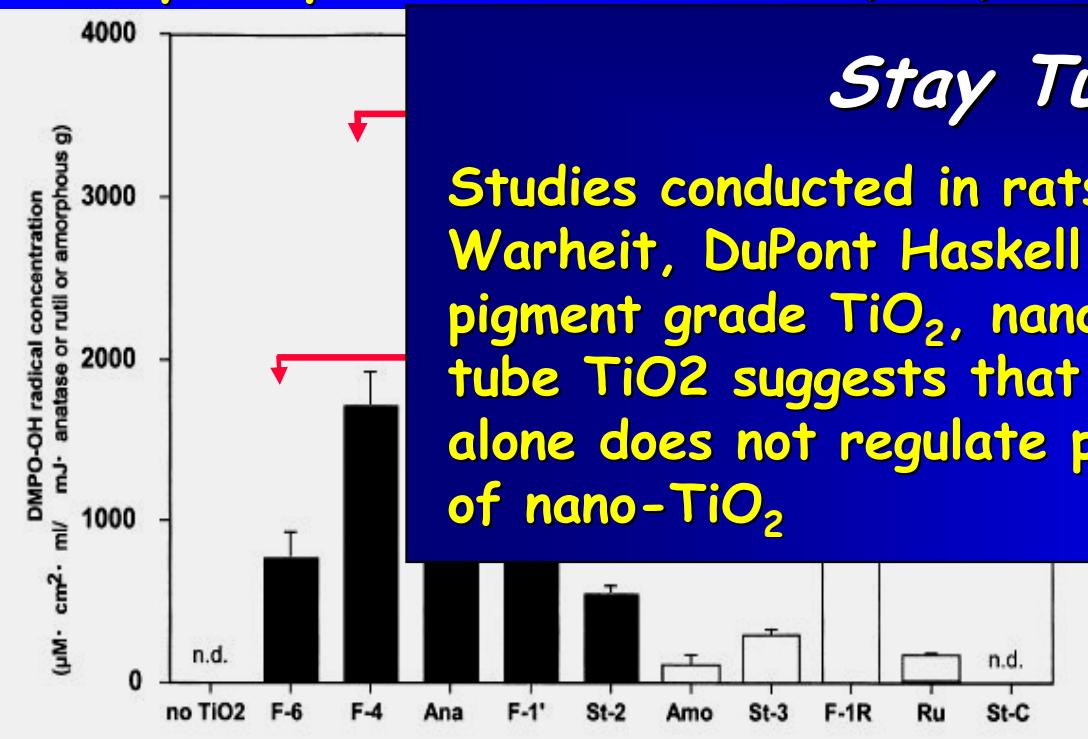
Oberdorster³, *Environ. Health Perspec.*, 2005.

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Nano-TiO₂: Size vs. Surface Properties

Oxidative Stress

Hydroxyl Radical Production (ESR)



Stay Tuned

Studies conducted in rats by Dr. David Warheit, DuPont Haskell Laboratory with pigment grade TiO₂, nano-dot TiO₂, nano-tube TiO₂ suggests that size/surface area alone does not regulate pulmonary toxicity of nano-TiO₂

First Samples

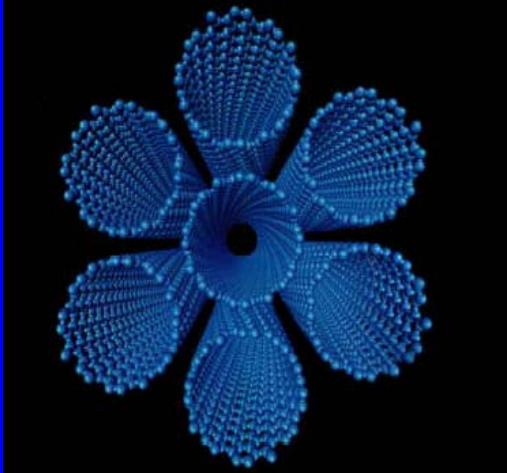
Size (nm)	Surface Area (m ² /g)
15	105
30	53
30	53
17	96
37	44

→ Amo Amorphous
→ St3 1/99

F6 F4 Ana

Amo St3

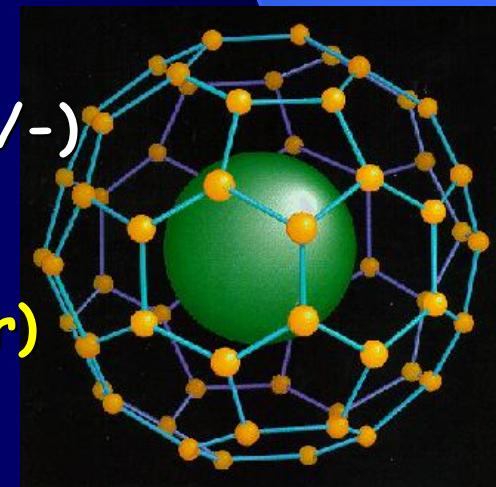
Uchino et al. *Toxicol. In Vitro*, 16:629-635, 2002



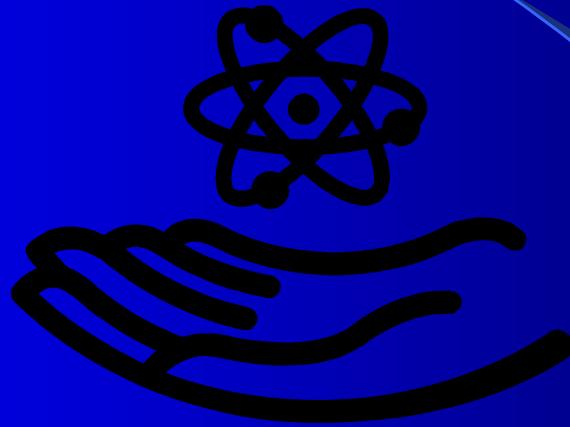
Health Effects Nanomaterials (Nanotoxicology)

Summary

- Multi-disciplinary and coordinated approach is required
- Health effects and hazard identification:
 - particle toxicity is multi-factorial: “more than just size”;
(metric of toxicity >>> exposure assessment and standards)
 - local vs. systemic toxicity (the latter maybe more responsive)
 - nanomaterials have “unique toxicities”;
 - have we measured the toxicity associated with unique properties?? (photo-catalytic properties)
 - detecting nanomaterials in environmental and biological systems remains a challenge: (exposed, +/-)
- Health effects associated with interactions of nanomaterials or nanotechnology applications with co-pollutants in environmental media (air, soil, water) are unknown



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Risk assessment is critical to ensure the responsible development of the beneficial applications of nanotechnology

*(NNI Strategic Plan: Goal 4, December 2004;
NNI at Five Years: Societal Concerns and Potential Risks, May 2005)*