

# Use of 3D Tissue Models EpiDerm & EpiAirway for Nanotoxicology Applications

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# OUTLINE

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- Examples of other published nanotoxicology applications using EpiDerm, EpiDerm-FT and EpiAirway tissues
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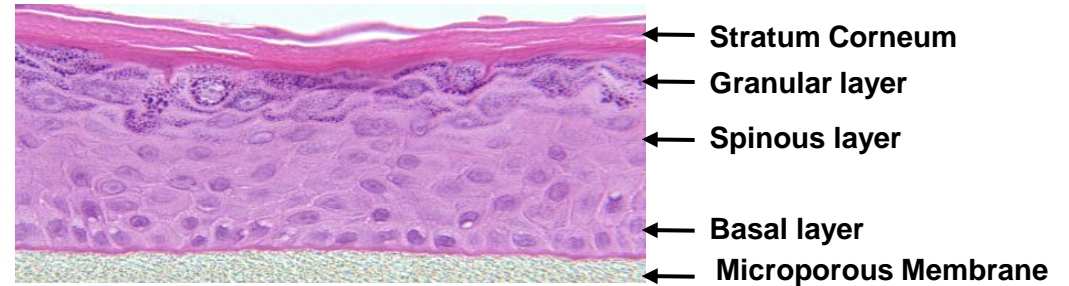
# Need for in vitro nanoparticle toxicology models

- nanotechnology - a revolutionary impact on biology and medicine
- very little information regarding the toxicity of nanomaterials
- nanomaterials are utilized in numerous commercial applications where dermal contact, inhalation, or oral ingestion is likely
- potential adverse effects of nanoparticle exposure include allergenicity, cytotoxicity, and genotoxicity
- there are no accurate in vitro tools available to predict or assess the risks of nanomaterials. Existing in vitro monolayer cell culture models provide little correlation with in vivo situation.
- urgent need for in vitro tissue models that can be utilized for toxicological evaluation of nanoparticle materials.

# Reconstructed Human Tissue Models

- Normal (non-immortal) human cells
- Organotypic structure
- Barrier function
- Real-life exposure conditions
- Xenobiotic metabolizing capabilities
- Co-culture models for epithelial-stromal interactions

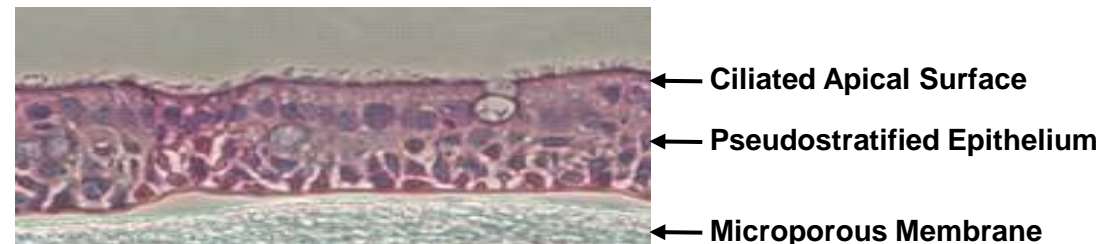
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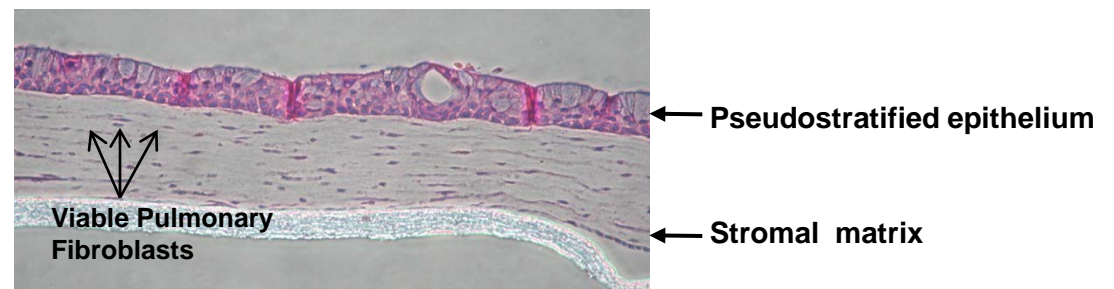
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2000 EpiAirway

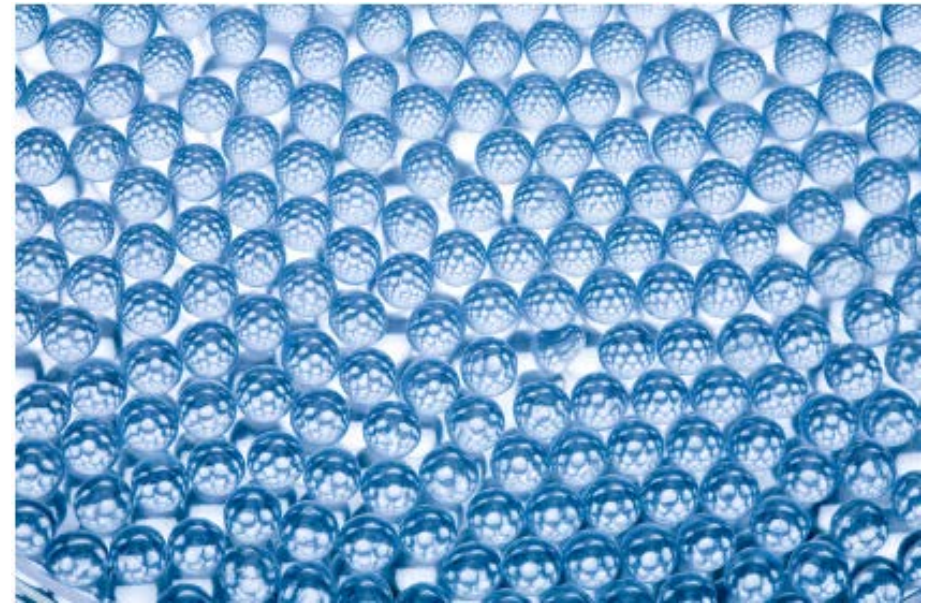


2003 EpiAirway - FT



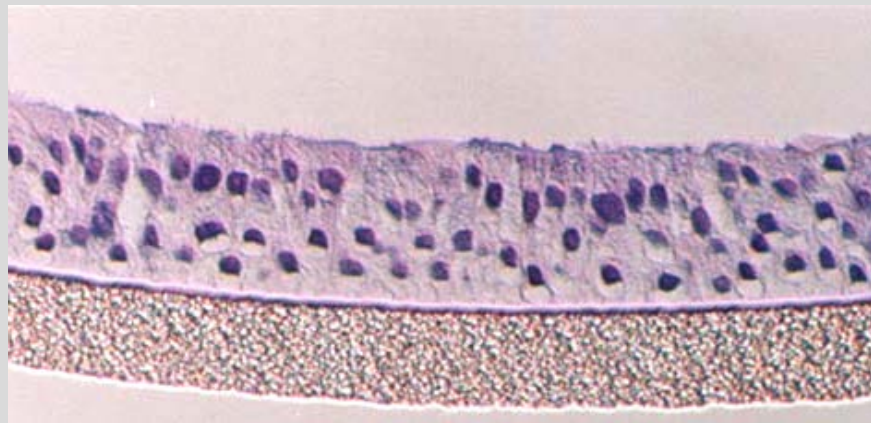
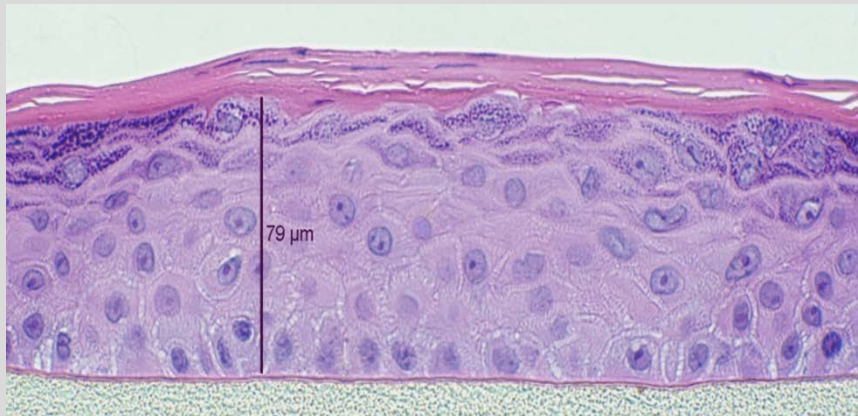
# Special considerations for working with nanoparticles

- ❑ Nanoparticle properties and their toxic effect will be highly formulation dependent.
- ❑ In vitro exposure conditions should match in vivo exposure conditions as closely as possible in order to draw correct conclusions.
- ❑ Don't want to underpredict or overpredict toxicity.

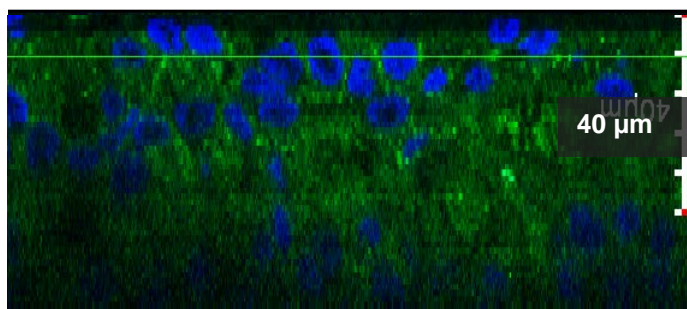
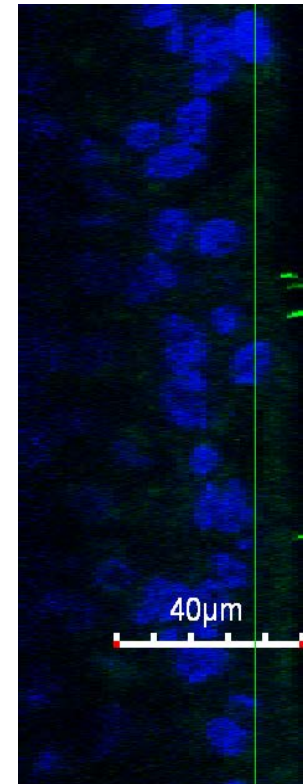
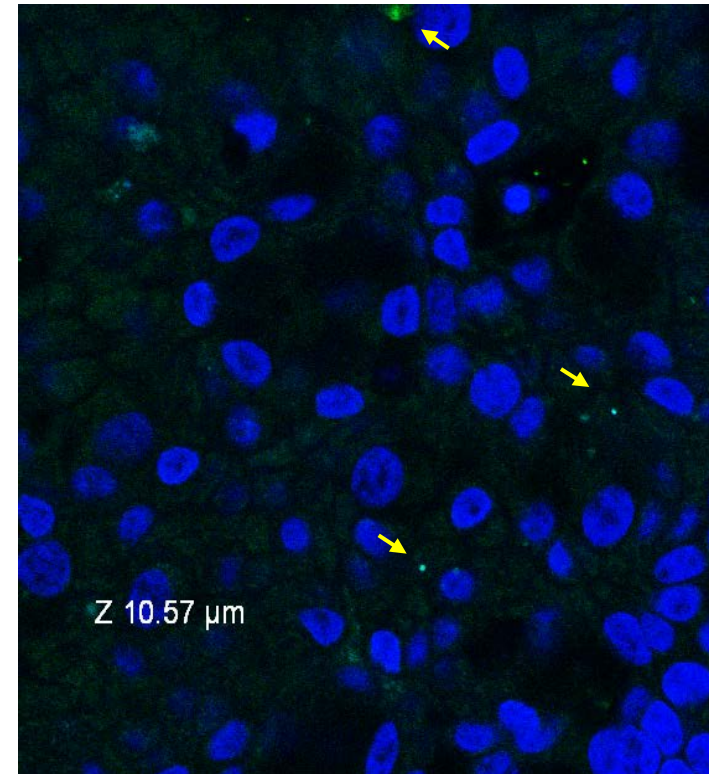
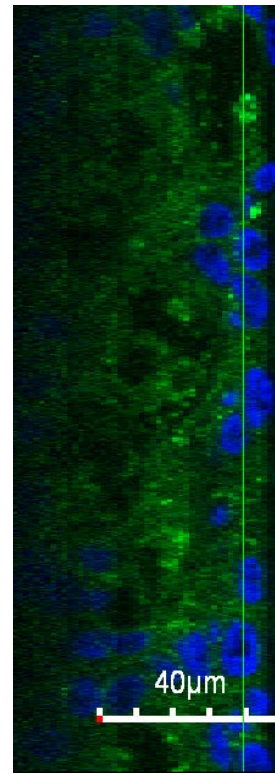
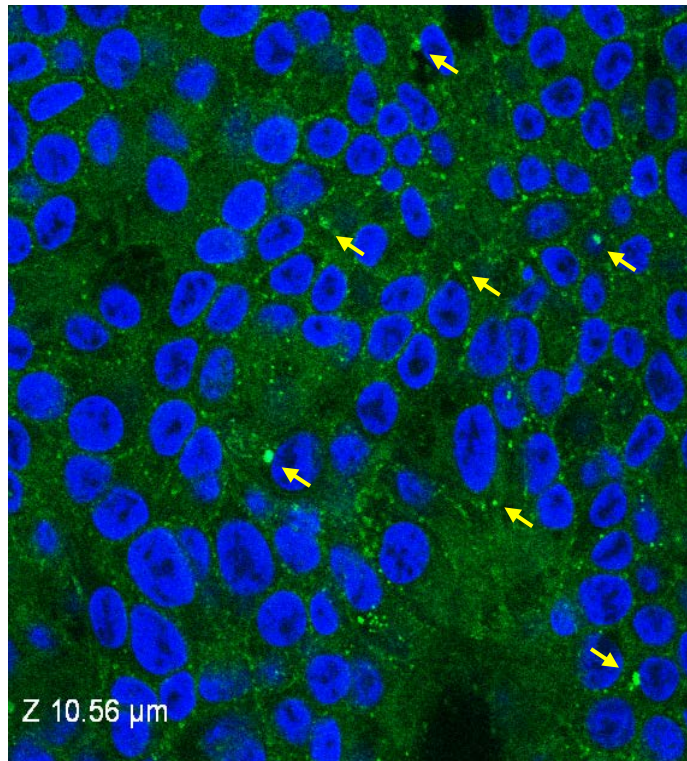




# Results obtained in penetration and genotoxicity studies with EpiDerm and EpiAirway

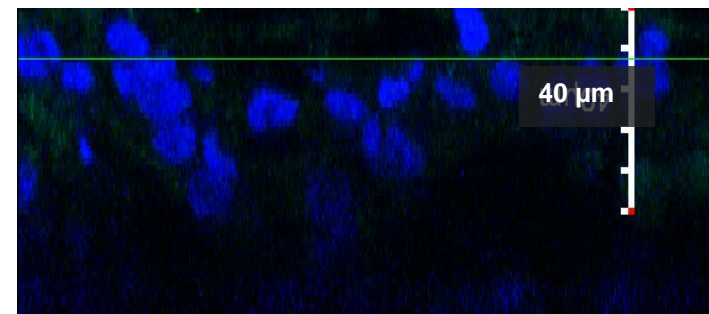


# EpiAirway – Lung penetration of nanoparticles



← Apical surface

**49 nm Nanoparticles (24 hr exposure)**  
*10.5  $\mu\text{m}$  below apical surface*

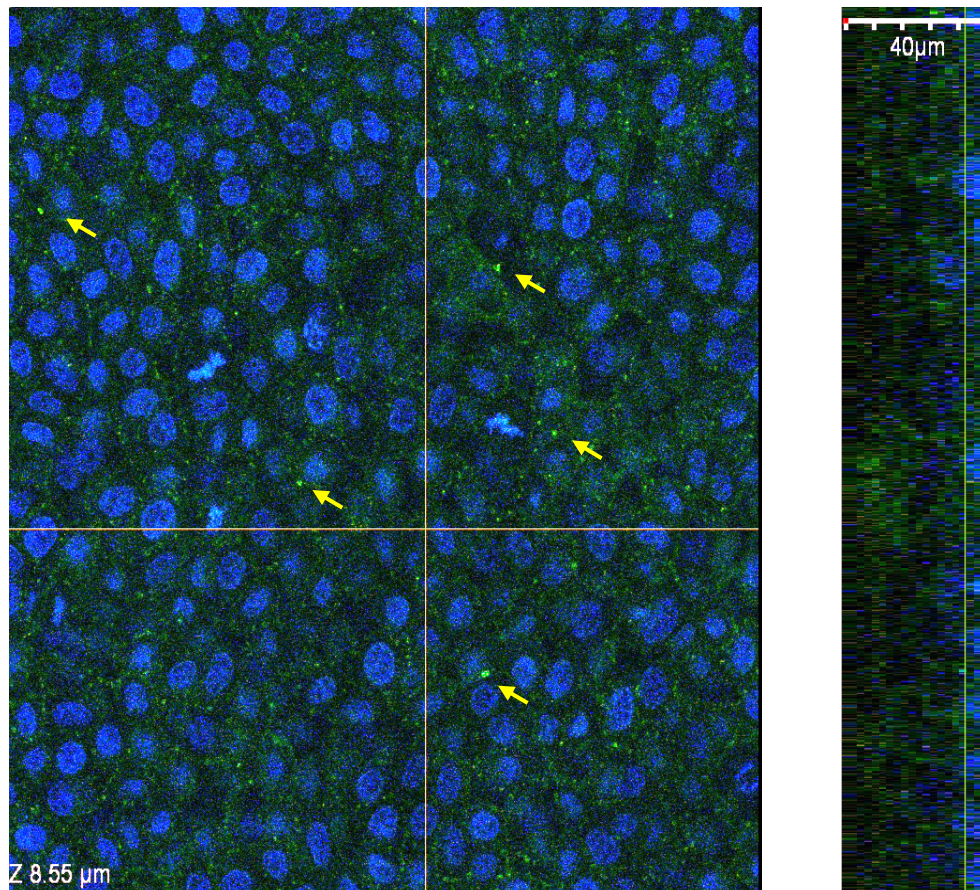


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**100 nm Nanoparticles (24 hr exposure)**  
*10.5  $\mu\text{m}$  below apical surface*

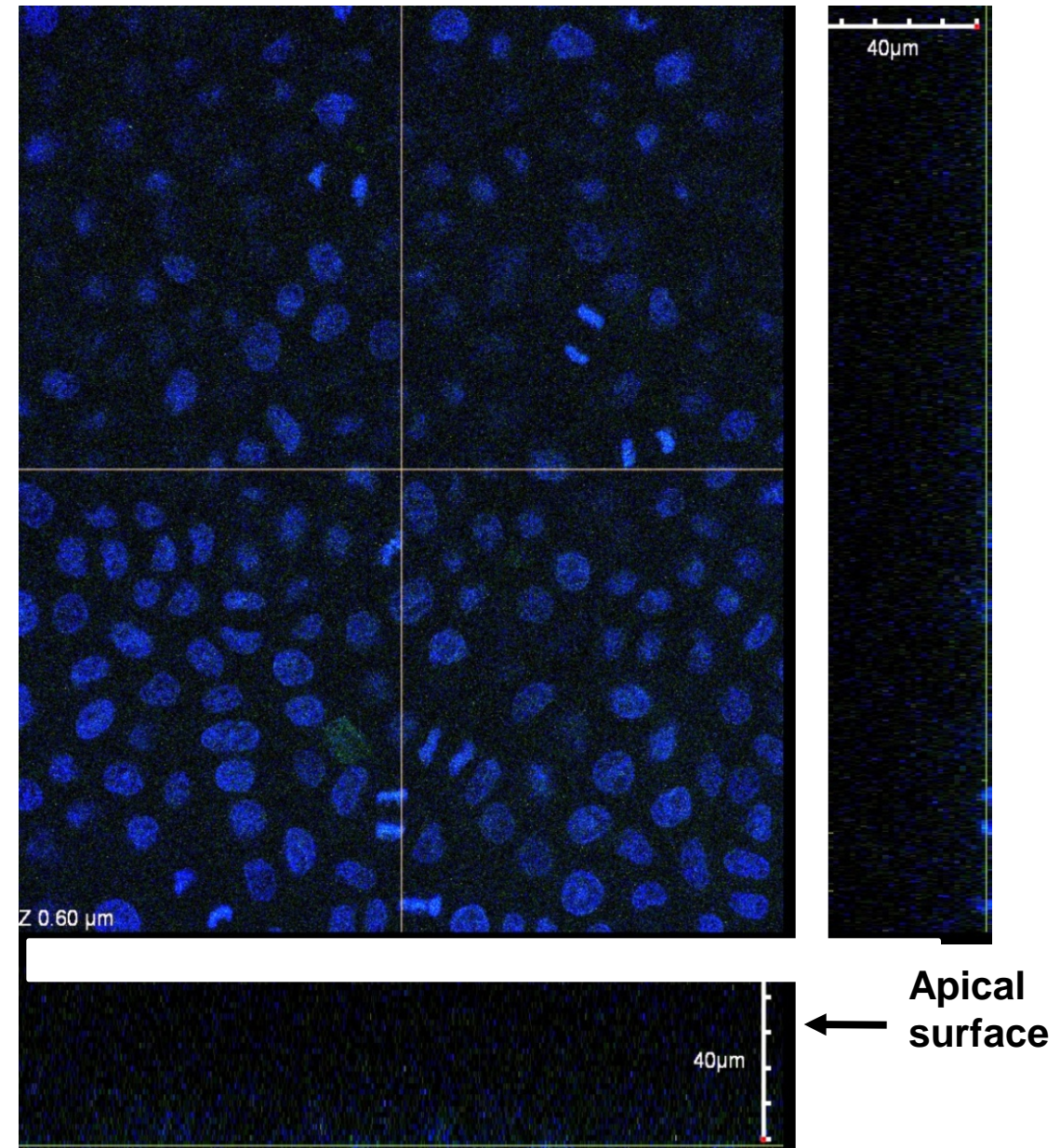


# EpiDerm – Skin penetration of nanoparticles



← Apical surface

**49 nm Nanoparticles (48 hr exposure)**  
*8.55 μm above basal layer*

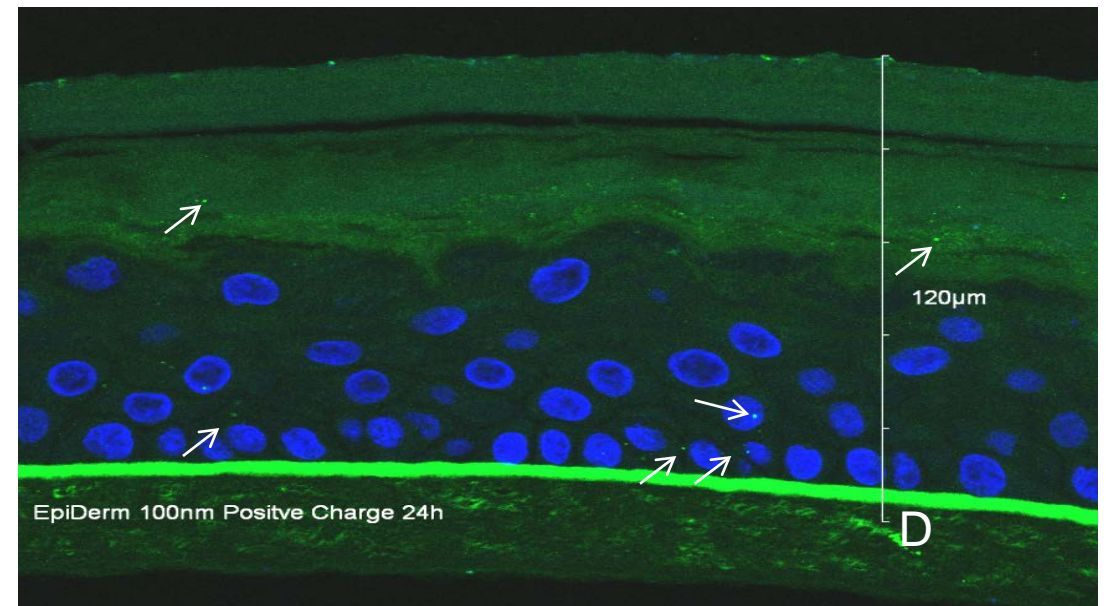
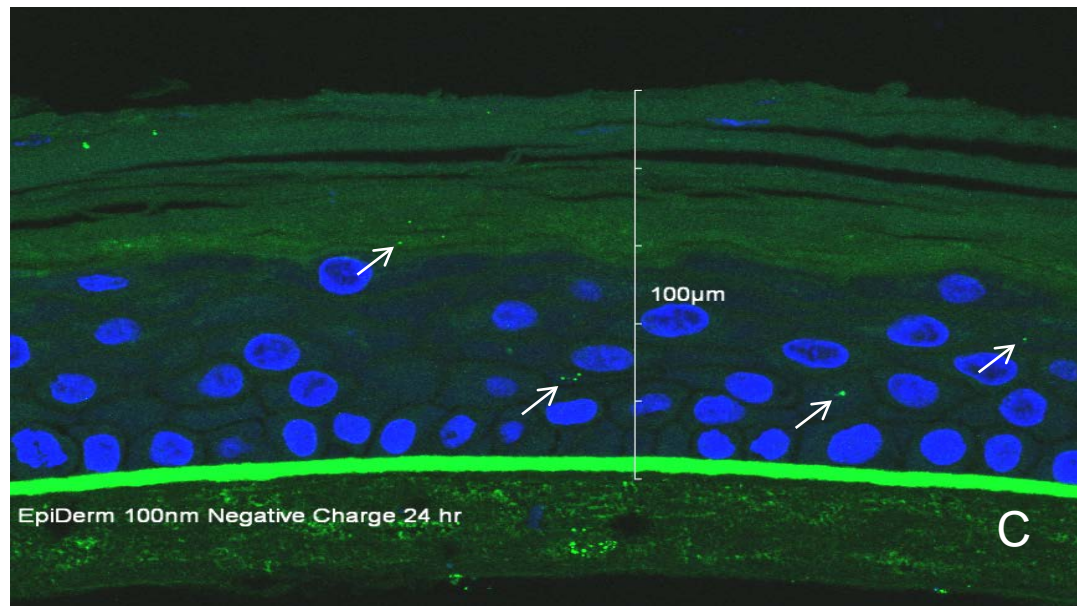
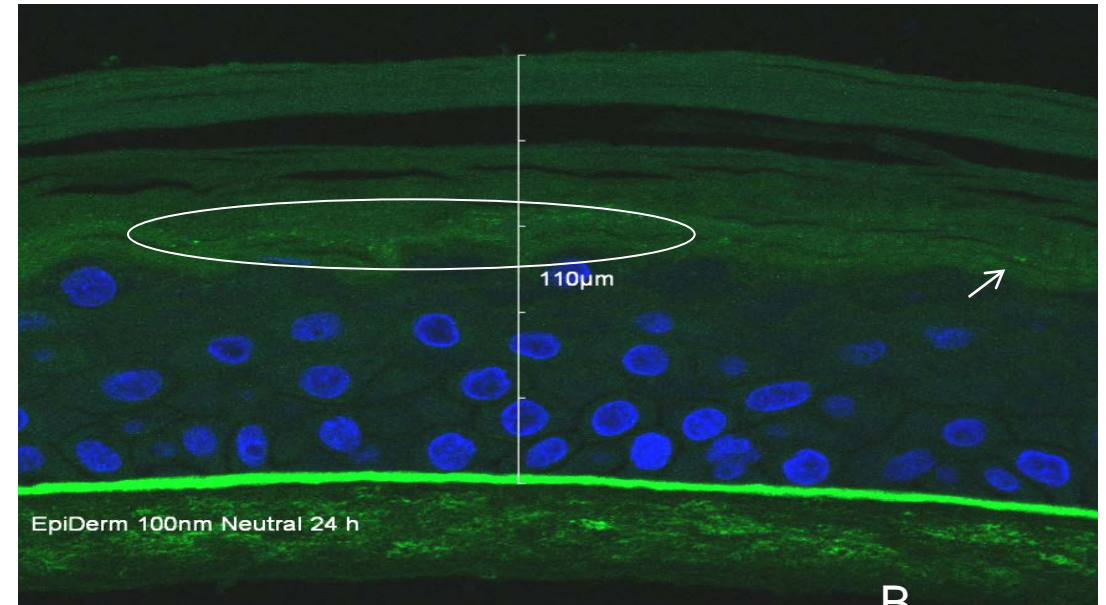
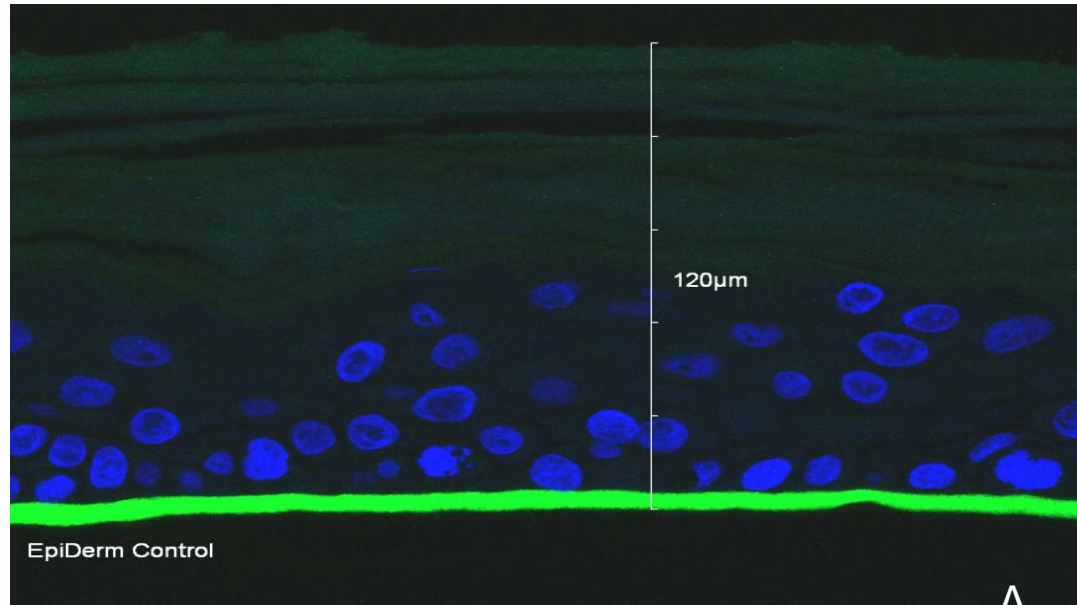


← Apical surface

**100 nm Nanoparticles (48 hr exposure)**  
*0.60 μm above basal layer*



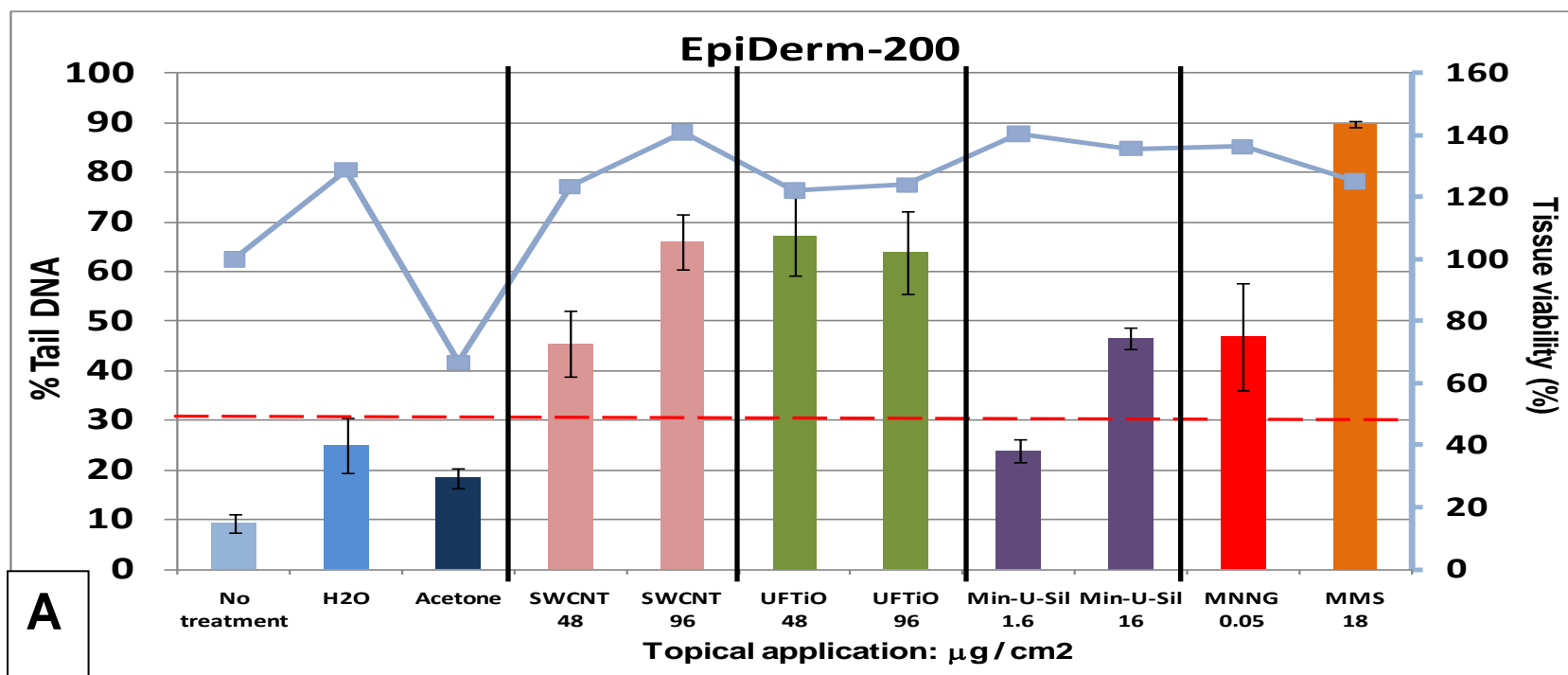
# EpiDerm – Skin penetration of nanoparticles



**A.** Control EpiDerm tissues,  
**C.** Negatively charged particles,

**B.** Neutral particles,  
**D.** Positively charged particles.

# EpiDerm – Genotoxicity of nanoparticles



**SWCNT** = single wall carbon nanotubes

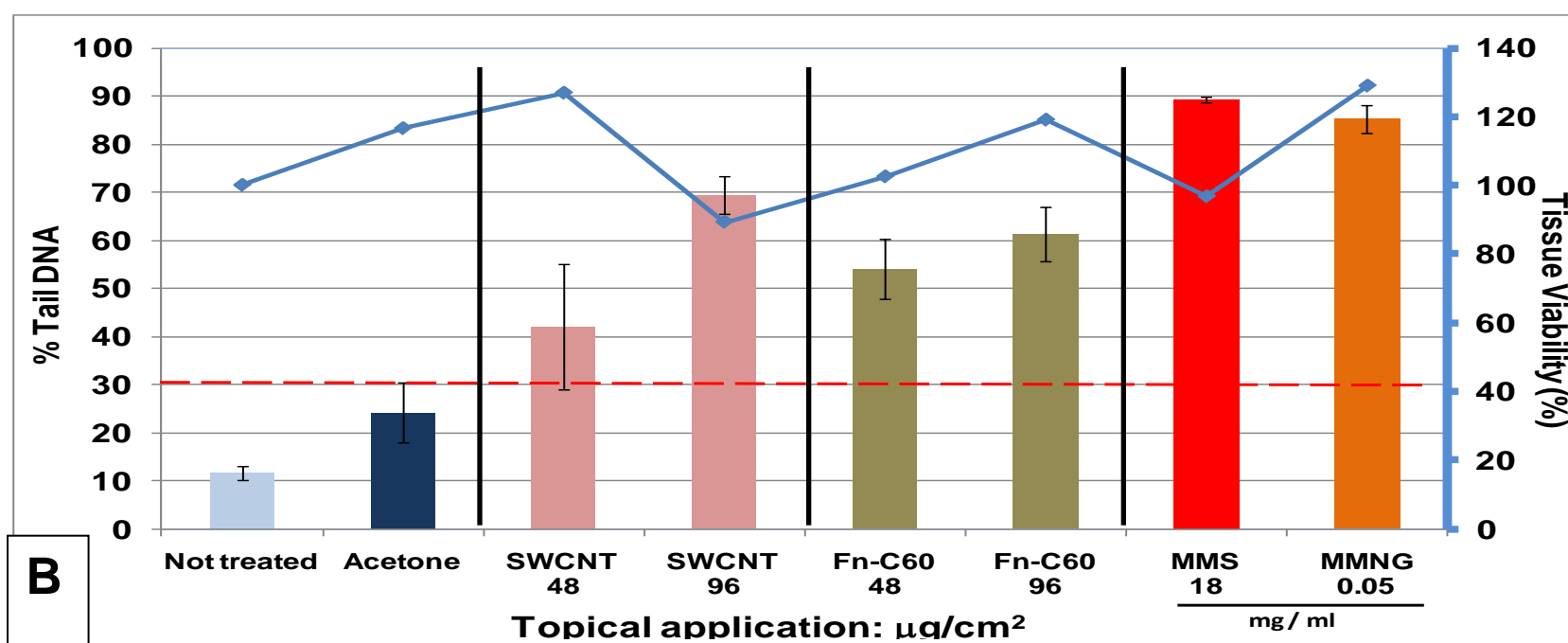
**UFTiO** = ultra-fine Titanium Oxide

**Min-U-Sil** = crystalline silica

**Fn-C60** = fullerenes C60

**MNNG** = methyl nitro-nitrosoguanidine

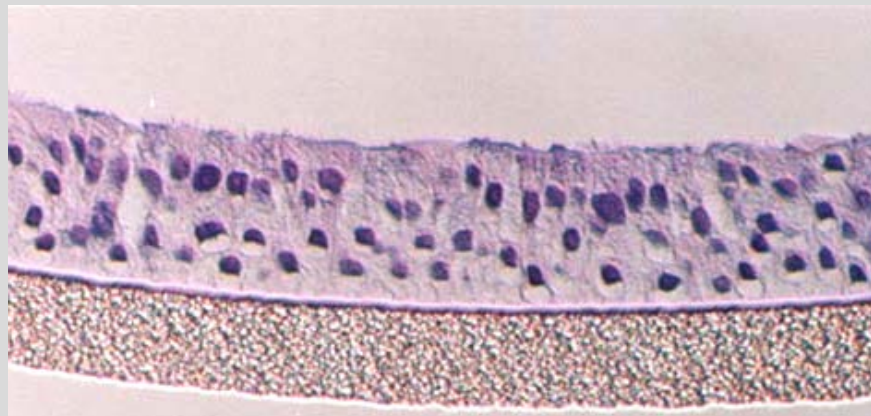
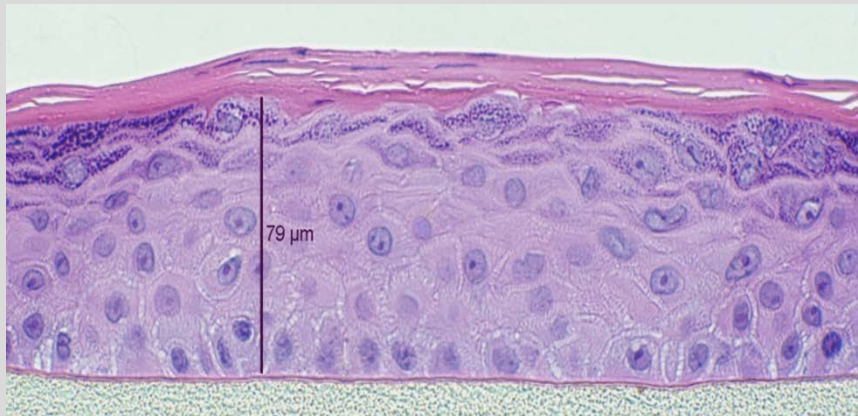
**MMS** = methyl methane sulphonate



Average particle size:  
 1 – 4 nm for SWCNT,  
 120 nm for Fn-C60,  
 3-10 nm for UFTiO ,  
 450 nm for Min-U-Sil



# Examples of other published nanotoxicology applications utilizing EpiDerm, EpiDerm-FT and EpiAirway tissues



# EpiDerm – Skin Irritation Screening of Nanoparticulate Cerium Oxide

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## Particle and Fibre Toxicology



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### Initial in vitro screening approach to investigate the potential health and environmental hazards of Envirox™ – a nanoparticulate cerium oxide diesel fuel additive

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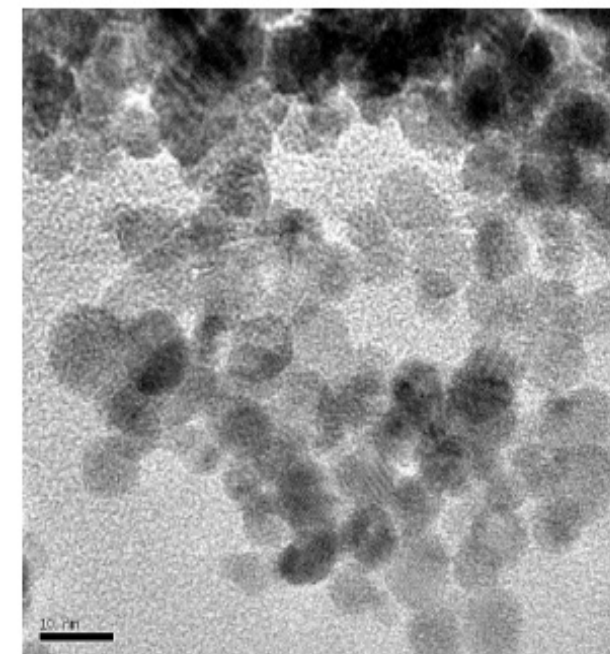


Figure 1  
Nanoparticulate cerium oxide.

- Results of the in vitro screening approach reported here with a limited number of assays are **clearly negative**.

- Based on the available hazard data, these studies do not raise any significant concerns for potential adverse human health or environmental effects as a result of limited localized exposure of cells or aquatic organisms to nano cerion oxide.

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Table 2: Results of the EpiDerm™ skin model study

Test Materials	Exposure time (mins.)	Mean OD <sub>540</sub>	% Viability	ET <sub>50</sub> mins.	MIP
NEGATIVE CONTROL	960	1.685	100		
	1440				
NANO-CeO <sub>2</sub>	960	2.010	119.29	1517.18	<0.01
	1200	1.138	67.54		
	1440	1.089	64.63		
NON-NANO CeO <sub>2</sub>	960	1.994	92.87	> 1440	0.03
	1200	1.975	97.36		
	1440	1.729	85.23		
POSITIVE CONTROL 1% TX <sub>100</sub>	240	1.035	61.42	260.10	<0.18
	360	0.212	12.58		
	480	0.095	5.64		
REFERENCE MATERIAL 20% SLS	15	0.983	58.34	20.68	1.00
	30	0.710	42.14		
	60	0.273	16.20		
	120	0.100	5.93		



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Short communication

## Assessment of dermal toxicity of nanosilica using cultured keratinocytes, a human skin equivalent model and an *in vivo* model

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- This study was designed to determine whether nanosilica has the potential to cause acute cutaneous toxicity, using cultured HaCaT keratinocytes (CHK), a human skin equivalent model (HSEM) (EpiDerm), and *in vivo* model.
- Nanosilicas reduced the cell viabilities of CHCs in a dose-dependent manner. However, the HSEM revealed no irritation at 500µg/ml of nanosilica. Furthermore, this result concurred with Draize skin irritation test findings.
- The present study data indicate that nanosilica does not cause acute cutaneous irritation.
- Furthermore, this study shows that the HSEM used provides more useful screening data than the conventional cell culture model on the relative toxicities of NPs.

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## Oxidative stress and inflammatory response in dermal toxicity of single-walled carbon nanotubes

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- The authors hypothesize that SWCNT may be toxic to the skin (due to iron impurities).
- To test this hypothesis, the effects of SWCNT were assessed both in vitro and in vivo using EpiDerm FT engineered skin, murine epidermal cells (JB6 P+), and immune-competent hairless SKH-1 mice.
- Engineered skin exposed to SWCNT showed increased epidermal thickness and accumulation and activation of dermal fibroblasts which resulted in increased collagen as well as release of pro-inflammatory cytokines.
- These data indicated that topical exposure to unpurified SWCNT, induced free radical generation, oxidative stress, and inflammation, thus causing dermal toxicity.



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# CONCLUSIONS

1. Nanomaterials are able to penetrate into NHu-3D tissue models EpiAirway and EpiDerm.
2. Nanoparticle penetration into EpiDerm tissues is charge-dependent.
3. We observed dose-dependent increase in %Tail DNA after treatment EpiDerm tissues with: single wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNT), Fullerenes C60 (Fn-C60), ultra fine titanium oxide (UF-TiO<sub>2</sub>) and Min-U-SIL-5.
4. Organotypic in vitro models of human skin (EpiDerm, EpiDerm-FT) and airway (EpiAirway, EpiAirway-FT) have been successfully utilized for a variety of nanoparticle research applications.
5. Results suggest good correlation with in vivo data.
6. In vitro organotypic models appear promising for in vitro nanotoxicology applications.



**Thank you for your attention!**

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