

SURFACE REACTIVITY AS CRITERION FOR GROUPING AND READ-ACROSS

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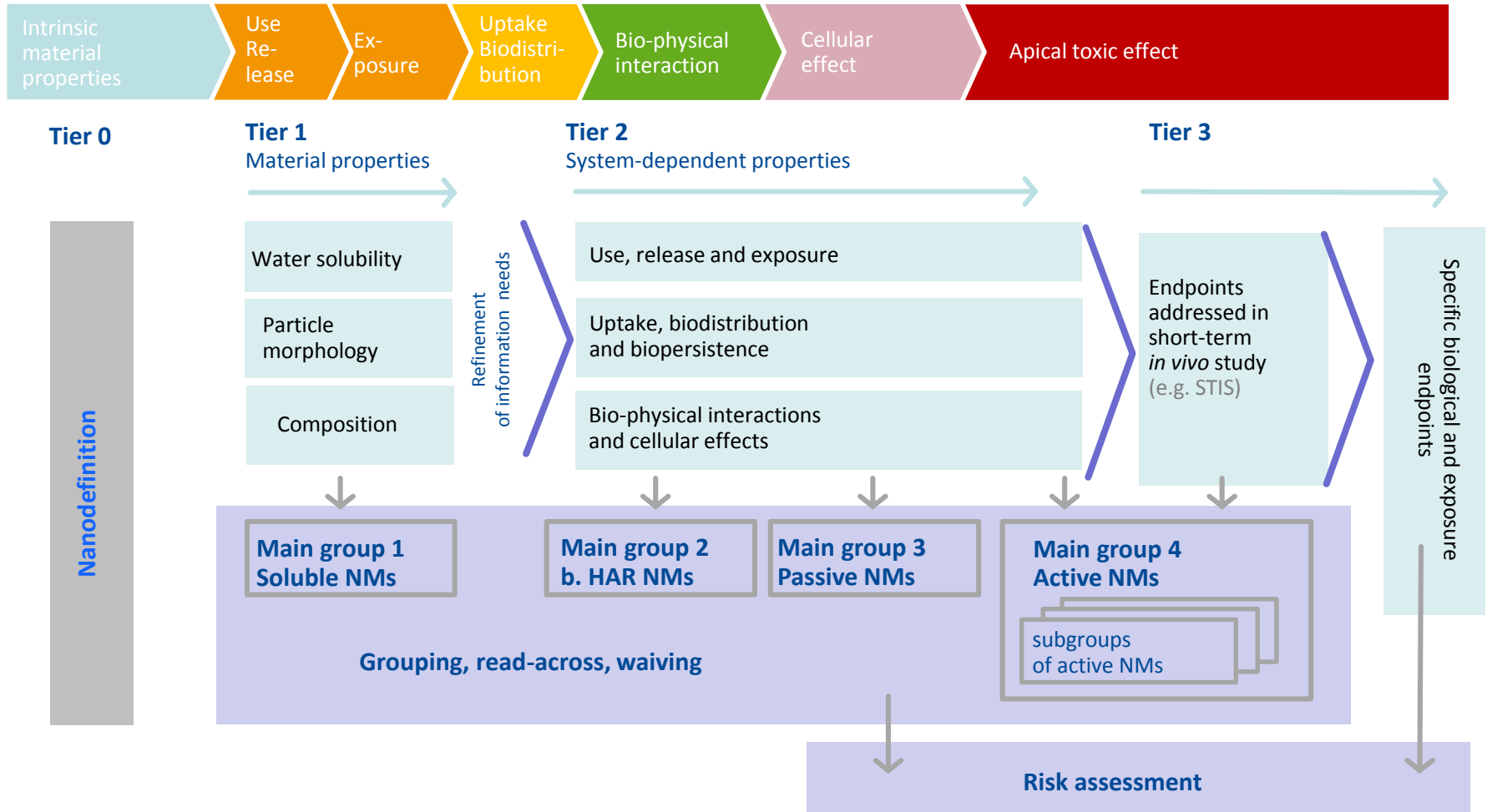
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Decision-making framework with quantitative cut-offs



TIER 1

Intrinsic material properties

- ▶ Water solubility
- ▶ Particle morphology
- ▶ Composition

TIER 2

System-dependent material properties

- ▶ Dissolution rate
- ▶ Surface reactivity (incomplete)
- ▶ Dispersibility

Use, release, exposure route

- ▶ Exposure route
- ▶ No exposure

Uptake, biodistribution, biopersistence

- ▶ Penetration of biological barriers
- ▶ Persistence in biological fluids

Effects *in vitro*

- ▶ Cellular effects: Macrophages

TIER 3

Short-term study *in vivo*

- ▶ Toxic effects and Potency
- ▶ Reversibility
- ▶ Organ burdens and clearance, Biopersistence
- ▶ Translocation

Secondary criteria

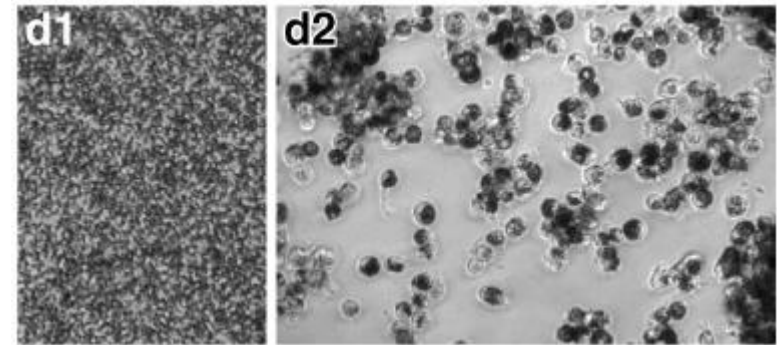
- ▶ Size
- ▶ Hydrophobicity
- ▶ Surface charge

Criteria commonly discussed, but not used as stand-alone criteria

- ▶ *Crystallinity (addressed via 'composition', replaced by 'reactivity')*
- ▶ *Corona formation (replaced via 'surface charge' and 'hydrophobicity')*

Reactivity: *in-vitro* by NR8383 alveolar macrophages achieve 95% accuracy vs. STIS: essential to prevent false negatives in tier 2

- Derived threshold of 100 pg/macrophage (converted to: 6,000 mm²/mL) to determine the biological relevance of the lowest observed significant in vitro effects.
 - active if 2, 3 or 4 in vitro parameters significantly altered.
 - passive if 0 or 1 parameter was altered.



CeO₂ NM212

CeO₂ NM212 + NR8383

→ Macrophage data reflected the STIS categorization with 95% accuracy

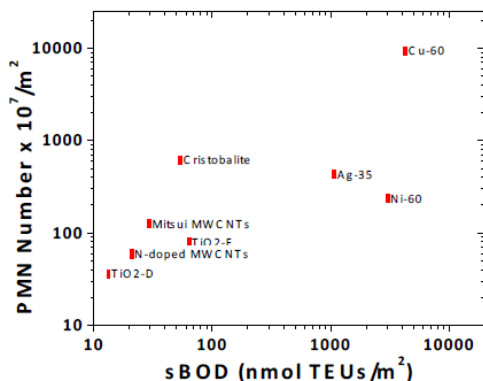
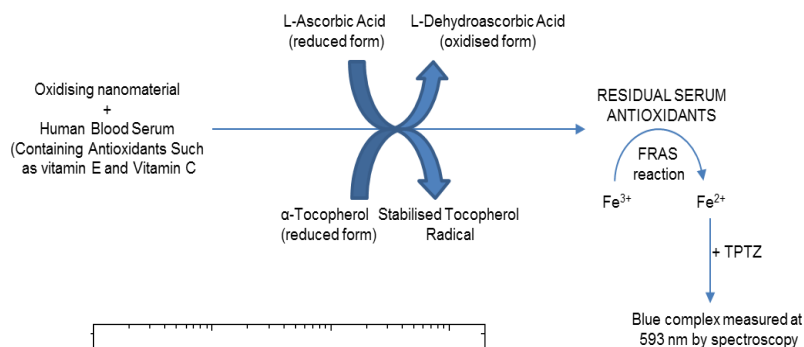
Table 4 Determination of the accuracy, sensitivity and specificity of the in vitro NR8383 alveolar macrophage assay

	Test material activity, STIS	Test material passivity, STIS	SUM	
Test material activity, in vitro	9	1	10	90 % positive prediction
Test material passivity, in vitro	0	10	10	100 % negative prediction
SUM	9	11	20	
	100 % sensitivity	91 % specificity		
	Accuracy 95 %			

Wiemann *et al. J Nanobiotechnol* (2016) 14:16 DOI 10.1186/s12951-016-0164-2

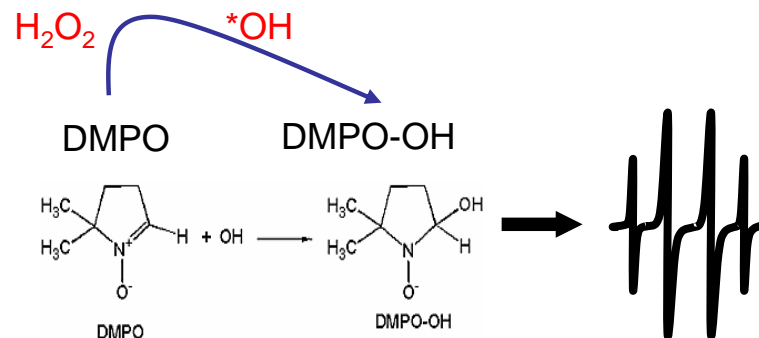
Reactivity: Abiotic assays do not require settling – easier dosimetry ?

Ferric Reduction Ability of Serum (FRAS)

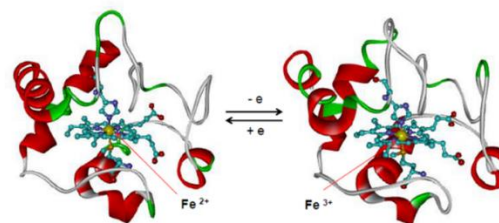
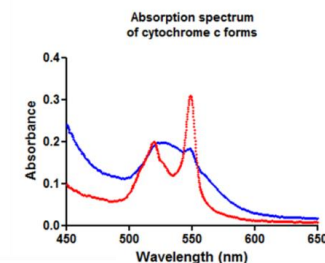
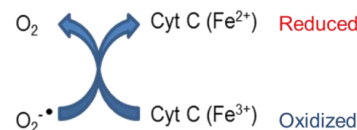


D. Bello et al.,
Small 2013
Thesis A . Pal 2014

Electron Spin Resonance (ESR) to quantify spin traps



Cytochrome c-Assay



T. Xia ACS nano 2012 → M. Delaval Arch Toxicol 2016

Reactivity: Abiotic assays

ESR, FRAS good enough for tier 2 ?

Overall excellent match
ESR vs. in vitro carbonylation

Cases of disagreement
ESR vs. in vitro carbonylation

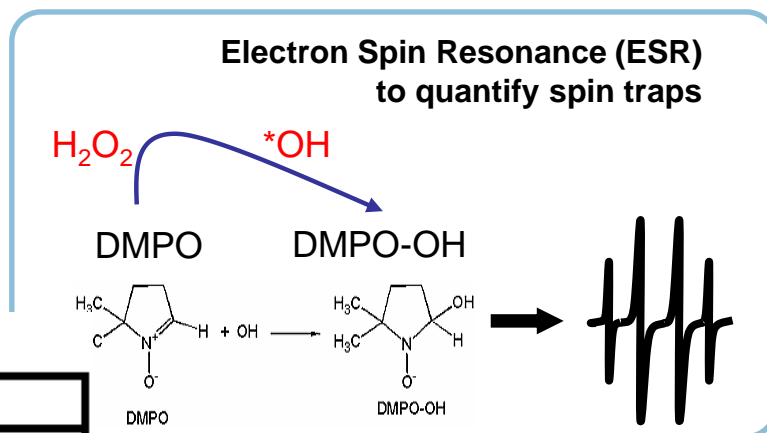


Figure A **Acellular assessment of oxidative stress potential by ESR**

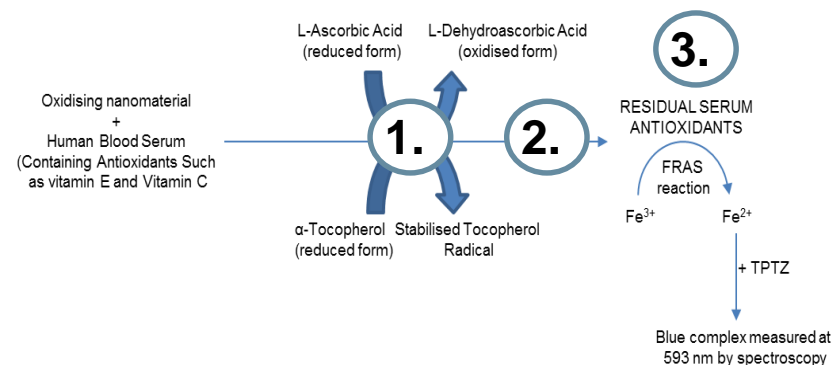
Positive		Negative		
SiO2 Amino	TiO2 NM-103	ZnO NM-110	ZrO2 PEG	SiO2 PEG
SiO2 Phosphate	TiO2 NM-105	ZnO NM-111	ZrO2 Amino	TiO2 NM-104
SiO2 NM-200	Ag 200 PVP		ZrO2 Acryl	Ag NM-300K
SiO2 NM-203	Ag 50 PVP		ZrO2 TODS	MWCNT NM-400
SiO2 naked	MWCNT NM-402			MWCNT NM-401

B **In vitro screening for protein carbonylation**

Weakly Positive		Negative		
SiO2 Amino	TiO2 NM-105	ZrO2 PEG	SiO2 PEG	AlOOH
SiO2 Phosphate		ZrO2 Amino	TiO2 NM-103	BaSO4 NM-220
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			MWCNT NM-400	
			MWCNT NM-401	
			MWCNT NM-402	
Positive				
SiO2 naked	Ag NM-300K	ZnO NM-110		
	Ag 50 PVP	ZnO NM-111		

Riebeling et al. (2016) A redox proteomics approach to investigate the mode of action of nanomaterials. Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology,

First detailed FRAS SOP



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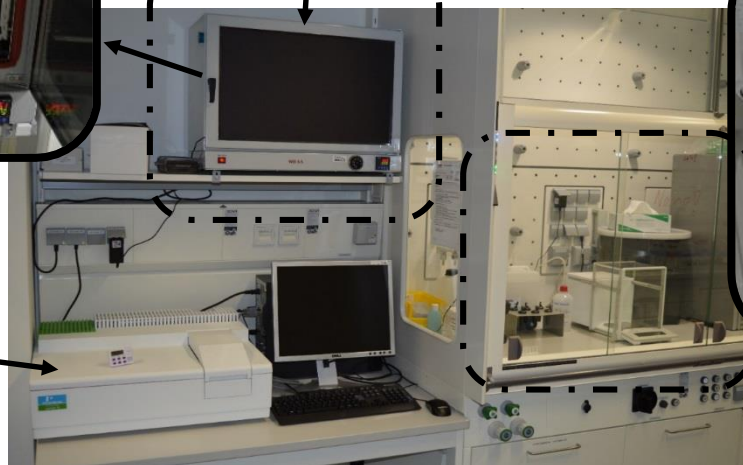


Multiplate stirrer

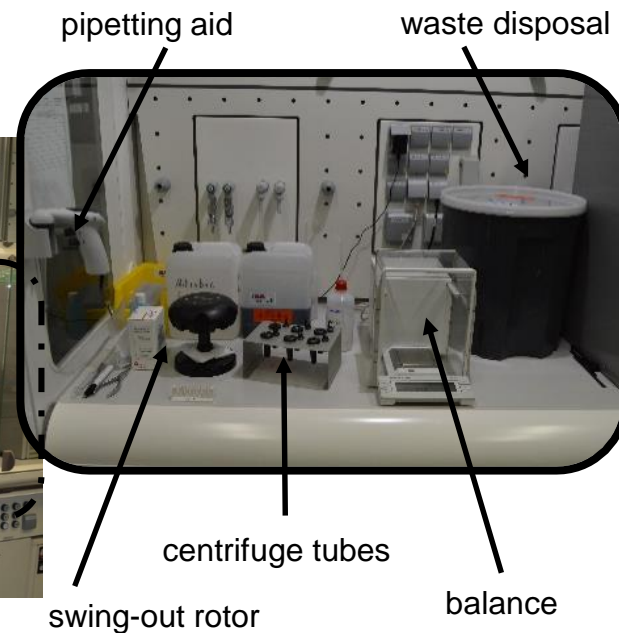
heating chamber

3. ANALYSIS

UV/Vis spectrometer

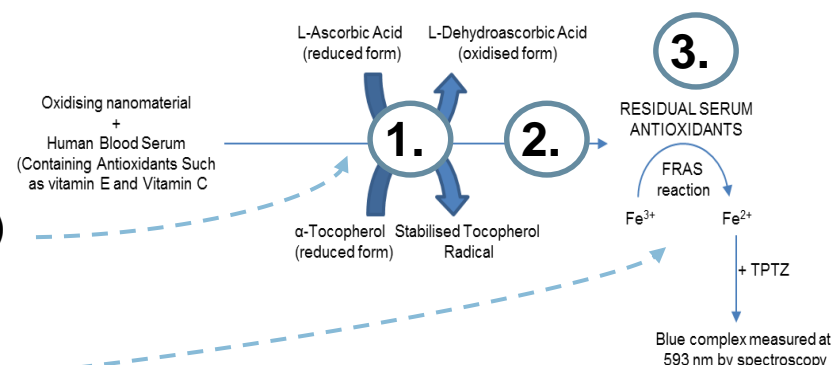


2. SEPARATION



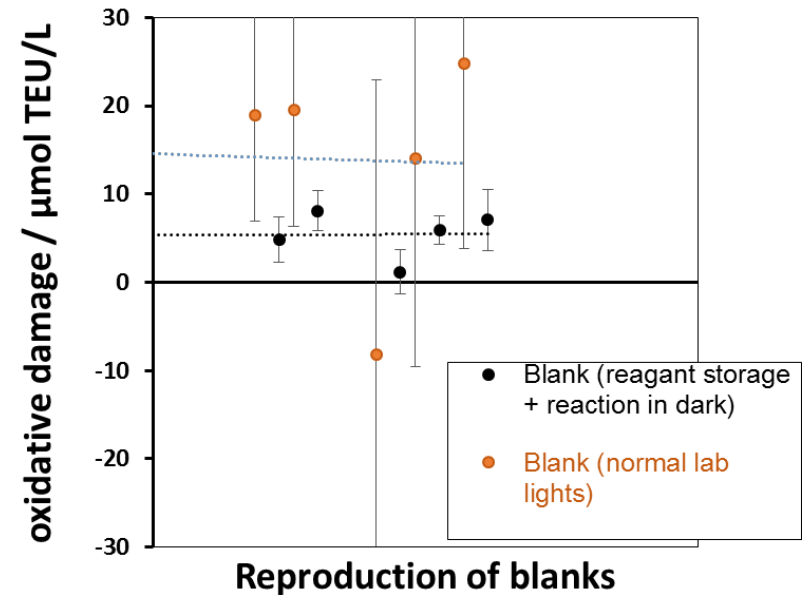
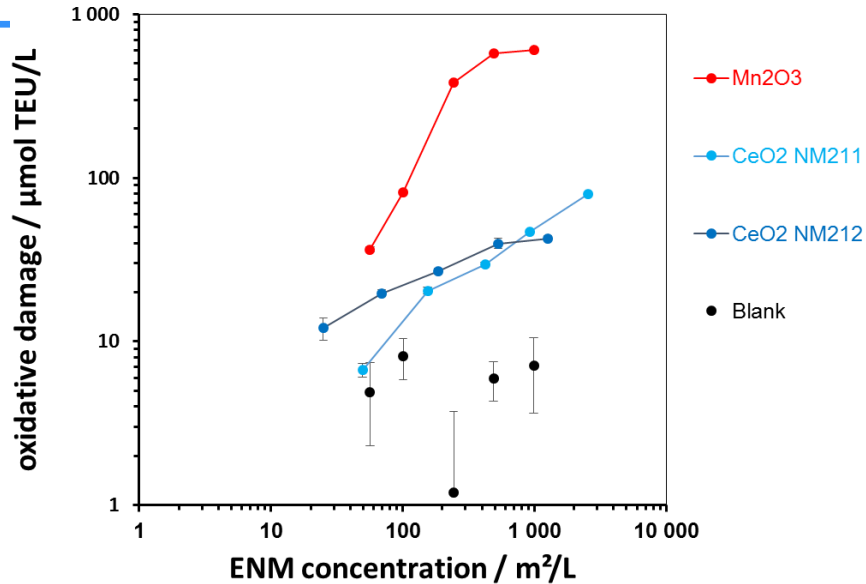
First detailed FRAS SOP

- Traditional SOP: single dose, linear slope
- **Protocol optimized for high sensitivity & increased significance**
 1. Optimized ENM@serum incubation (3h)
 2. Optimized centrifugal extraction to retain antioxidants, remove ENM.
 3. serum@FRAP reaction time (1h)



- 5 fixed *mass* doses, sonication to make ENM surface accessible
 - Handling of the FRAS reagent in the dark is essential
 - Triplicate testing of dose response
 - Log slope fit in *surface* metrics for each dose response,
- Positive control Mn_2O_3 induces maximum antioxidant damage already at low dose
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„active ENM if FRAS > 10% of Mn₂O₃“ Verification by in vivo ranking (STIS)

Inhalation Toxicology, **2016**, 10.1080/08958378.2016.1200698:1-17
Advanced Materials, **2010**, 22:2601
Arch. Toxicol **2012**, 86:1077
Particle & Fibre Toxicology, **2014**, 11:16

No adverse effects observed up to highest concentration, i.e. 10-50 mg/m³

BaSO₄, SiO₂.PEG, SiO₂.phosphate, SiO₂.amino, nano.ZrO₂, ZrO₂.TODA, ZrO₂.acrylate, SiO₂.acrylate (no lung effects up to 10 mg/m³), graphite nanoplatelets, low surface area carbon black, Pigment Orange (nano), Pigment Red 254 nano and bulk, Pigment Yellow 74, Pigment Blue 15, Pigment Red 101 nano and bulk

Most ENM correctly recognized as passive. Three ENM false positives by surface reactivity

Adverse effects observed at 10 mg/m³

SiO₂.naked, graphene, Pigment Orange (bulk), SiO₂.acrylate (systemic NOEC 0.5 mg/m³), nanostructured calcium silicate hydrate seeds

Recognized as non-passive by Tier 1 aspect ratio, by Tier 2 surface reactivity, macrophage assay, dispersability

Adverse effects observed at approx. 0.5 mg/m³

nano-CeO₂, Al doped nano-CeO₂, coated nano-ZnO, coated nano-TiO₂, uncoated nano-TiO₂

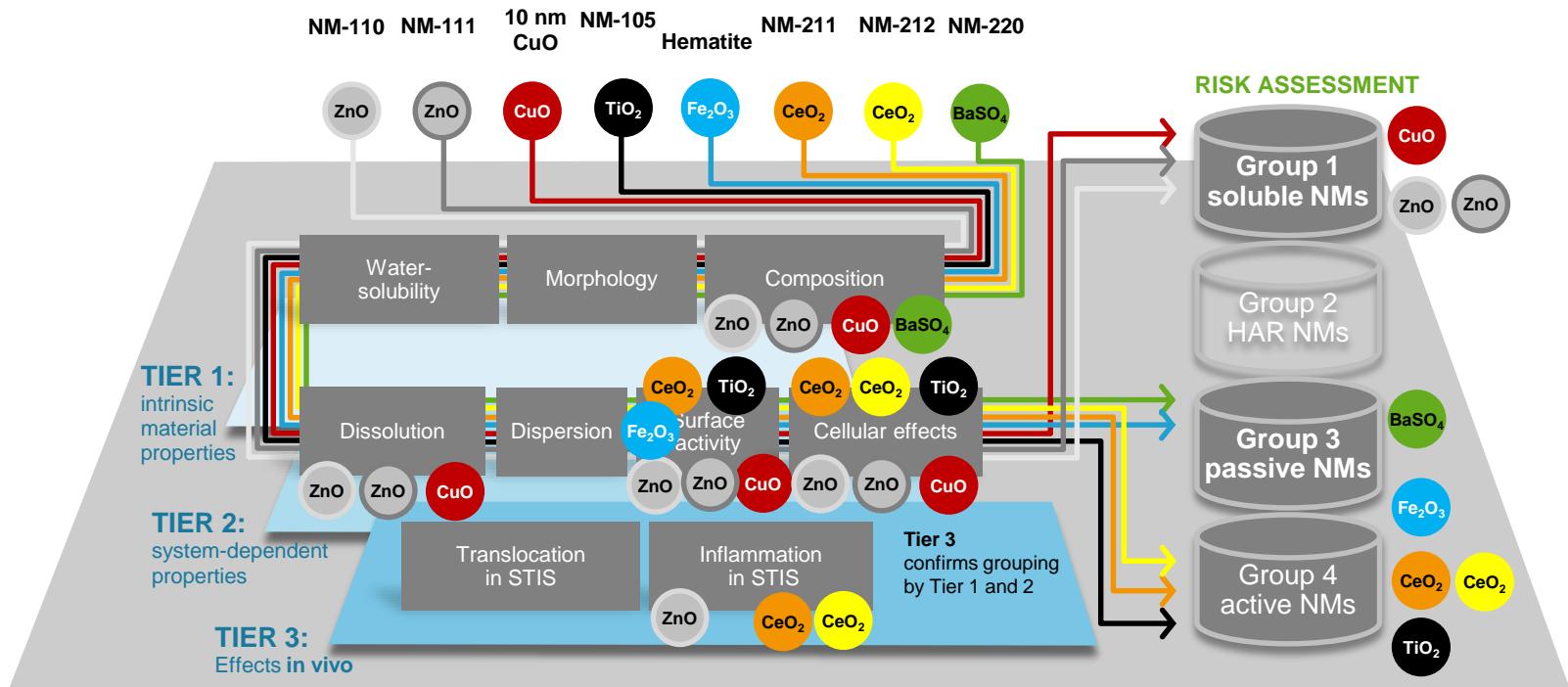
Recognized as non-passive by Tier 2 macrophage assay, biopersistence

NOAEC levels < 0.5 mg/m³ and effects progressive

MWCNT, quartz

Correctly grouped by Tier 1 shape, composition

Case study: Metal oxides and Metal sulfate



- FRAS assay can differentiate between nanoforms with plausible ranking.
- nanoGRAVUR elaborates ESR, FRAS, NR8383 as elements of grouping / read-across
 - Validation against in vivo STIS ongoing.
- The ECETOC scheme is efficient in sorting out nanomaterials that could undergo *human* hazard assessment without further testing:
 - soluble nanomaterials (MG1)
 - high aspect-ratio nanomaterials (MG2)
 - passive nanomaterials (MG3)
- nanoGRAVUR currently elaborates how Tier 2 is guided by lifecycle (use, release, exposure) considerations and lifecycle testing.
- nanoGRAVUR currently transfers the concept to an overarching scheme including *environmental* hazard assessment, and to identify sub-groups of active nanomaterials (MG4) by specific concern.

