

# Current Situation: available ontology and templates, interoperability

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# Interoperability

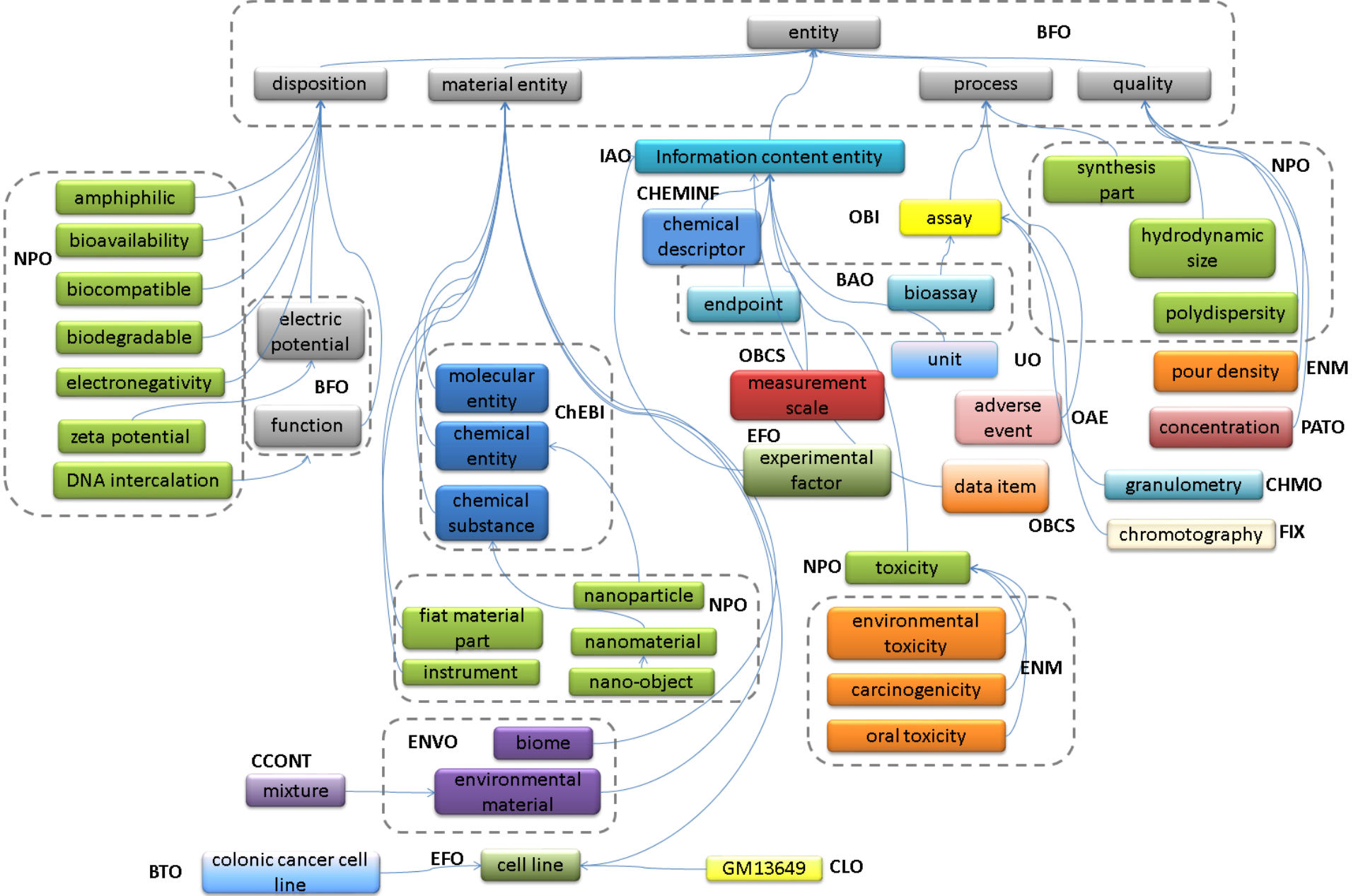
- Interfaces between things
  - Research (language, data, source code, ...)
  - Databases (schema, API, ...)
  - Tools (API, formats, ...)



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# The Ontology

- Interoperability by using the same language
- Allows linking of:
  - the same things
  - similar things (by taking advantage of is-a and part-of relations)
- Bridges between data and publications



# BioPortal and AberOWL



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- entity
  - disposition
  - information content entity
  - material entity
    - biome
    - cell line
    - chemical substance
      - nanomaterial**
        - dendrimer
        - engineered nanomaterial
        - nano-object
        - nanoparticle formulation
        - nanostructured material
    - environmental material
    - flat material part
    - instrument
    - molecular entity
    - particle

label nanomaterial

oboid NPO:199

SubClassOf: [chemical substance](#)

class [http://purl.bioontology.org/ontology/npo#NPO\\_199](http://purl.bioontology.org/ontology/npo#NPO_199)

code npo\_199

editor\_note [previous definition]: a material entity which is synthesized, characterized, and which has at least one spatial size dimension distinguishable in the nanoscale (1-100 nm) range.

ontology ENM

preferred\_name nanomaterial

# Difference between v1 and v2 of eNM ontology

v1 eNM		v2 eNM		Difference v1 and v2 eNM	
Ontology	# classes	Ontology	# classes	Ontology	# classes added
BAO	329	BAO	351	BAO	22
BFO	6	BFO	6	BFO	0
CHEBI	26	CHEBI	26	CHEBI	0
CHEMINF	376	CHEMINF	376	CHEMINF	0
ENM	42	ENM	56	ENM	14
ENVO	438	ENVO	438	ENVO	0
IAO	1	IAO	20	IAO	19
NPO	420	NPO	426	NPO	6
OAE	1921	OAE	1921	OAE	0
OBI	632	OBI	742	OBI	110
owl	21	owl	5	owl	-16
PATO	33	PATO	37	PATO	4
UO	310	UO	310	UO	0
total	4555	BTO	34	BTO	34
		CCONT	12	CCONT	12
		CHMO	71	CHMO	71
		CLO	428	CLO	428
		EFO	1322	EFO	1322
		FIX	17	FIX	17
		OBSC	92	OBSC	92
		total	6690	total added	2135

# Internal and External Validation

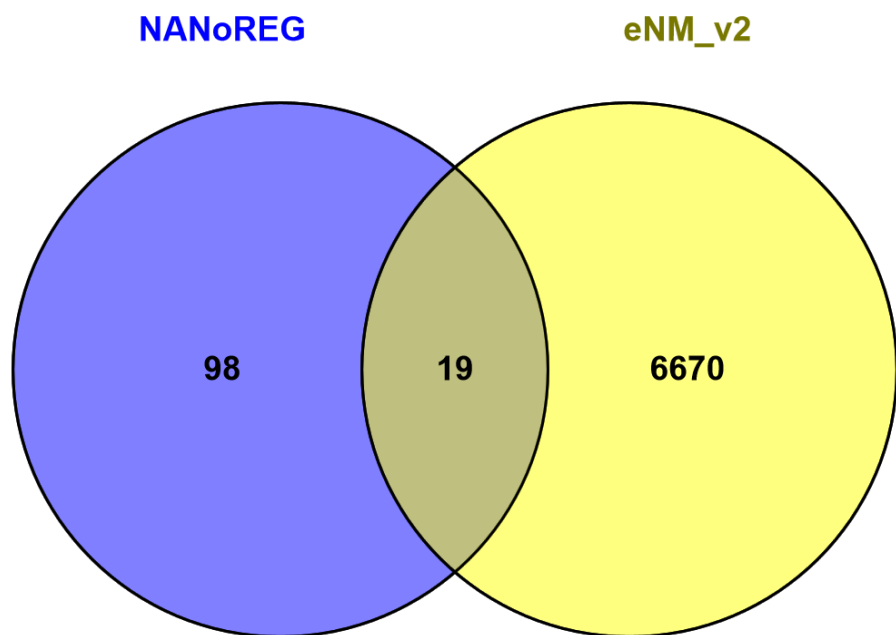
## Internal

- Use Cases
- RDF serialization

## External

- NANoREG WP6
- UDS
- NECID
- Templates

# Overlap URIs NANoREG and eNM v2



- Most of the other 98 items are mapped to URIs (but not in v2)
- Ongoing work



# OWL/RDF → Interoperability

The image shows a Google Spreadsheet titled "Untitled spreadsheet" with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Format, Data, Tools, Add-ons, Help) and a toolbar. The spreadsheet has columns labeled A through H and rows numbered 1 through 22. Row 1 contains the headers "Label" in column A and "NM Type" in column B. A dropdown menu is open for cell B2, listing various nanomaterial types: carbon nanofiber, dendrimer, engineered nanomaterial, fiber-optic nanosensor, gold nanocantilever, nano-object, nanoarray, nanobomb, nanobud, nanocantilever, nanochannel, nanodevice, nanoemulsion, nanofiber, nanofilm, nanomaterial, nanoparticle formulation, and nanosheet. On the right side, an "Ontology Search" panel is open, showing a search for "nanomaterial" in the "enanoMapper (ENM)" ontology. The search results include "nanomaterial (ENM) insert label" with the URL [http://purl.bioontology.org/ontology/npo#NPO\\_199](http://purl.bioontology.org/ontology/npo#NPO_199) and "engineered nanomaterial (ENM) insert label" with the URL [http://purl.bioontology.org/ontology/npo#NPO\\_1909](http://purl.bioontology.org/ontology/npo#NPO_1909). At the bottom right, the URL <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/efo/webulous/> is displayed.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Label	NM Type						
2								
3		carbon nanofiber						
4		dendrimer						
5		engineered nanomaterial						
6		fiber-optic nanosensor						
7		gold nanocantilever						
8		nano-object						
9		nanoarray						
10		nanobomb						
11		nanobud						
12		nanocantilever						
13		nanochannel						
14		nanodevice						
15		nanoemulsion						
16		nanofiber						
17		nanofilm						
18		nanomaterial						
19		nanoparticle formulation						
20		nanosheet						

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# Pull requests within GitHub

enanomapper / slimmer

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Issues Pull requests Labels Milestones Filters is:pr is:open New pull request

13 Open 0 Closed Author Labels Milestones Assignee Sort





















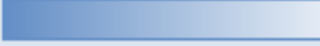



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- Add description from nci**  
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- Add type from nci**  
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- Add exposure route of administration from nci**  
#33 opened 8 days ago by Irieswijk
- Add size from pato**  
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- Add exposure method from nci**  
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- Add citation from iao**  
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- Add hupson dynamic quality**  
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- Add batch number from NCIT**  
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- Add qualitative from PATO**  
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- Add age from PATO**  
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# Templates

## Spreadsheet serializations

- **Advantages:**
  - tools to edit are abundant
  - clear visual representation of the data
- **Disadvantages (that can be overcome):**
  - very free format
  - need standardization

# Supported Templates

Row Labels	Column Labels		Count of Data file(s)	
	Confidential	Public	Confidential	Public
<b>Under development</b>				
<b>NanoPUZZLES</b>		 24		 24
Richard Marchese Robinson		 24		 24
<b>Supported</b>				
<b>MARINA</b>	 8	8		
Peter Ritchie	 8	8		
<b>MODENA</b>	 1	1	 1	1
Andrea Haase	 1	1		
Thomas Puzyn			 1	1
<b>ModNanoTox</b>			 1	1
IST			 1	1
<b>NanoREG</b>	 23	23	 1	1
Bengt Fadeel			 1	1
Sara Totaro	 23	23		
<b>Included in eNanoMapper database</b>				
<b>MARINA</b>		 12		 12
Karolinska Institutet		 12		 12
<b>Grand Total</b>	 32	 36	 3	 37

# Excel Files (NanoSafety Cluster)

```
"SUBSTANCE_RECORD": {  
  "COMPANY_UUID": {  
    "COLUMN_INDEX": "A"  
  },  
  "PUBLIC_NAME": {  
    "COLUMN_INDEX": "A"  
  },  
  "OWNER_NAME": {  
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    "ROW_INDEX": 3  
  },  
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    "JSON_VALUE": "Nanoparticle"  
  },  
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    {  
      "ID": {  
        "COLUMN_INDEX": "D",  
        "ITERATION": "ROW_SINGLE"  
      },  
      "TYPE": {  
        "ITERATION": "ABSOLUTE_LOCATION",  
        "COLUMN_INDEX": "D",  
        "ROW_INDEX": 7  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Endpoint	Ca Core comp	Surface mo	External Ide	Cell.association		
2	Protocol				ICP-AES		
3	Guideline				doi: 10.1021/nn4		
4	type_of_study						
5	type_of_method				ICP-AES		
6	data_gathe	Description			Perkin-Elmer		
7	Endpoint	Element	Abbreviate	Classificatio	Net cell associatic	Net cell ass	Net cell ass
8	Cell				A549	A549	A549
9	MEDIUM						
10	Condition						
11	Designation				Mean	SD	N
12	Units				mL/ug(Mg)	1/ug(Mg)	
13	G15.AC	[Au]	AC	Anionic	0.02751	0.01654	3
14	G15.AHT	[Au]	AHT	Cationic	0.49705	0.08013	3

# Need: Linking Data

Linking the same nanomaterial between database

- **Same material**
  - same label and from the same paper
  - same representational material
- **Similar material / material classes**
  - chemical similarity
  - biological identity similarity

# Clear Reuse Statement

- The first step in interoperability is availability



## eNanoMapper: harnessing ontologies to enable data integration for nanomaterial risk assessment

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### Abstract

Engineered nanomaterials (ENMs) are being developed to meet specific application needs in diverse domains of the engineering and biomedical sciences (e.g. drug delivery). However, accompanying the exciting proliferation of novel nanomaterials is a challenging race to understand and predict their possibly detrimental effects on human health and the environment. The eNanoMapper project ([www.enanomapper.net](http://www.enanomapper.net)) is creating a pan-European computational infrastructure for toxicological data management for ENMs, based on semantic web standard ontologies. Here, we describe the development of the eNanoMapper ontology based on adopting and extending existing ontologies of relevance for the nanosafety domain. The resulting eNanoMapper ontology is available at [purl.enanomapper.net/onto/enanomapper.owl](http://purl.enanomapper.net/onto/enanomapper.owl). We aim to make the re-use of external ontology content seamless and thus we have developed a library to automate the extraction of subsets of ontology content and the subsets into an integrated whole. The library is available (open source) at <http://github.com/enanomapper/slimmer/>. Finally, we give a comprehensive survey of the domain content and identify gap areas. ENM safety boundary between engineering and the life sciences, and at the boundary between molecular granularity and granularity. This creates challenges for the definition of key entities in the domain, which we also discuss.

**Keywords:** Nanomaterial, Safety, Ontology

### Background

Nanomaterials are materials in which the individual components are sized roughly in the 1-100 nanometer range in at least one dimension, although an exact definition is still being debated [1,2]. Particles in this size range display special properties having to do with their very large ratio of surface area to volume [3]. Natural nanomaterials include viral capsids and spider silk. Recent years have seen an explosion in the development of engineered nanomaterials (ENMs) aiming to exploit the special properties of these materials in various domains including biomedicine (e.g. as vehicles for drug delivery), optics and electronics [3].

Counterbalancing the many possible benefits of nanotechnology, nanoparticles also pose risks to human and environmental health [4]. These dangers, regulatory bodies are calling attention and thorough toxicological and safety testing into ENMs with the objective of finding predictive tools which are able to assist in redesigning safe nanomaterials. Evaluating the possible dangers of different nanomaterials assembling a wealth of information on those the composition, shape and properties of these nanoparticles, their interactions with biology across different tissues and species, and the behaviour into the natural environment. This arising from different disciplines with high requirements, methods, labelling and practices. Regulatory descriptions of ENMs those needed for nanoQSAR analyses. Safety may also vary under different conditions

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## The eNanoMapper database for nanomaterial safety information

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## News from the NSC Projects

### eNanoMapper Updates and its Collaborations with the Community

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February this year marked the completion of the first draft versions of three key components of the eNanoMapper platform: the database, ontology and modelling software. This update highlights these three contributions to the community and some of their applications to solve community challenges. Furthermore, we briefly discuss our new Associate Partner program and other outreach and dissemination activities.

**Database - software and demonstration server:** <http://data.enanomapper.net/>

The database software was recently described in detail in a publication in the Beilstein Journal of Nanotechnology (Jeliazkova et al., 2015), extending on the conference paper for the nanoinformatics symposium in Belfast in 2014 (Jeliazkova et al., 2014). These papers describe the database functionality, demonstrate the default graphical user interfaces (see Figure 1), focusing on the data formats supported to import nanosafety data, and the Application Programming Interface (API). The import and upload functionality currently supports a variety of NanoSafety cluster Excel templates, OECD HT (IUCLID .isz files) and a custom RDF format for importing NanoWiki. ISA-Tab-Nano import and export is under active development. Furthermore, the importer can easily be extended to support more spreadsheet formats and templates, using the configurable parser with specific JSON configuration developed in the past six months (see <https://github.com/enanomapper/nmdataparser/>).

The API (whose interactive documentation can be found at <http://enanomapper.github.io/API/>) supports the automated listing of nanomaterials and their physicochemical and biological properties, searching, and automated upload of data. The API is based on REST and JSON and can be used by any programming language. Various client libraries are currently released in development versions for JavaScript (<https://github.com/enanomapper/ambit.js>) and the R statistical environment (being internally tested). The software can be downloaded from <http://ambit.sourceforge.net/enanomapper.html> and installation instructions can be found at the same location.

### Abstract

**Background:** The NanoSafety Cluster, a cluster of projects funded by the European Commission, identified the need for a central infrastructure for toxicological data management of engineered nanomaterials (ENMs). Ontologies, open standards, and operable designs were envisioned to empower a harmonized approach to European research in nanotechnology. This provides a number of opportunities and challenges in the representation of nanomaterials data and the integration of ENM information originating from diverse systems. Within this cluster, eNanoMapper works towards supporting the collaborative safety effort by ENMs by creating a modular and extensible infrastructure for data sharing, data analysis, and building computational models for ENMs.

**Results:** The eNanoMapper database solution builds on the previous experience of the consortium partners in supporting data through flexible data storage, open source components and web services. We have recently described the design

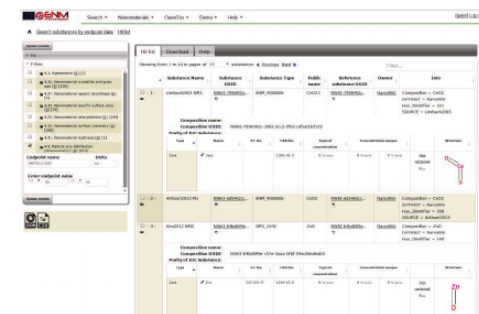


Figure 1. Search functionality in the eNanoMapper database software, showing the results for a search on nanomaterials with a size between 50 and 60 nm