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# Some Fundamentals of Particle Dosimetry for Risk-Directed Studies

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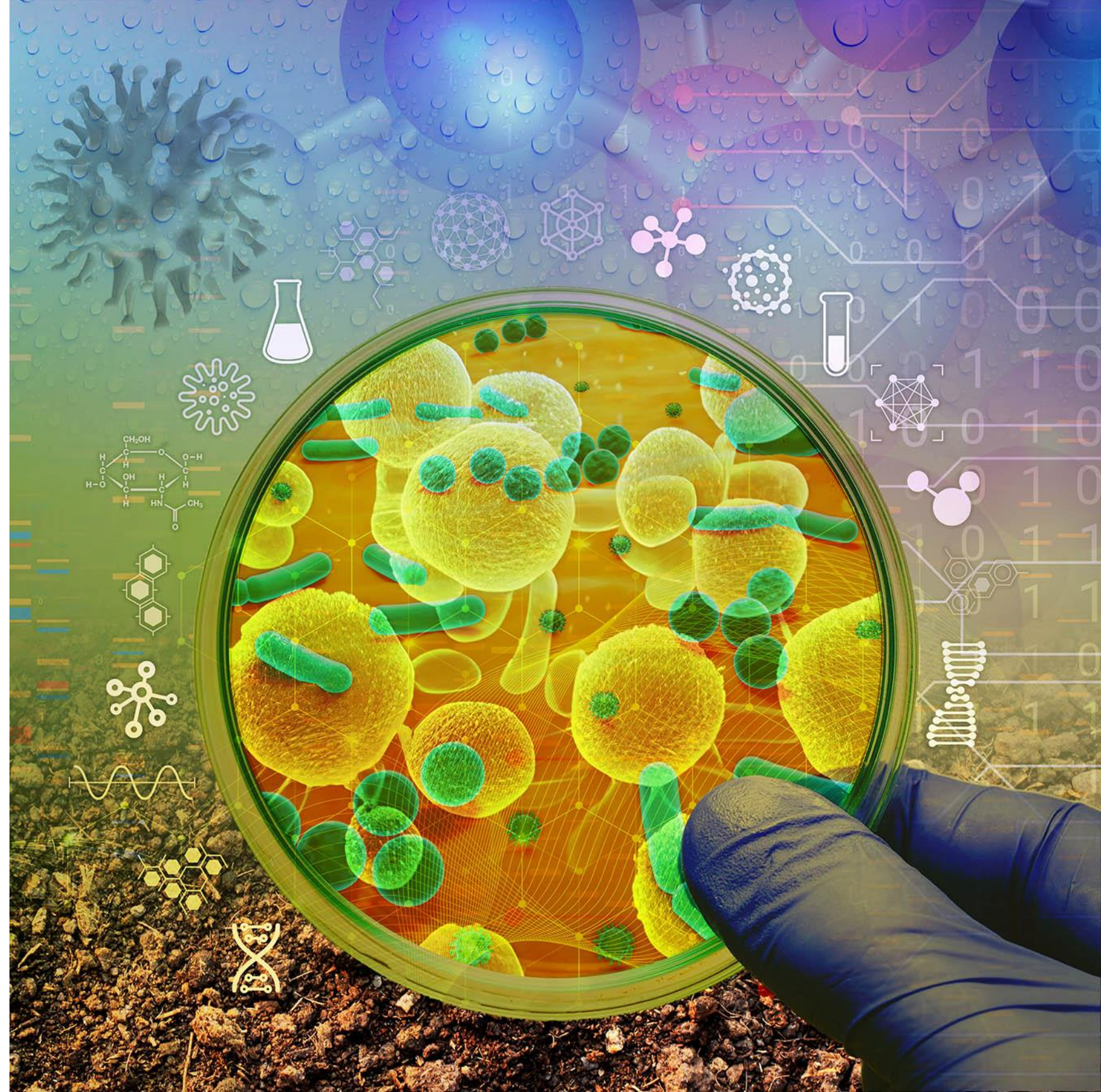
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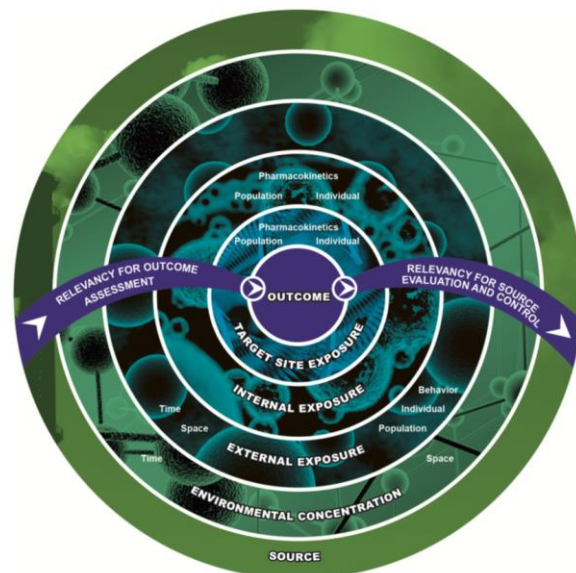
# WHY

Response

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Ignore it

# Exposure-driven toxicology and planning for exposure translation are advantages for public health related research



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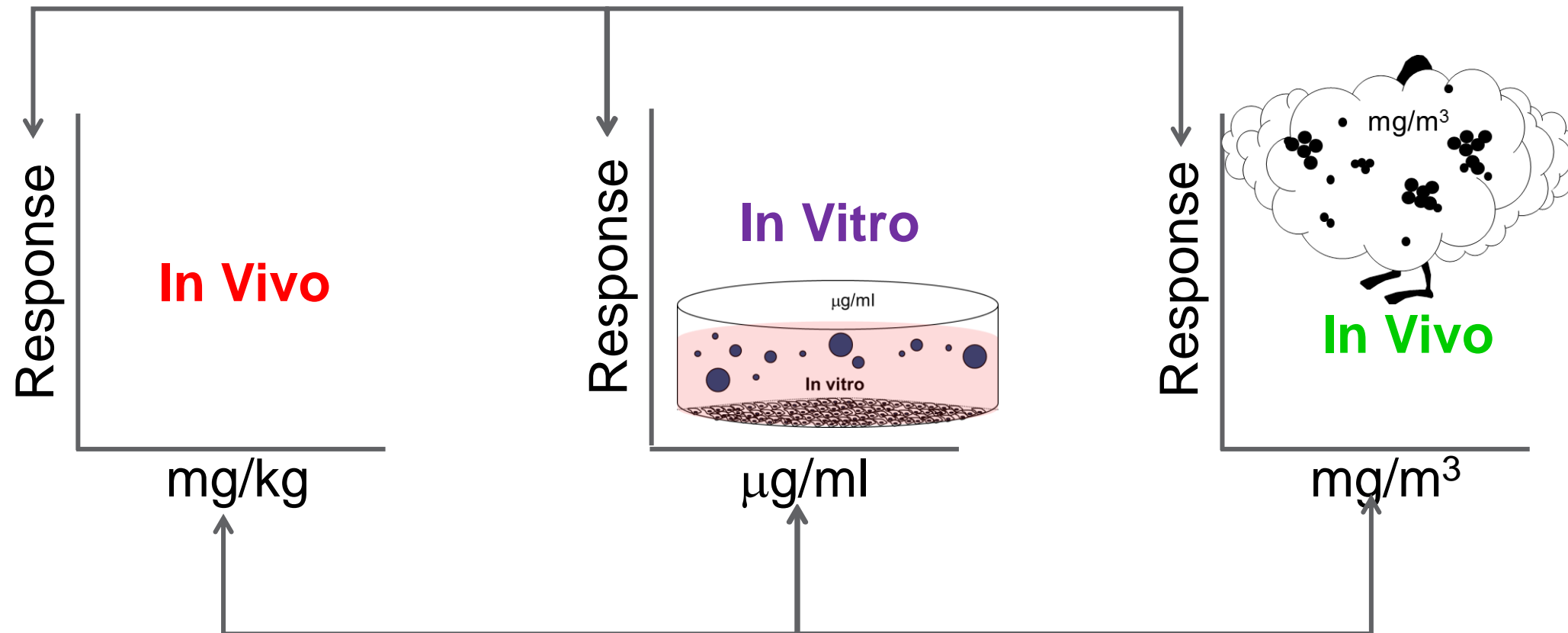
"A giant in the field of strategy"—McKinsey Quarterly

GOOD STRATEGY  
BAD STRATEGY

The Difference  
and Why it Matters

# Concordance across Systems for Risk or Hazard Assessment is a Challenge for Toxicology

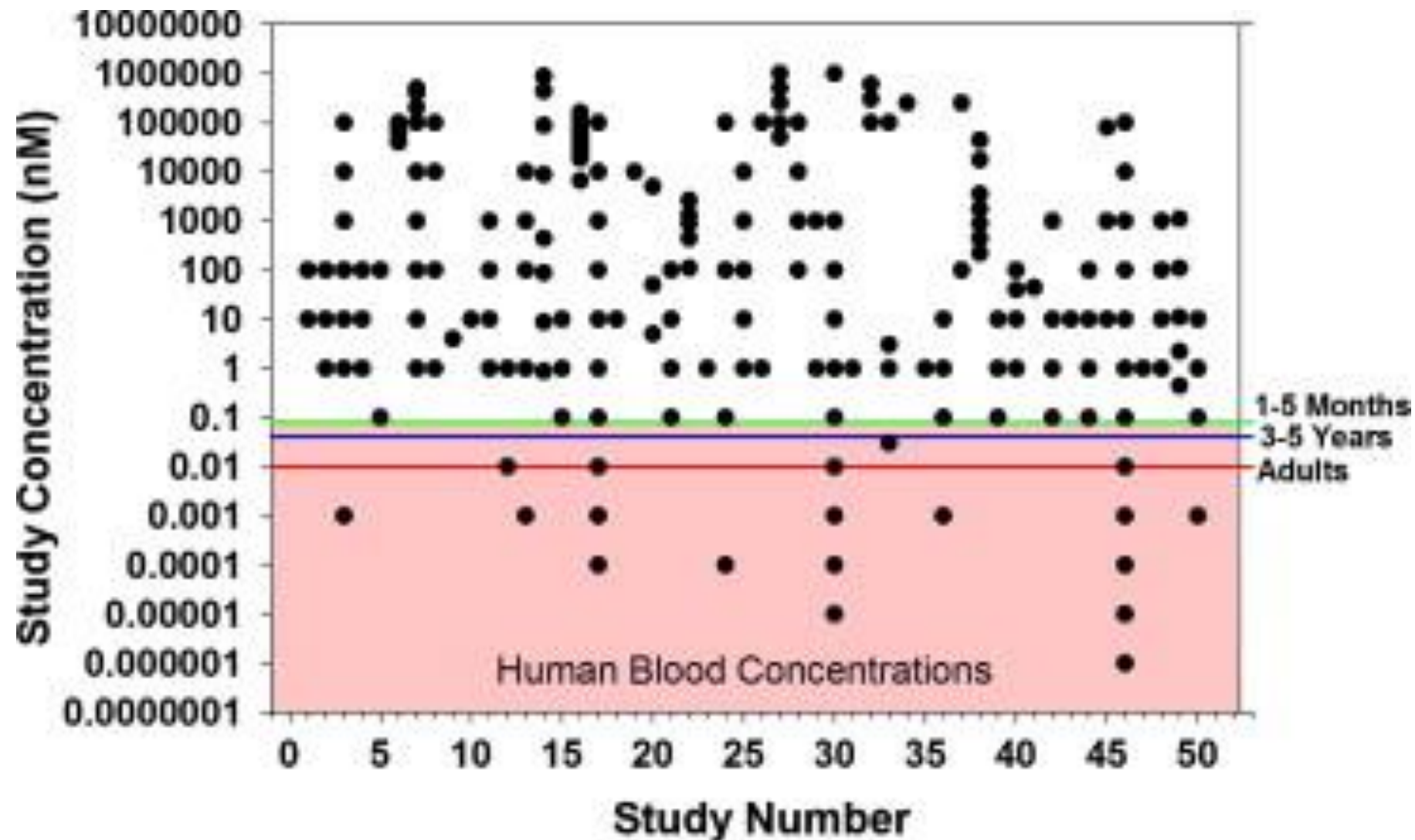
## How Do the Biological Responses Compare?



## How Do the Exposure Compare?

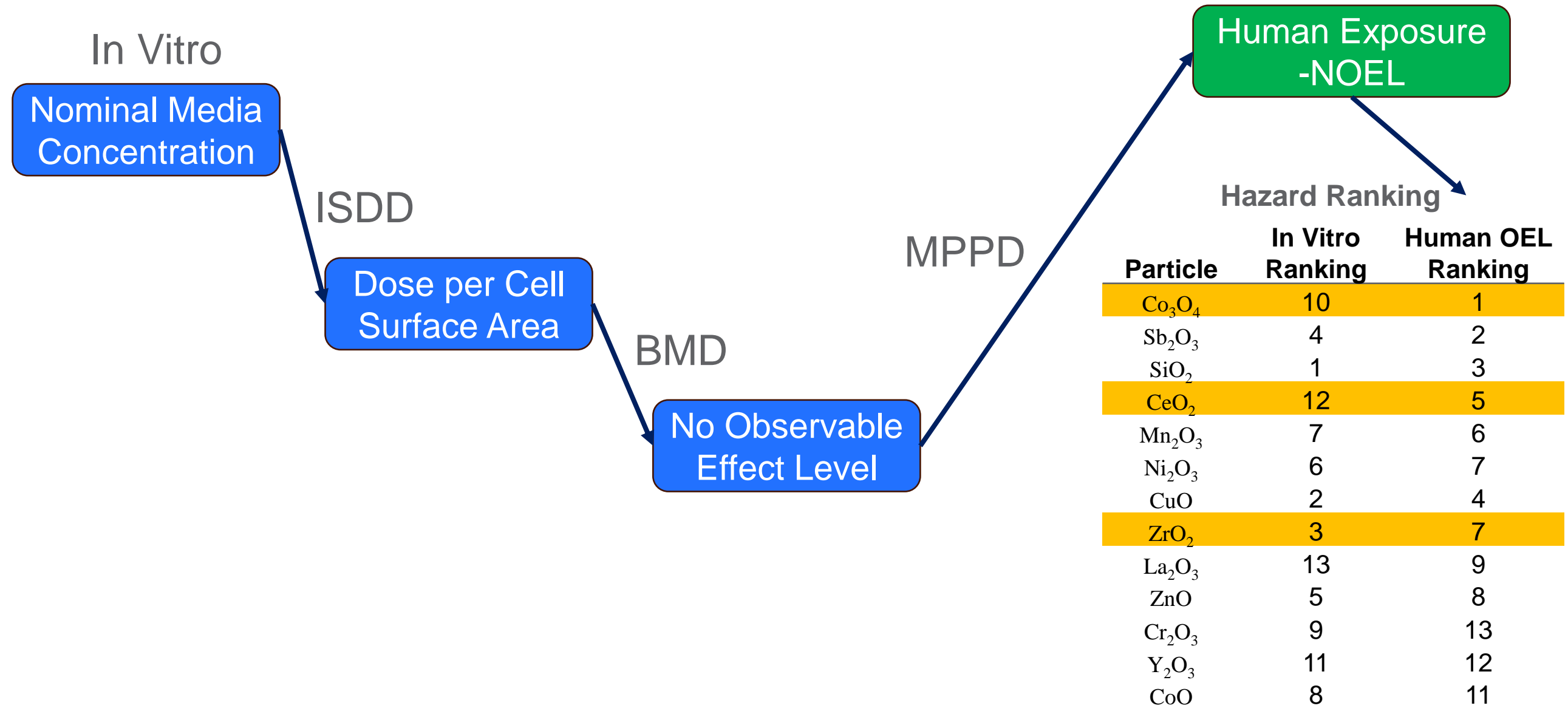


# Irrelevant In Vitro Exposures is the Norm



Teeguarden, J.G. and Hanson-Drury, S., 2013. A systematic review of Bisphenol A “low dose” studies in the context of human exposure: A case for establishing standards for reporting “low-dose” effects of chemicals. *Food and chemical toxicology*, 62, pp.935-948.

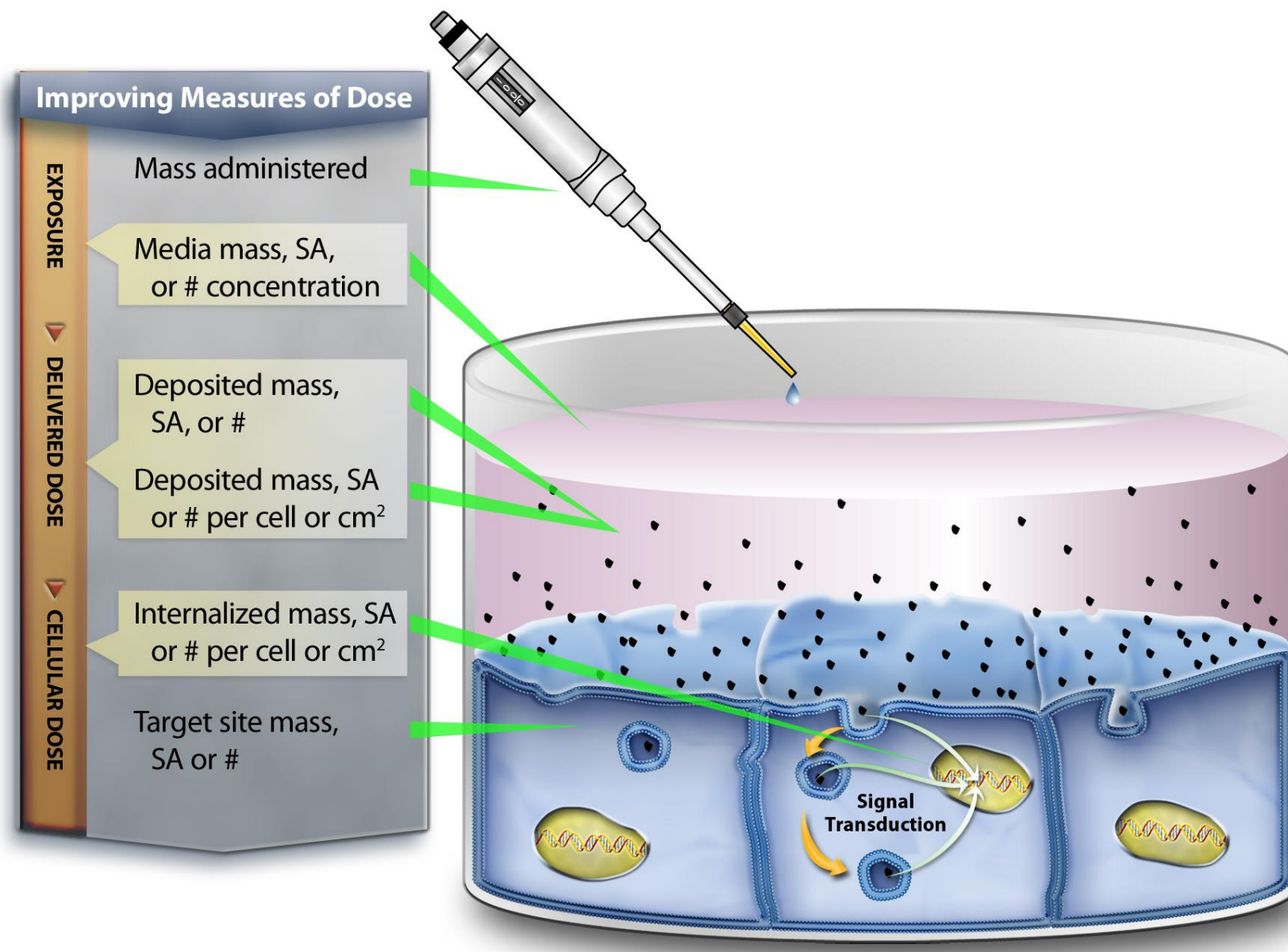
# Toxicity Rankings In Vitro do not Relate well to OEL's





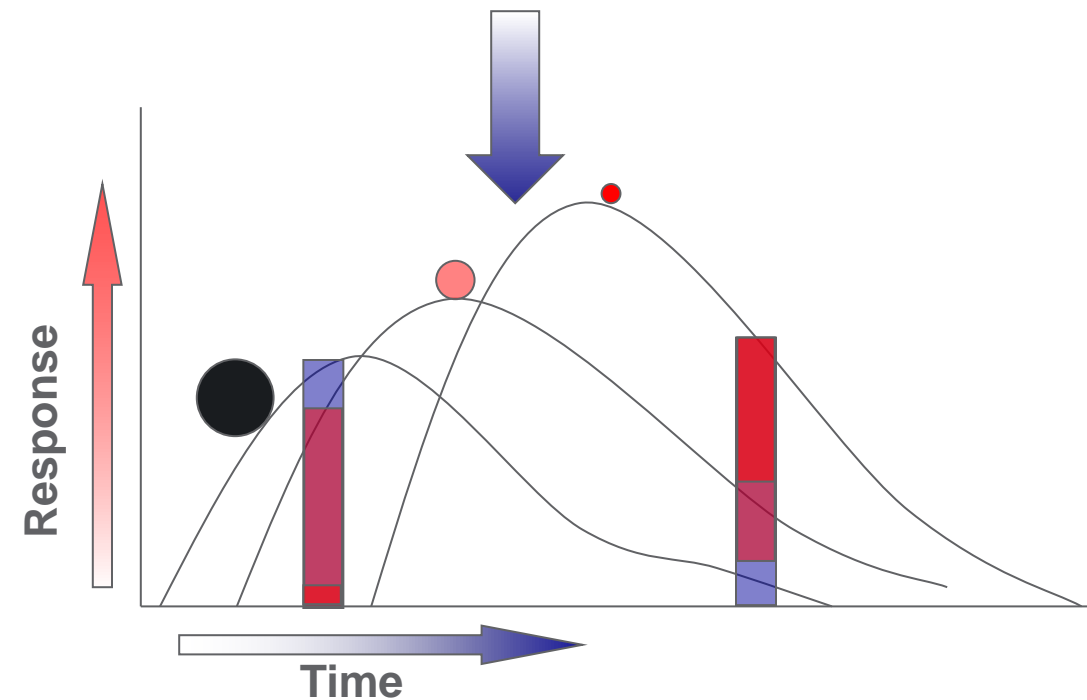
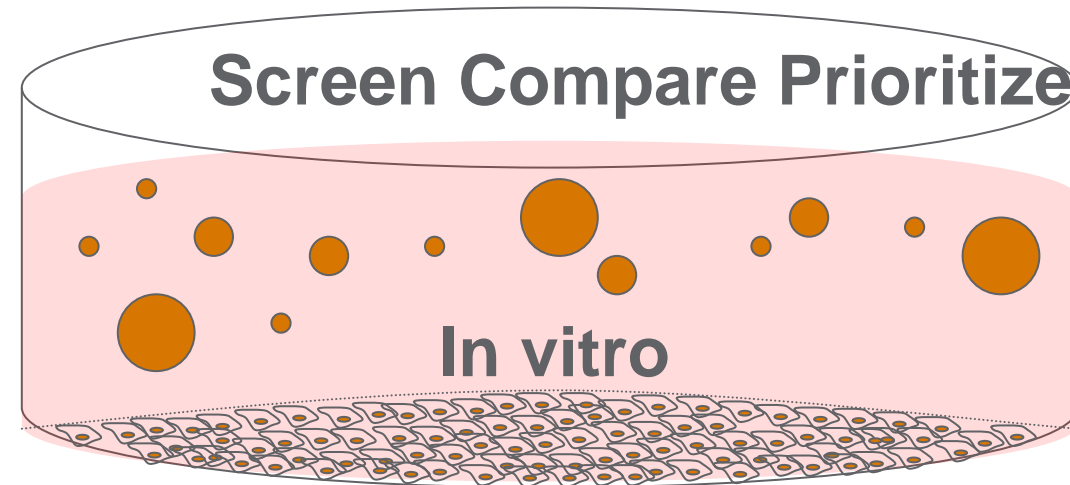
# Exposure for Particles is Complicated

- Amount (mass)
- Time
- Surface area
- Size
- Particle Number
- Shape
- Agglomeration state
- Physicochemical properties
- Reactivity
- Dissolution
- Density



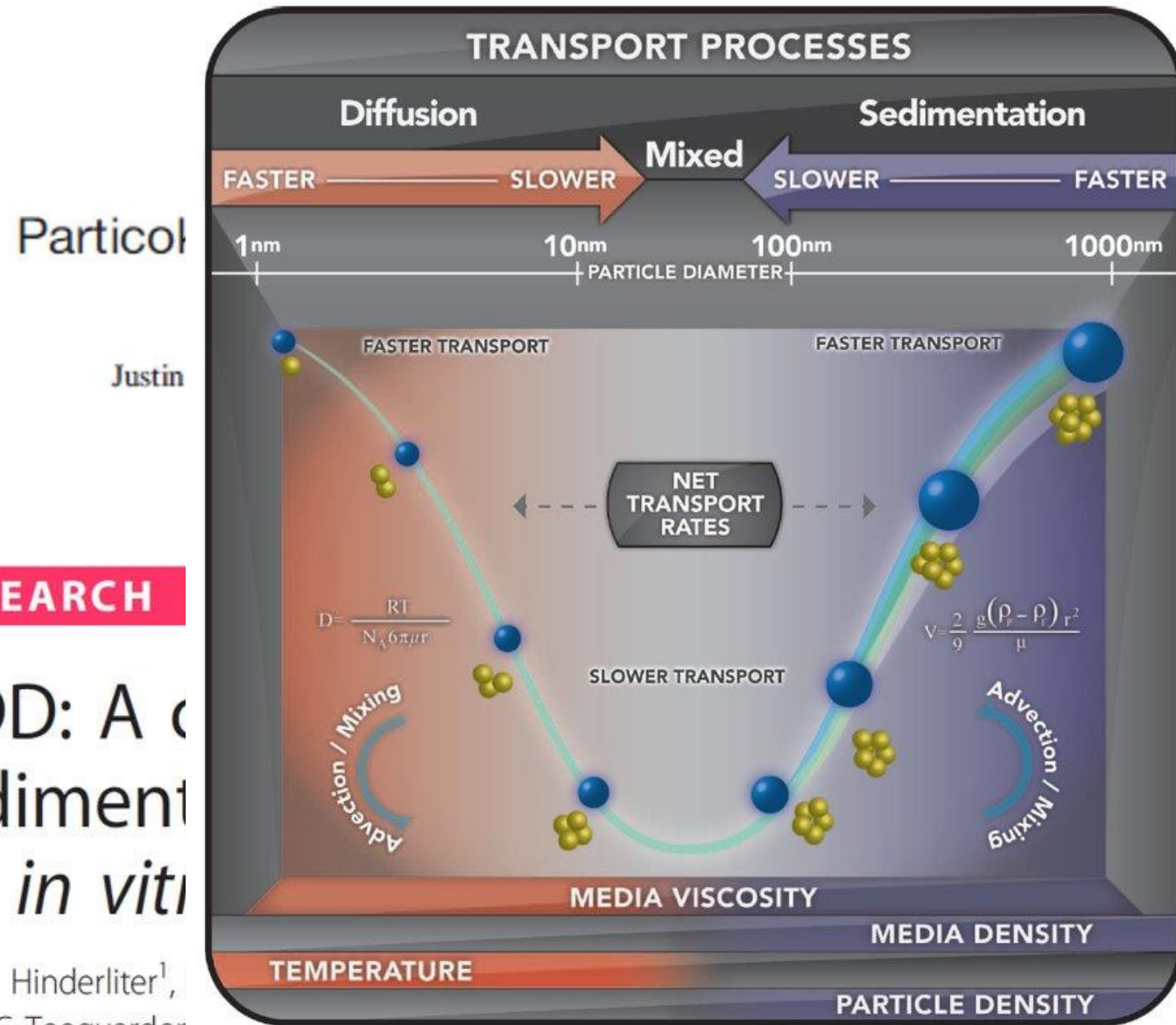
# Particokinetics-In Vitro Affects Dosimetry

- Shape, size, and density affect settling rate.
- Settling time impacts timing/magnitude of response
- Media “dose” is different than dose to the cell





# The Simple Physics of In Vitro Particokinetics



**RESEARCH**

ISDD: A  
sediment  
for *in vitro*

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*in Vitro*

Pounds

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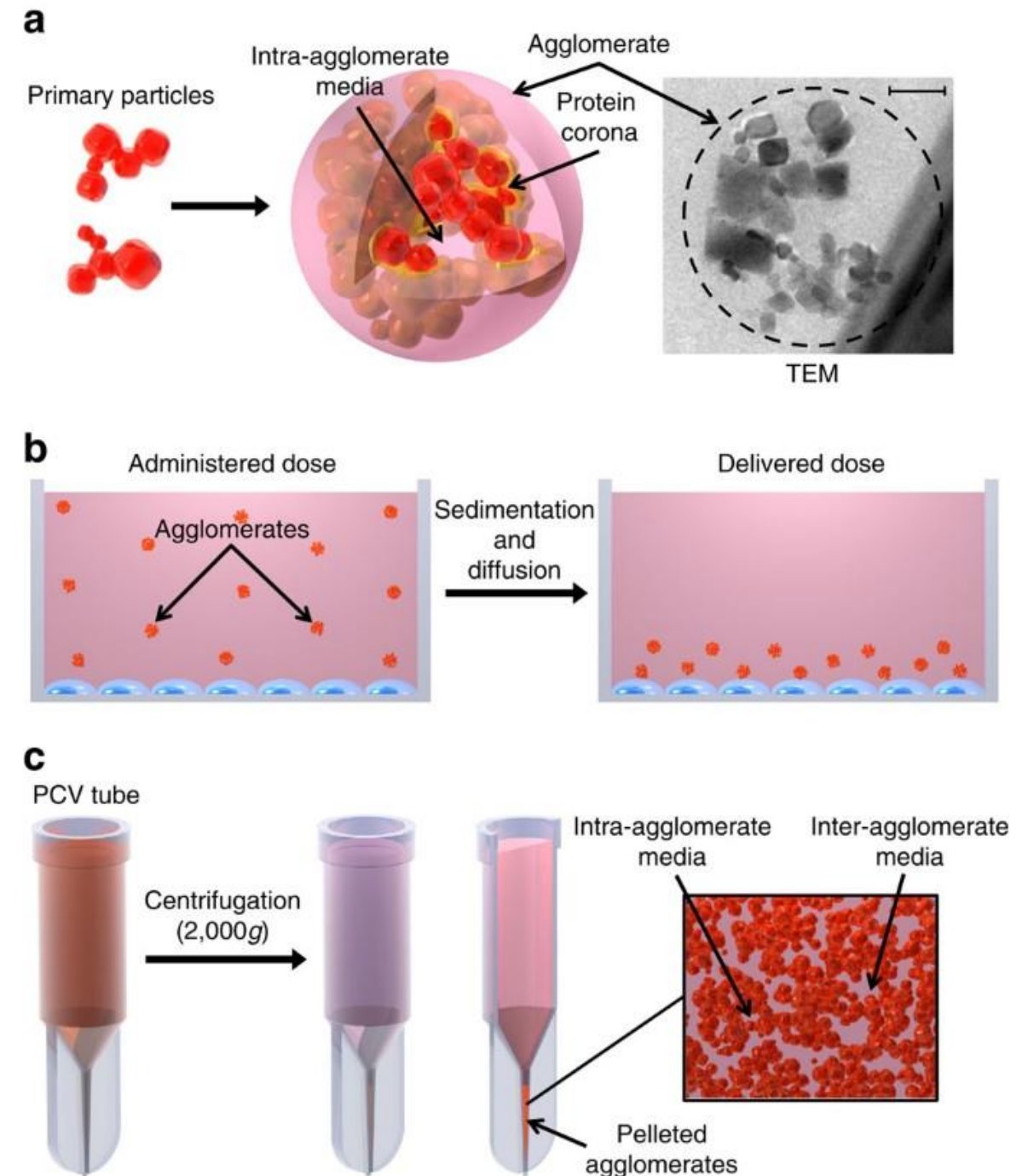
dosimetry

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# Agglomerate Density is Measurable

- The VCM-ISDD method improves estimation of agglomerate cellular doses in vitro.

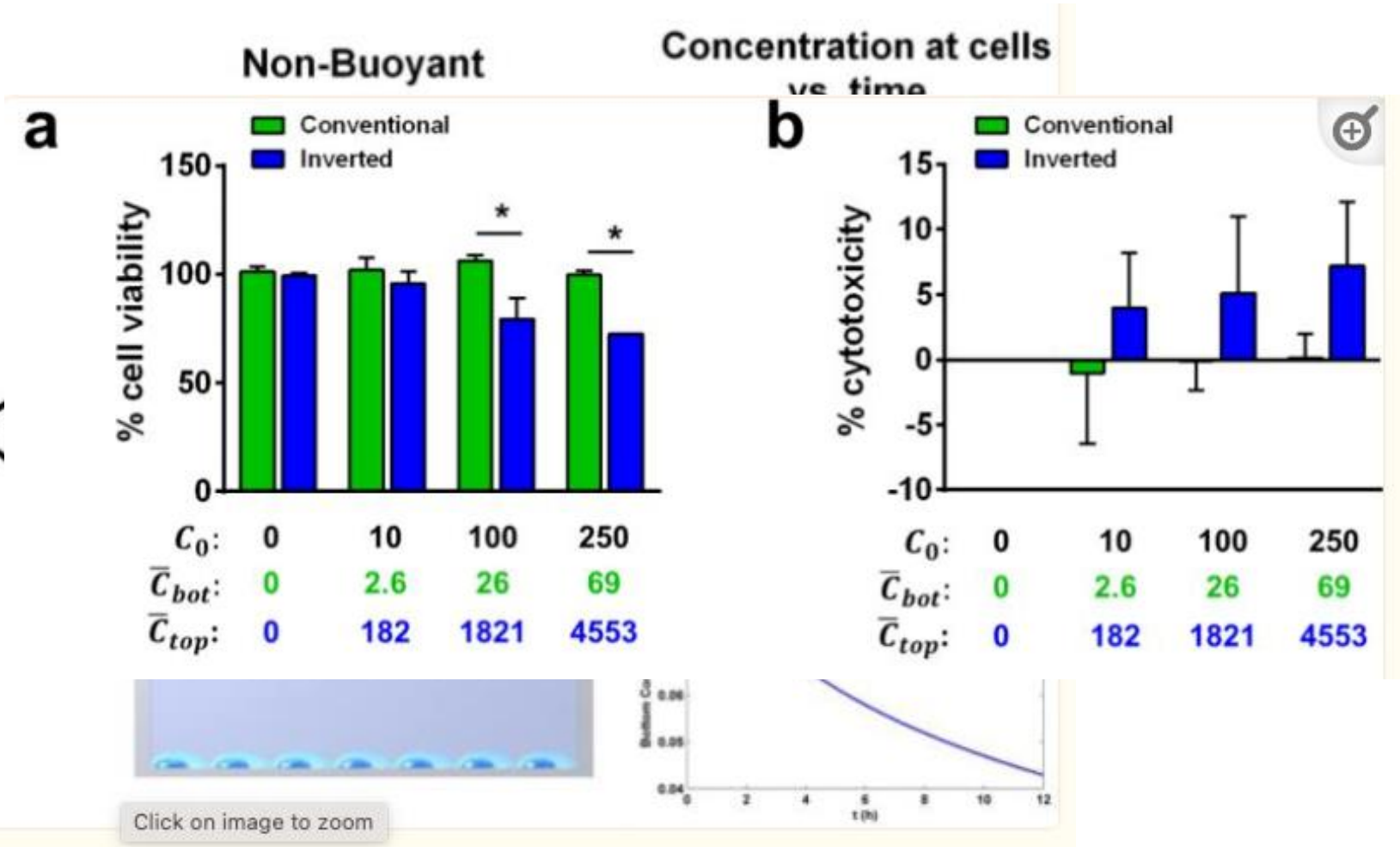
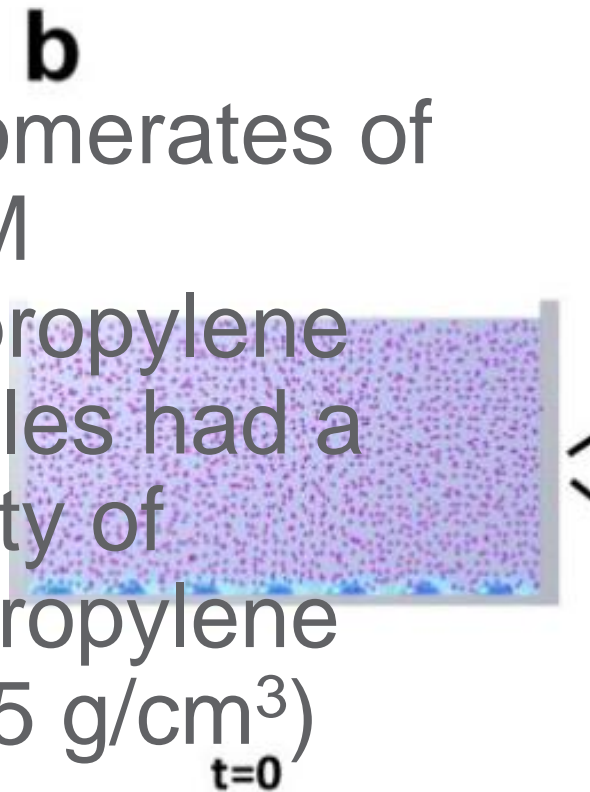
DeLoid, G., Cohen, J., Darrah, T. *et al.* Estimating the effective density of engineered nanomaterials for *in vitro* dosimetry. *Nat Commun* **5**, 3514 (2014). <https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms4514>





# Buoyancy Impacts Cellular Exposure In Vitro

- Agglomerates of 65 nM Polypropylene particles had a density of polypropylene ( $0.855 \text{ g/cm}^3$ )



## Buoyant Nanoparticles: Implications for Nano-biointeractions in Cellular Studies

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# VCM-Distorted Grid Model in Online

## Advanced computational modeling for *in vitro* nanomaterial dosimetry

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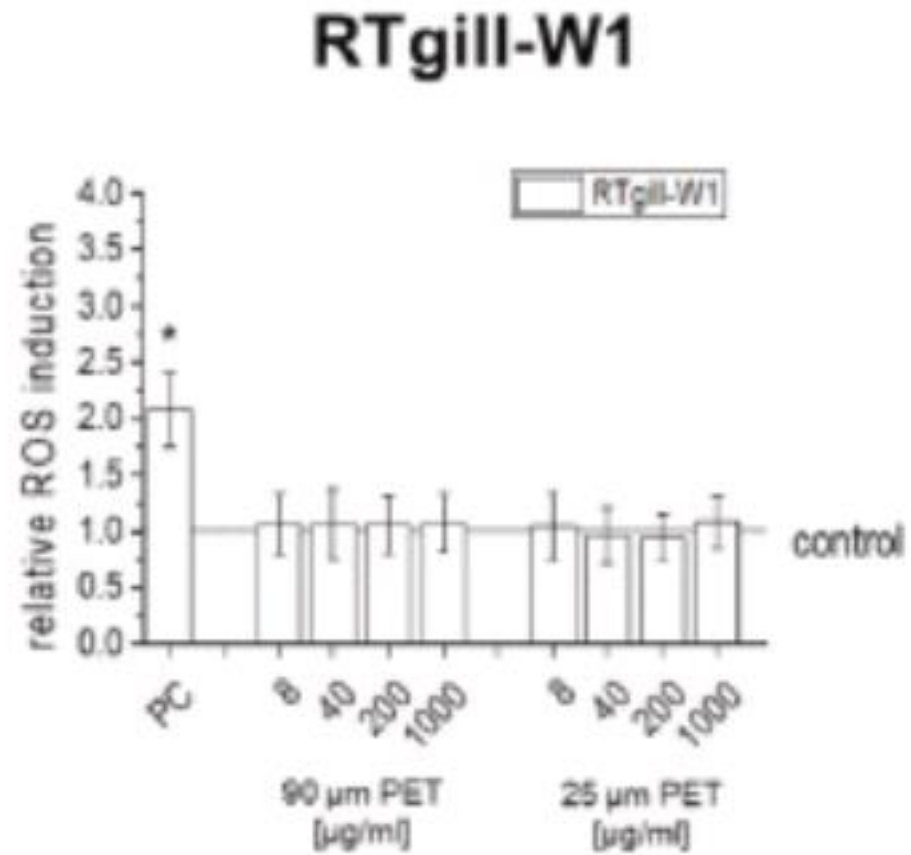
## An In Vitro Dosimetry Tool for the Numerical Transport Modeling of Engineered Nanomaterials Powered by the Enalos RiskGONE Cloud Platform

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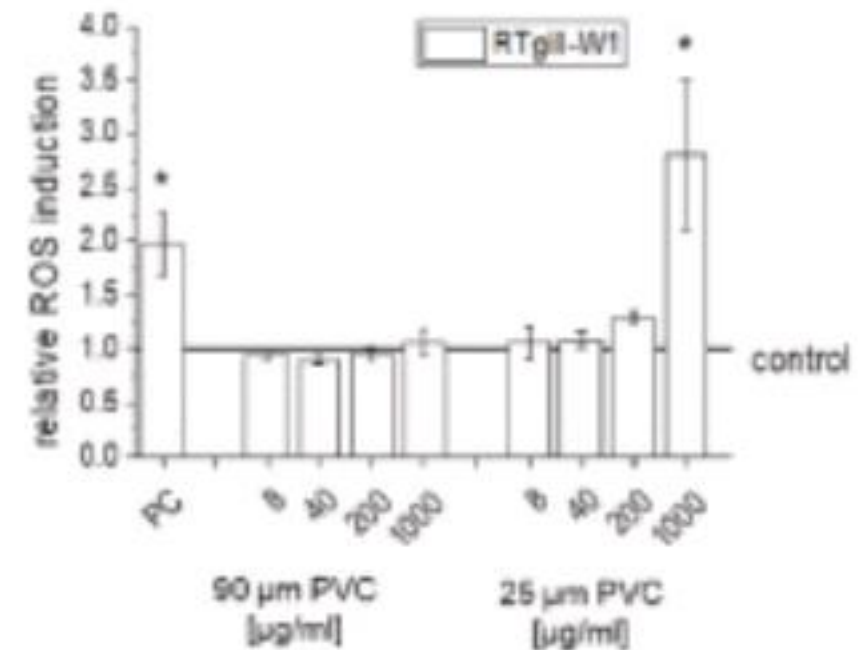


# Buoyant Particles are Not Toxic?

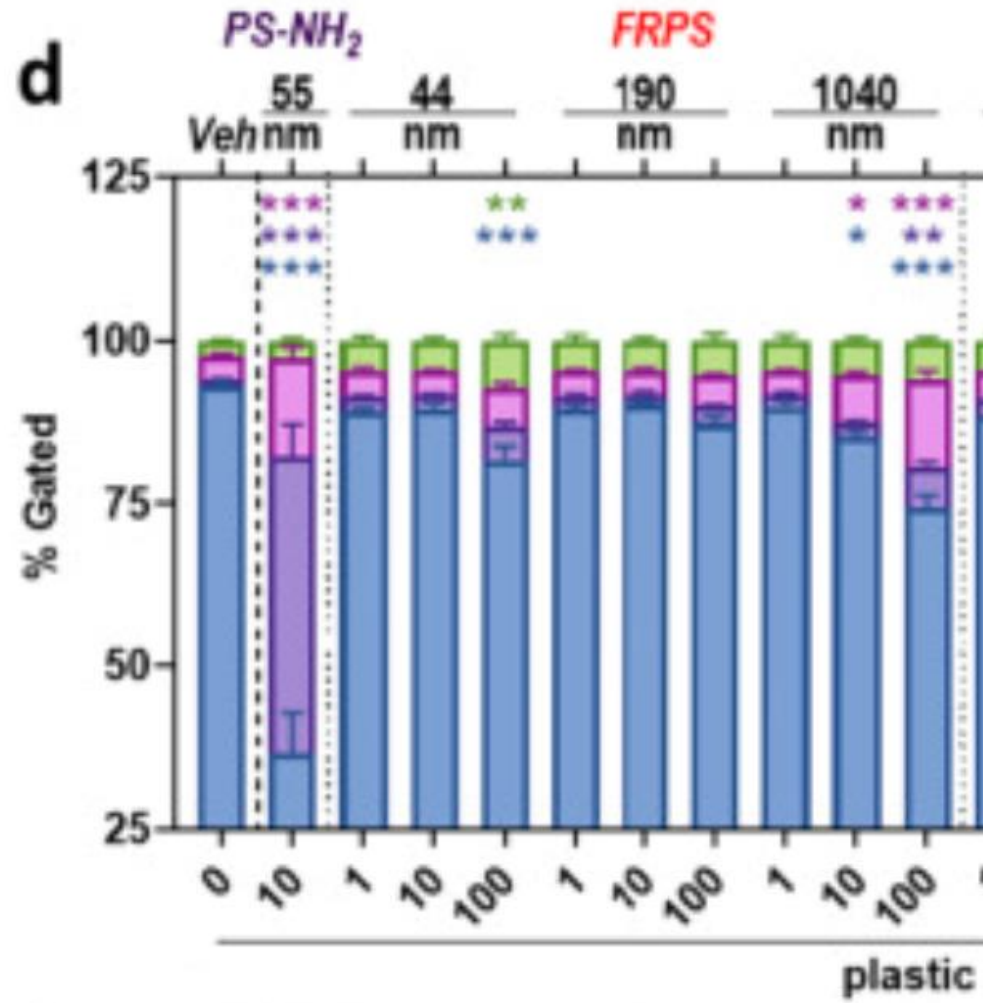
Floaters  
PET



Processed  
PVC  
Sinkers



Boháčková, J., Havlíčková, L., Semerád, J., Titov, I., Trhlíková, O., Beneš, H. and Cajthaml, T., 2023. In vitro toxicity assessment of polyethylene terephthalate and polyvinyl chloride microplastics using three cell lines from rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). *Chemosphere*, 312, p.136996.

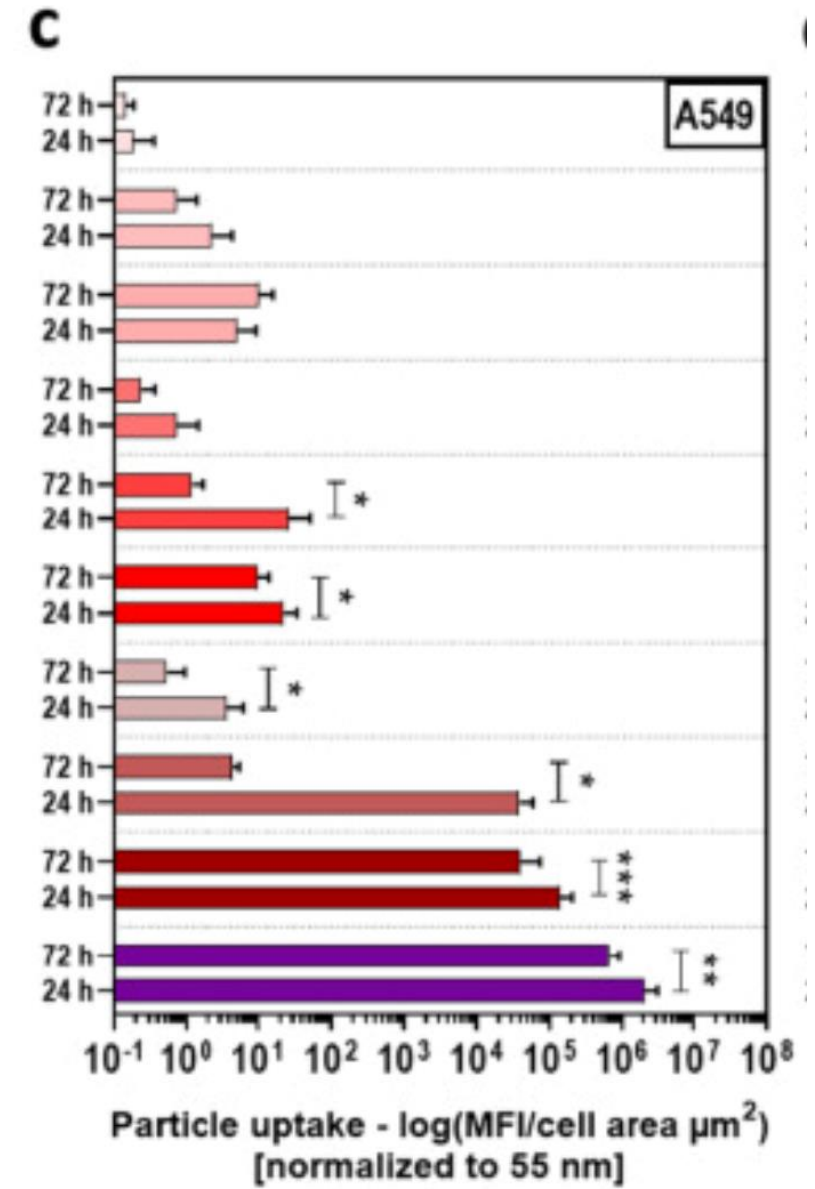


**Effect Levels (ug/ml)**

10 ug/ml of PS-NH<sub>2</sub>  
 100 ug/ml of 44 nM PS  
 10-100 ug/ml of 1040 nM PS

**Effect Levels (uptake)**

10 MFI of 44 nM PS  
 10,000 MFI of 1040 nM PS  
 100,000 MFI of PS-NH<sub>2</sub>



da Silva Brito, W.A., Singer, D., Miebach, L., Saadati, F., Wende, K., Schmidt, A. and Bokeschus, S., 2023. Comprehensive in vitro polymer type, concentration, and size correlation analysis to microplastic toxicity and inflammation. *Science of The Total Environment*, 854, p.158731.



# Final Thoughts

- Lead the community to establish a clear quantitative understanding of human exposure
- Set community standards for measuring/modeling and reporting exposures in in vitro studies
- Set community standards for including “relevant” and interpretable exposures in in vitro studies
- Develop methods and tools
- Then study toxicity...

“Exposure-driven toxicology that focuses on real-world exposures...”



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