

# A perspective on nanotechnology policy in the U.S.

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# The National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI)

“Just imagine, materials with 10 times the strength of steel and only a fraction of the weight; shrinking all the information at the Library of Congress into a device the size of a sugar cube; **detecting cancerous tumors that are only a few cells in size**. Some of these research goals will take 20 or more years to achieve. But that is why—precisely why there is such a critical role for the Federal Government.”

President Clinton, California Institute of Technology, January 21, 2000



# Vision of the NNI

A U.S. Government research and development (R&D) initiative involving 20 Federal department, independent agencies, or commissions working together toward the shared and challenging vision of *“a future in which the ability to understand and control matter at the nanoscale leads to a revolution in technology and industry that benefits society.”*



# The National Nanotechnology Initiative

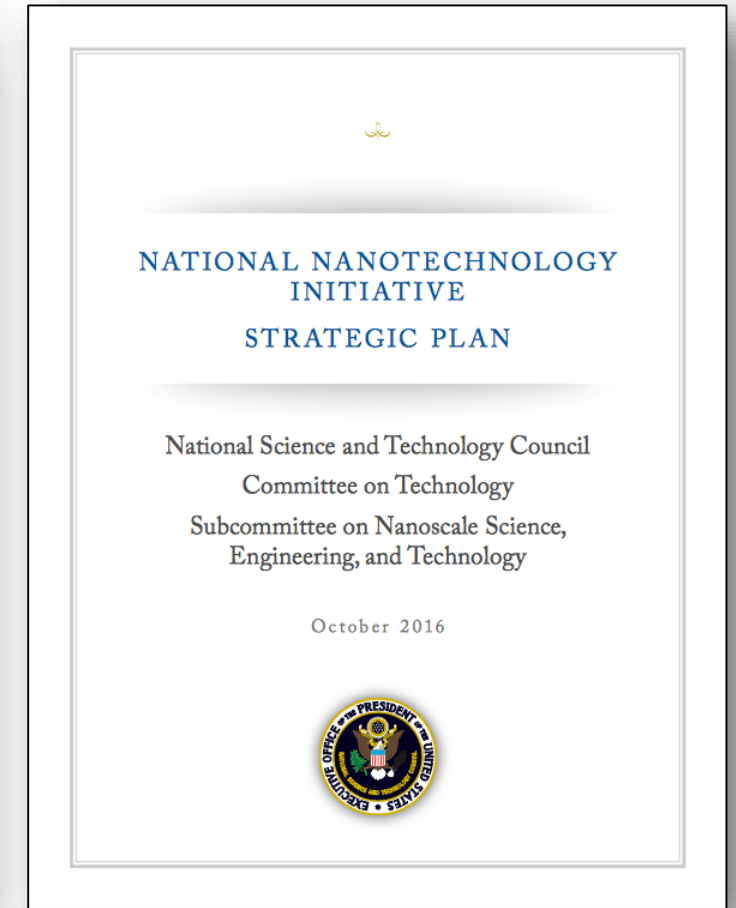
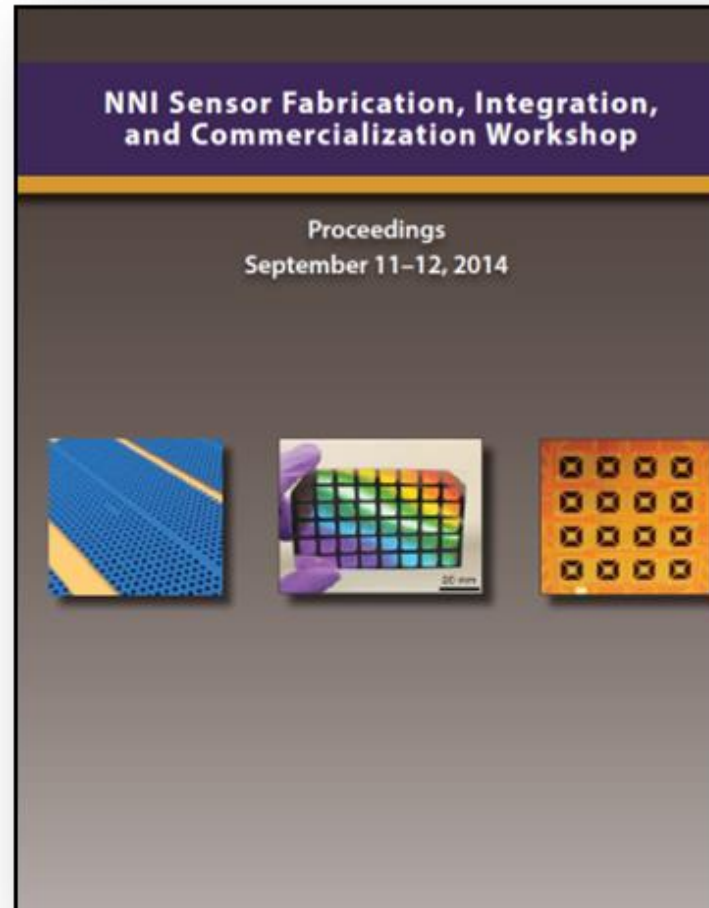
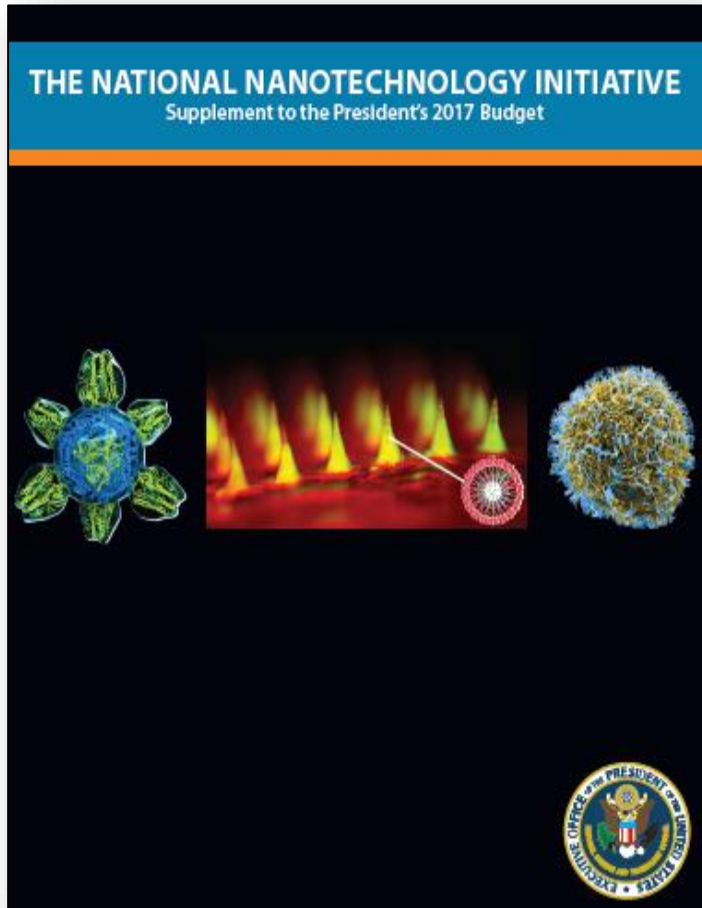
Collaborative research and development that will advance understanding and control of matter at the nanoscale for:

- National economic benefit
- National security
- Improved quality of life





# Reporting NNI Activities and Progress



# Examples of Federal Activities in Nanomedicine



NCI **Alliance** for  
**Nanotechnology**  
in Cancer



**us — eu**  
*bridging nanoEHS research efforts*

<http://us-eu.org>

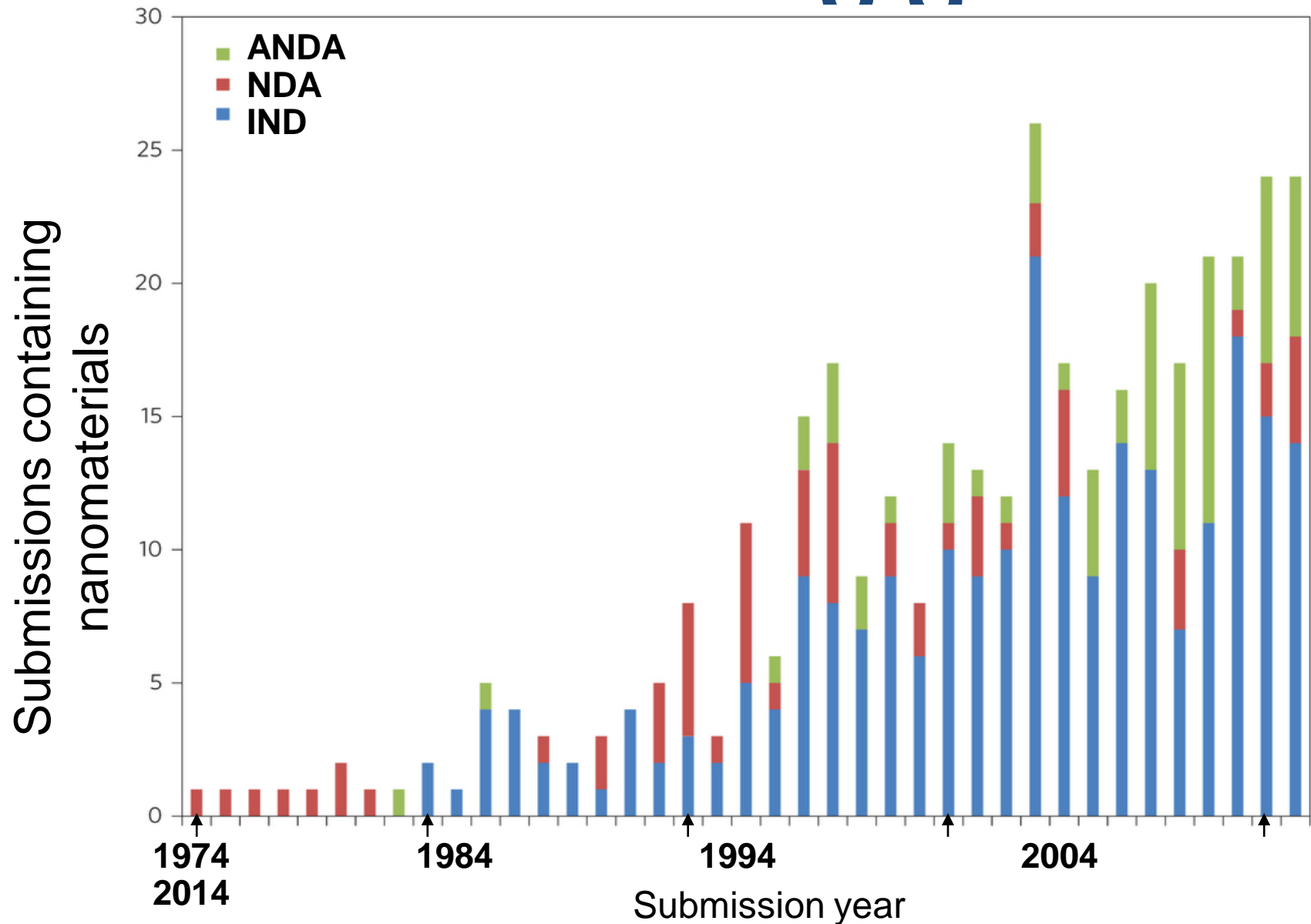


International  
Organization for  
Standardization





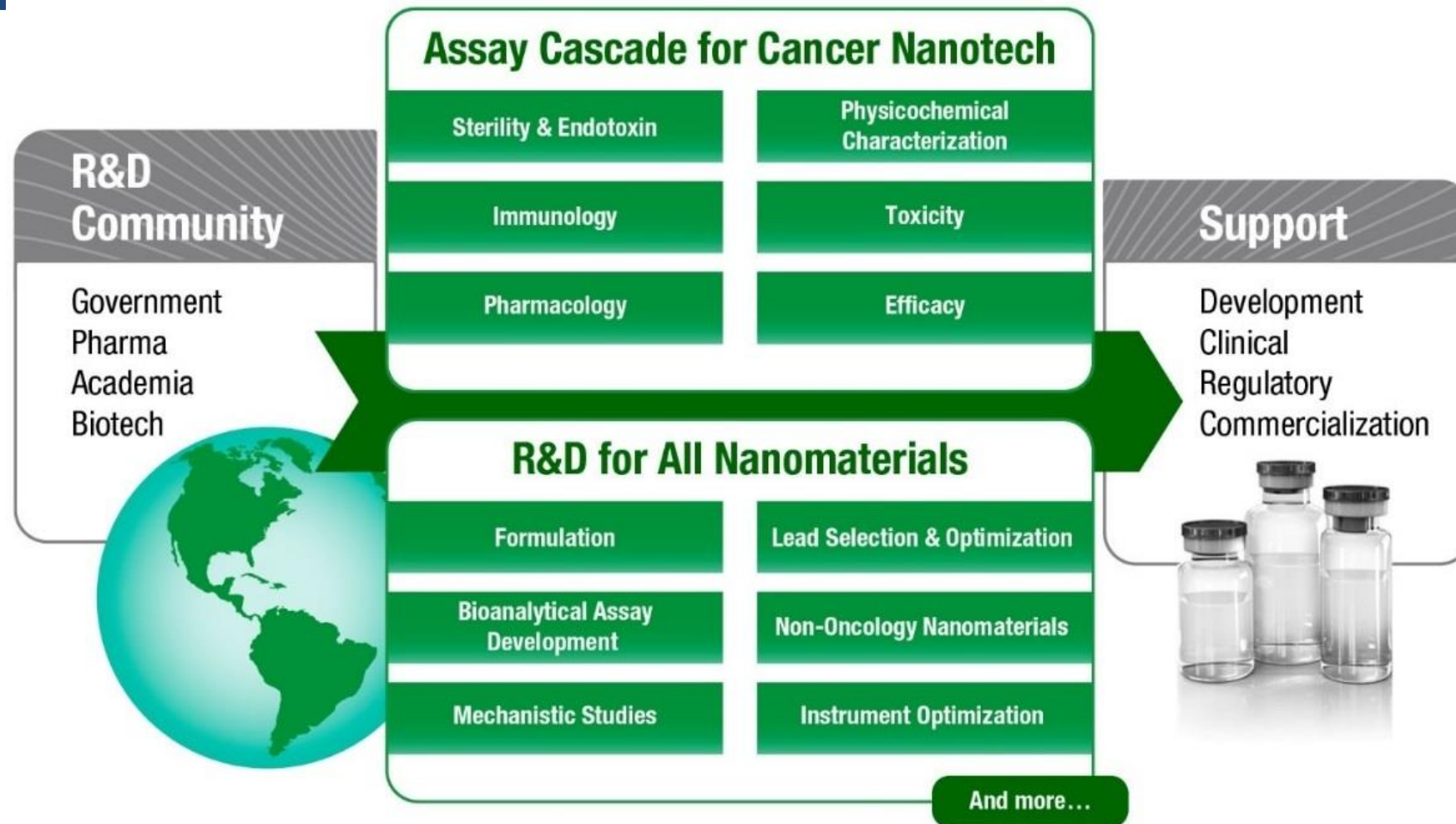
# Evolving Nanomedicine Landscape in U S



- Increase in the submissions of drug products containing nanomaterials over the last two decades
- Most products focused on cancer treatment (35%)
- **15% approval rate of NDAs from the submitted 234 INDs**

D'Mello, S. R. et al. Nature Nanotechnology (2017)

# Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory



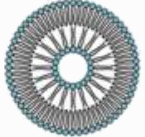
NCL encompasses nanotech expertise & resources from multiple disciplines all in one location. NCL has 10+ years of knowledge and expertise in nanoparticle characterization.

# Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory

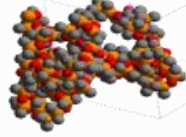
400 Different nanomaterials characterized with a wide range of nanotechnologies and APIs



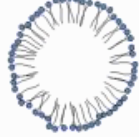
Dendrimers



Liposomes



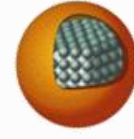
Polymers



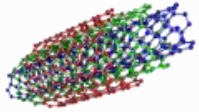
Nanoemulsions



Gold Nanorods



Quantum Dots



Carbon Nanotubes



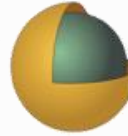
Fullerenes



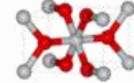
Gold Colloids



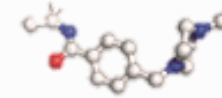
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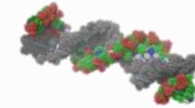
Core-Shell



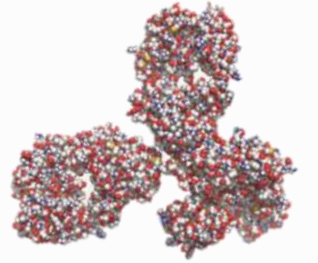
Nanocrystals  
(e.g.  $\text{TiO}_2$ )



Small molecules



Gene therapies



Proteins

50 Protocols harmonized for various nanoparticles

14 NCL collaborators in clinical trials

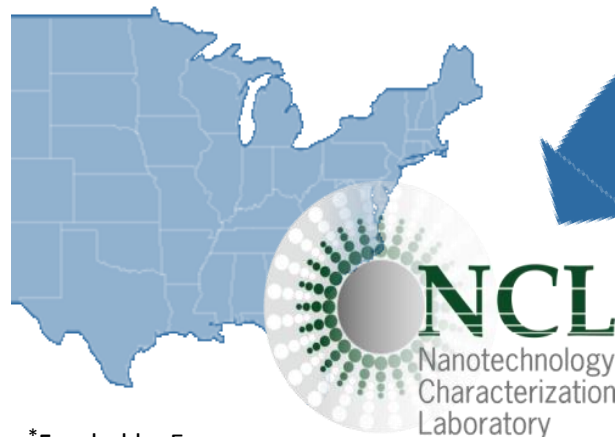
150 Extensive pharmacokinetic and toxicological preclinical studies

200 Peer-reviewed publications

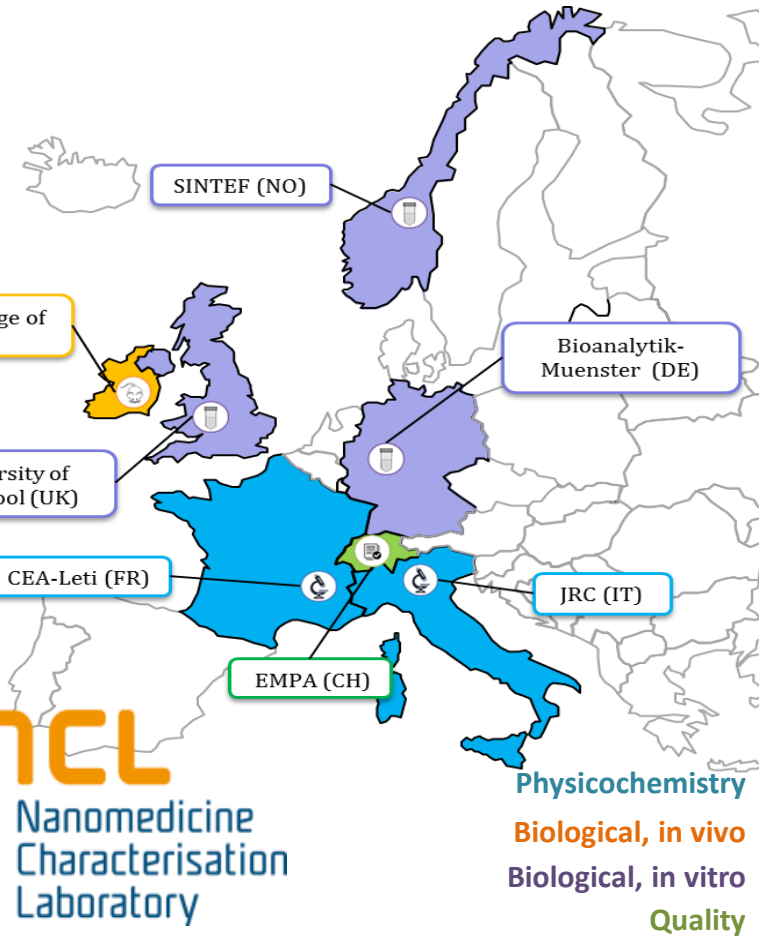
# Transnational Collaboration in Nanomedicine

NCL is a partner in the establishment of a multinational NCL-like entity in Europe

- EU NCL is consortia of 8 labs across 7 countries
- US-EU collaboration aimed at facilitating regulatory convergence for nanomedicine, FDA, EU National Authorities, & EMA
- Collaboration expands much-needed access to nanomaterial characterization for developers



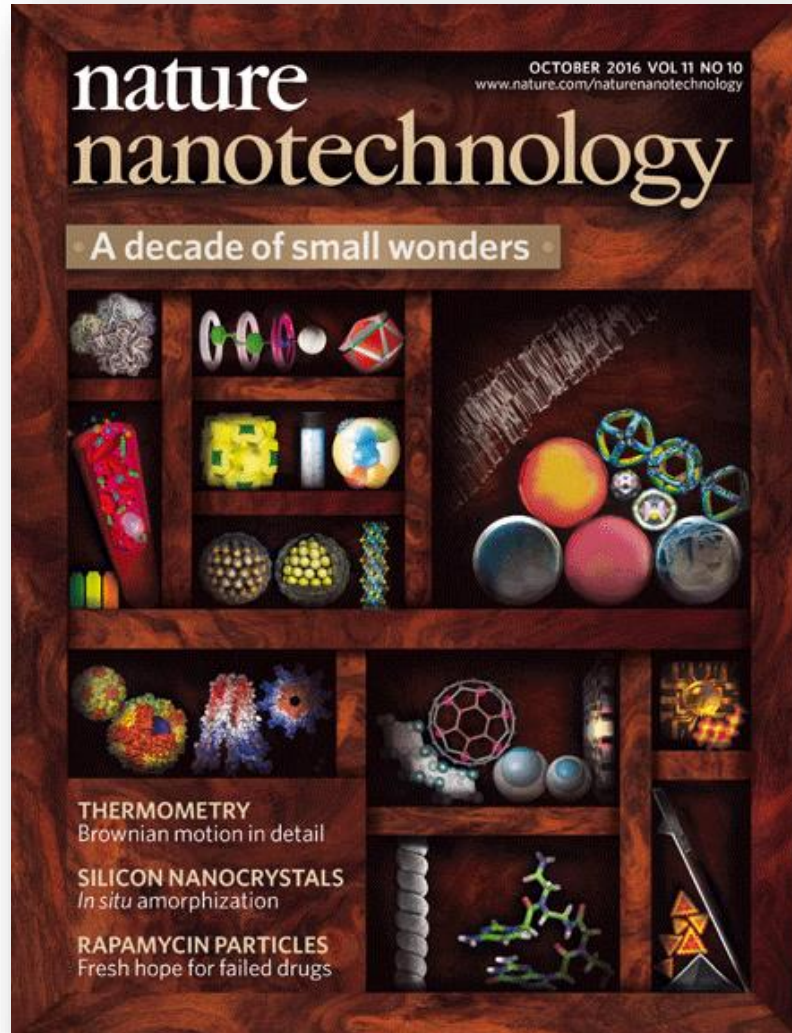
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# Nanomedicine: An Evolution or Revolution?



## thesis

### The long way to the market

Nanotechnology is starting to play a role in a number of commercial products, though in an evolutionary, rather than revolutionary way, says **Peter Dobson**.

In the 1990s, some of us were convinced that nanotechnology was going to be a transformative technology that would have major impacts on many sectors, would spawn a new generation of electronic and optical devices, change healthcare and give rise to many new materials. After over 20 years, it is interesting to reflect on whether and in what way the field has delivered on its potential.

I have to confess to being one of those who initially showed a degree of optimism

the titanium dioxide with manganese to transform the material from an n-type semiconductor to a slightly p-type one. So, from the initial idea we succeeded to make a material that blocked ultraviolet light but also prevented the formation of OH<sup>•</sup> free radicals. We filed a patent and this was licensed to Oxonica and it very quickly attracted the attention of the pharmaceutical and healthcare company Boots, who incorporated it in its Soltan sunscreen product, and it is available to this day, in the

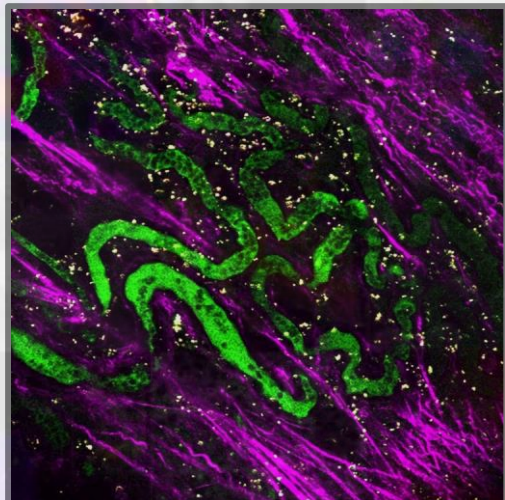
with the Stagecoach bus company being one of their largest customers.

These examples as well as my experience more generally have taught me that attempts to create new companies by simply concentrating on a 'technology push' seldom works. In pushing a particular technology, the engineer or scientist begins to believe in their own idea so much that they become blind to the needs of the users or customers. In fact, it is difficult to think of any such approaches that have been successful. On the other hand,

Nature Nanotechnology, 2016 Volume 11 No 10

Dobson, P. Nature Nanotechnology, November 2016 Volume 11 No 11

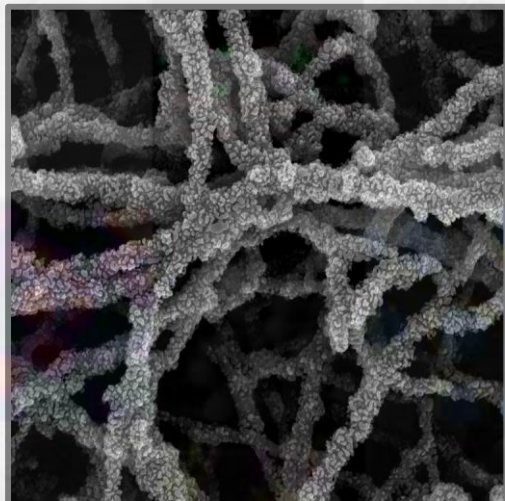
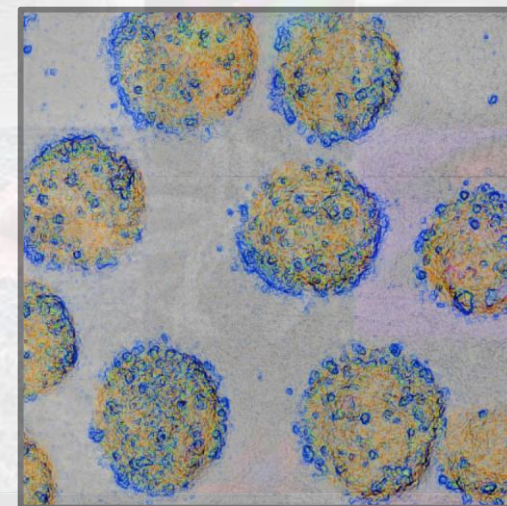




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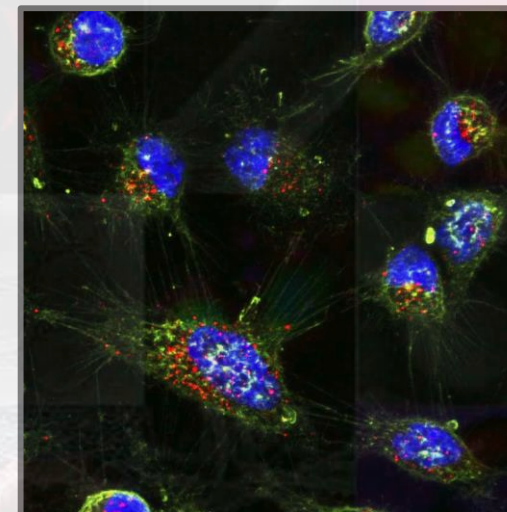
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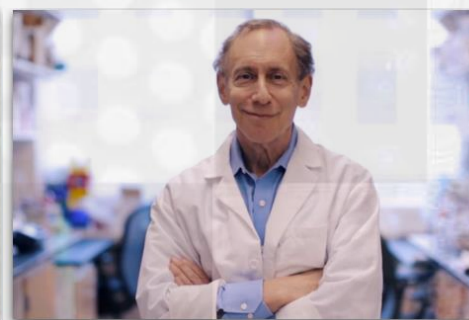
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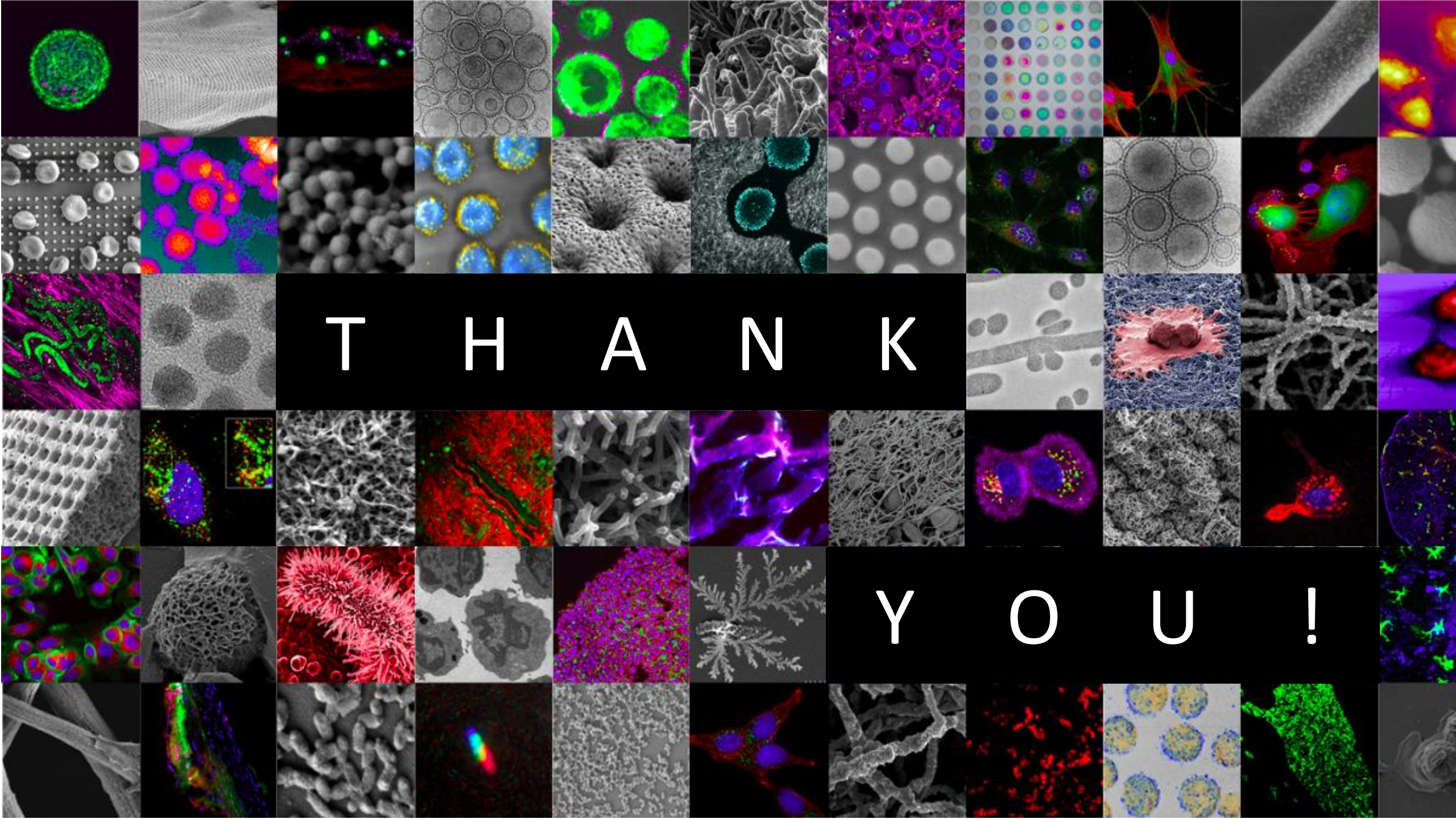


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