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Ecotoxicity of Nanoparticles Exemplified by Bacteria, Algae and Daphniad

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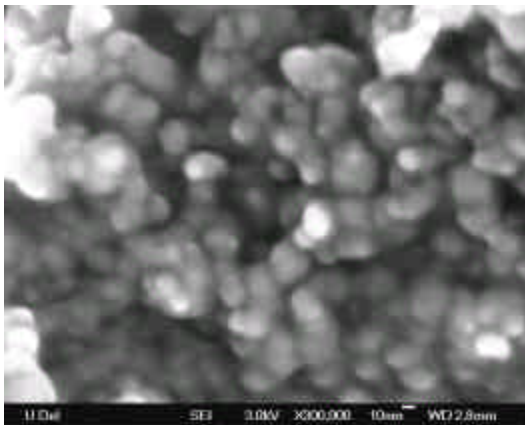
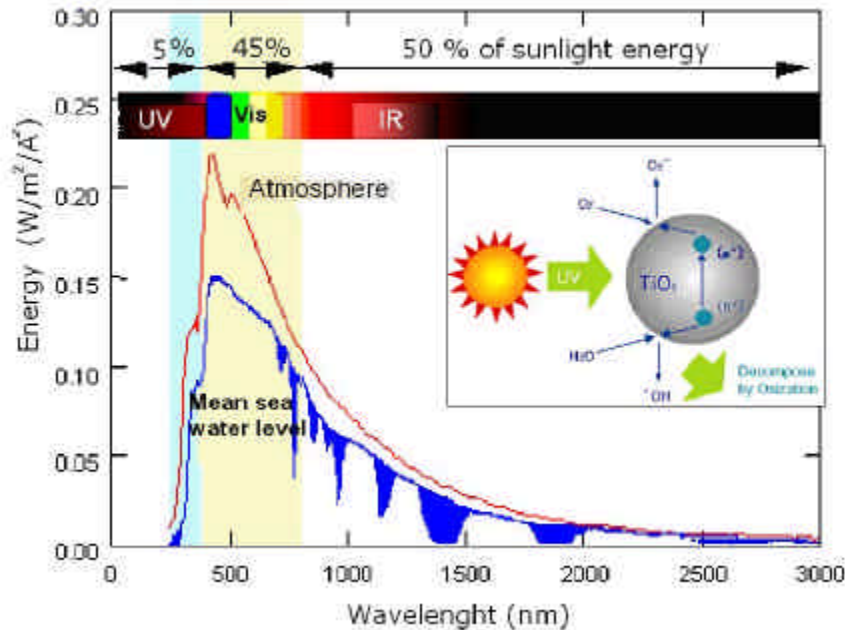


Objectives

- To determine the short-term chronic toxicity of photocatalytic nanoarticles to aquatic organisms, e.g., *E. coli*, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, *Selenastrum capricornutum*
- To assess factors that may affect the ecotoxicity of photocatalytic nanoparticles, e.g., TiO_2

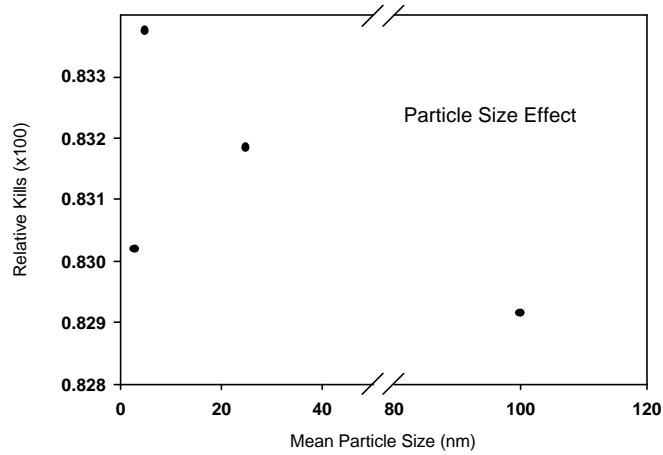


Nanoparticles as Environmental Toxicants

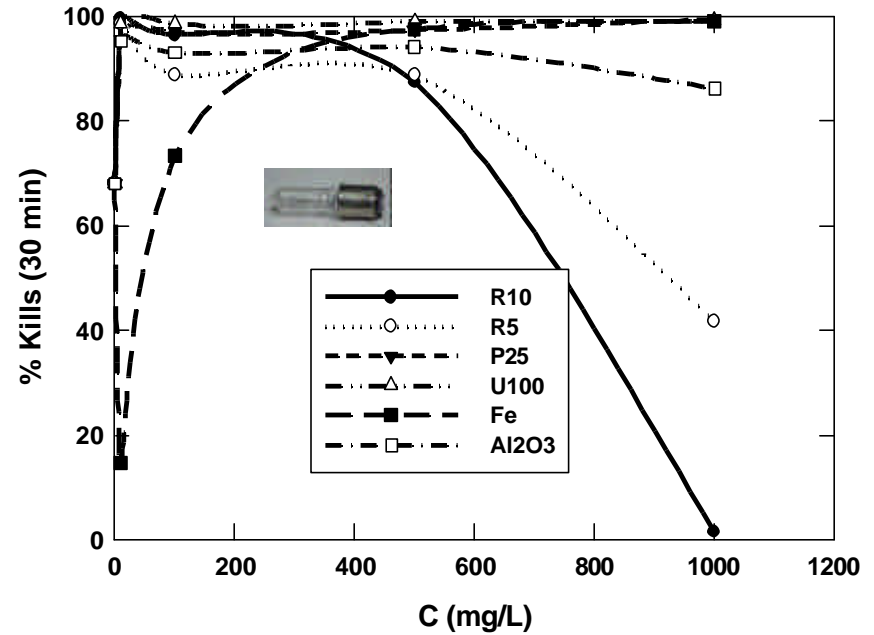


- **Small size**
 - procaryotic cells: 0.3 – 2 mm (or 300 – 2000 nm)
 - eucaryotic cells: 2 – 20 mm (or 2000 – 20000 nm)
 - nano-particles: 0.1 – 100 nm.
- **Surface charge**
- **Photocatalysis**
- **Chemical composition**

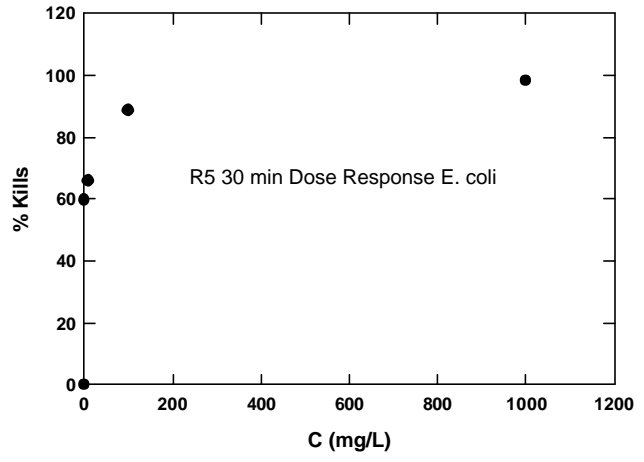
Effect of Particle Size (Dark)



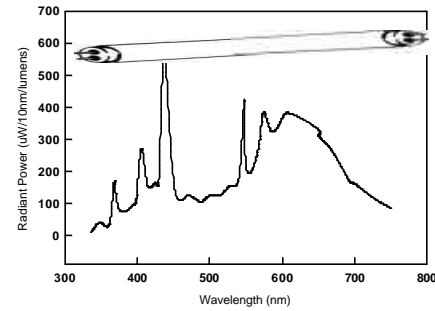
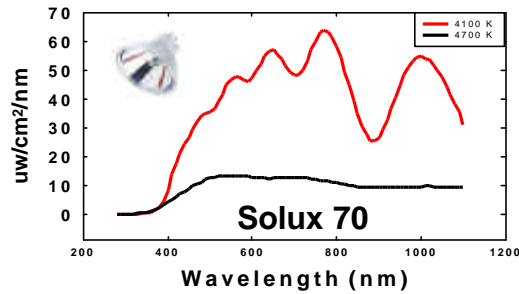
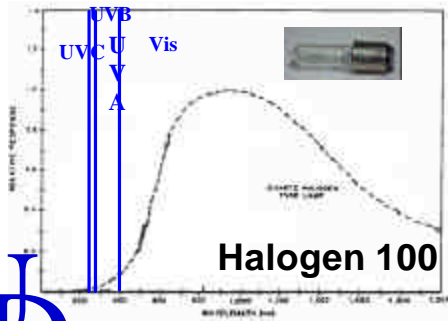
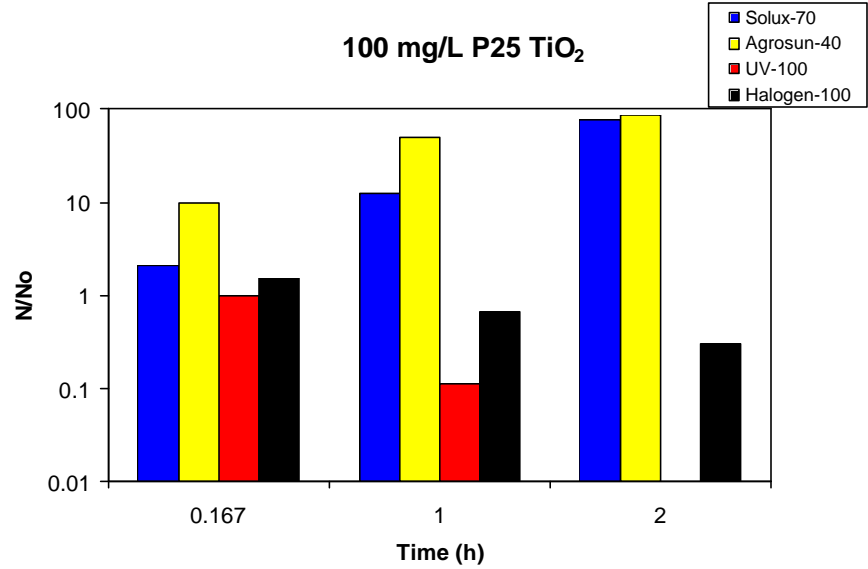
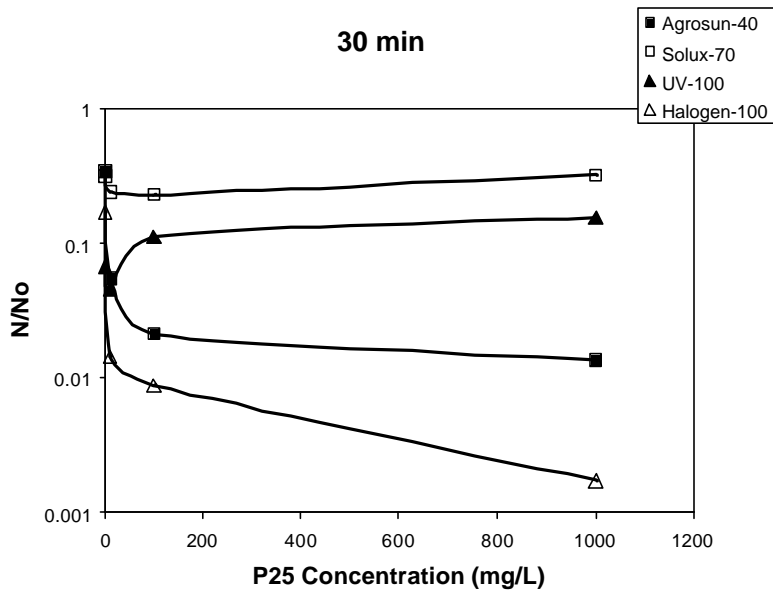
Effect of Particle Type



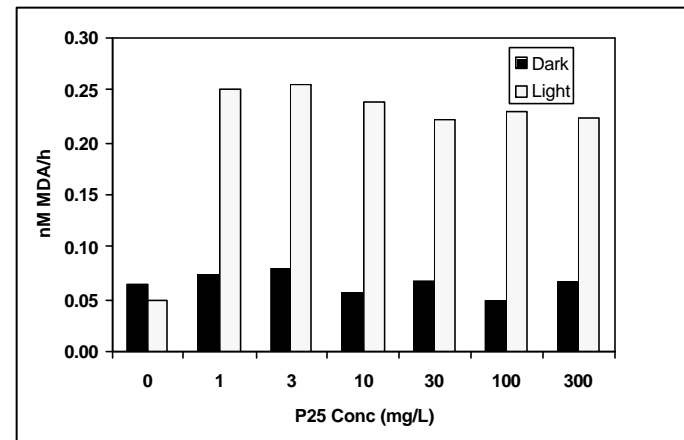
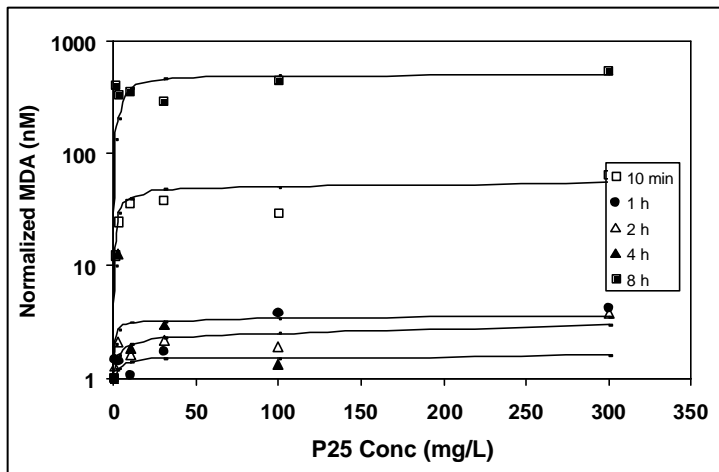
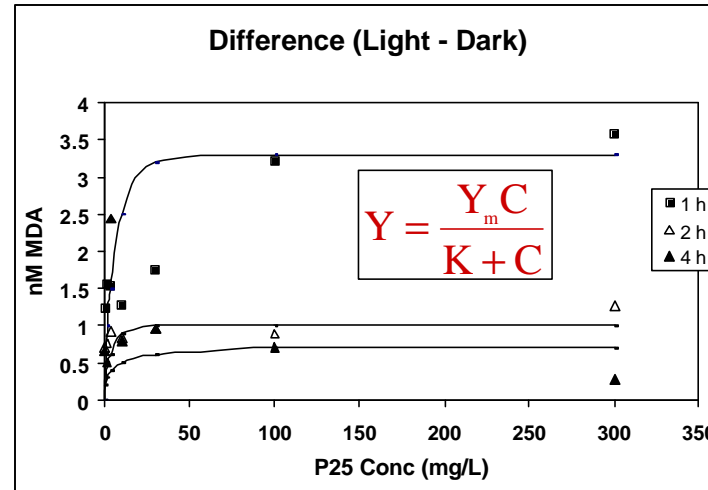
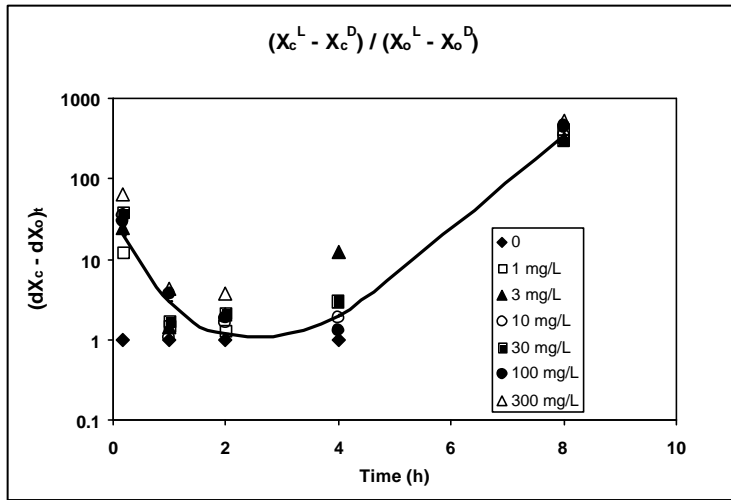
Dose-Response UV-100



Effect of Light Source: *E. coli*



Enzymatic response: MDA

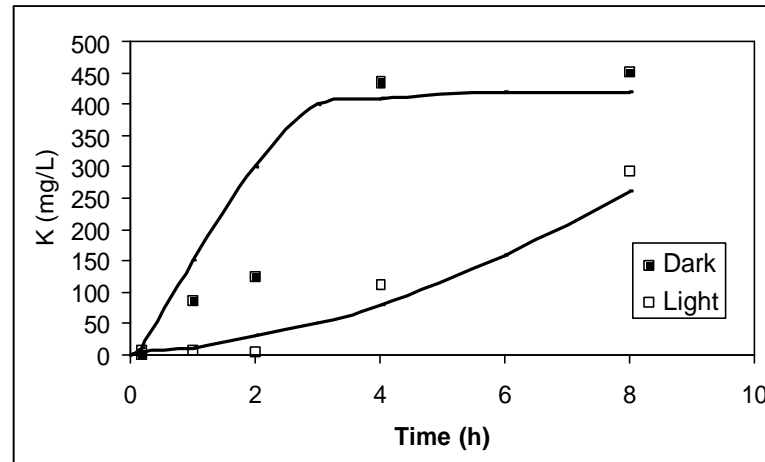
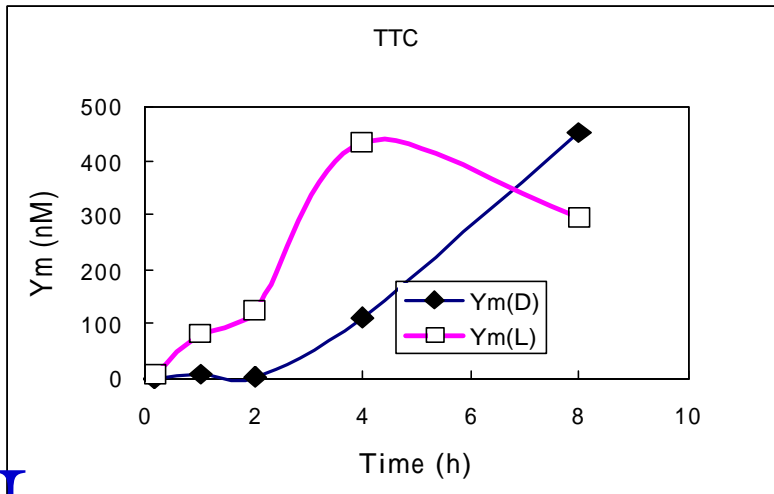
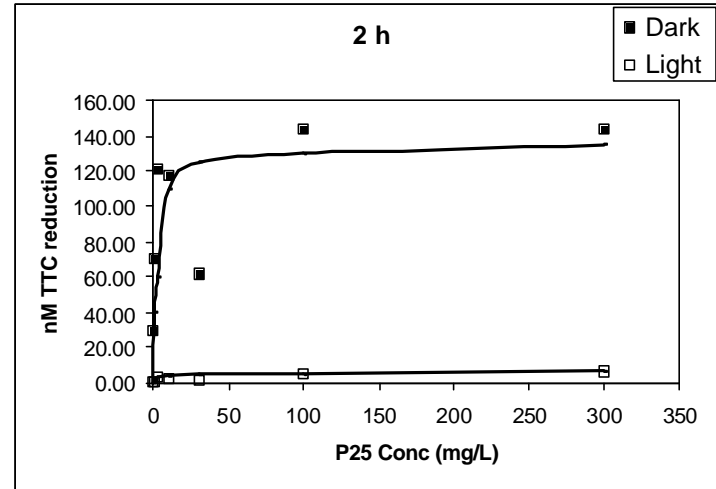
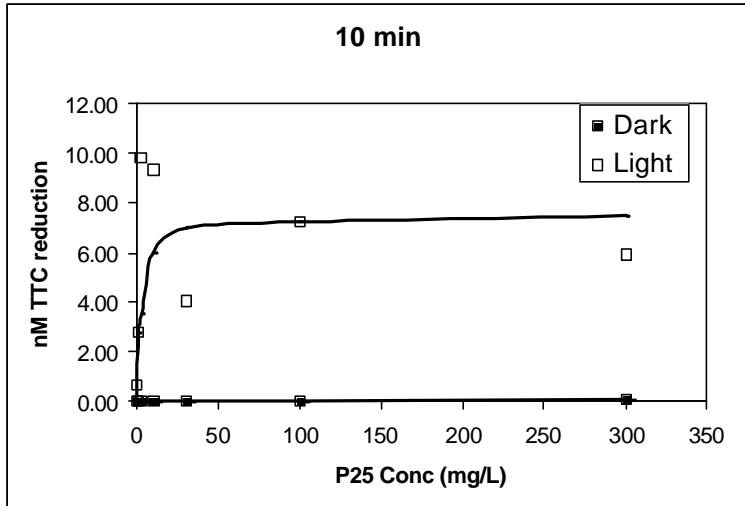


UV-100

$$\frac{Y_c^L - Y_c^D}{Y_{c=0}^L - Y_{c=0}^D}$$

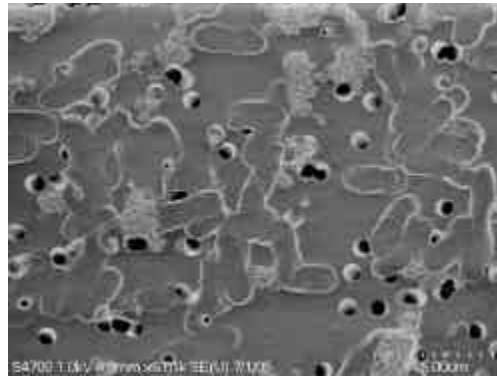


Enzymatic Response: TTC

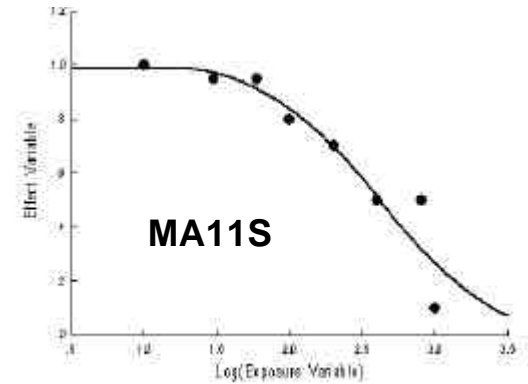
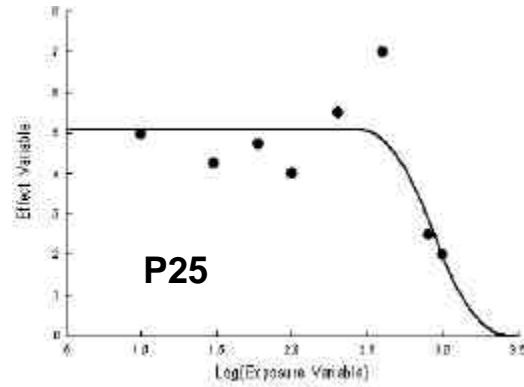
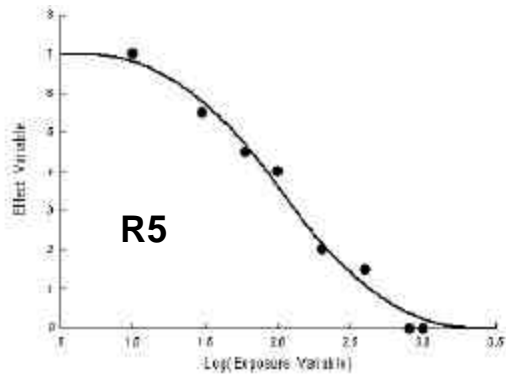


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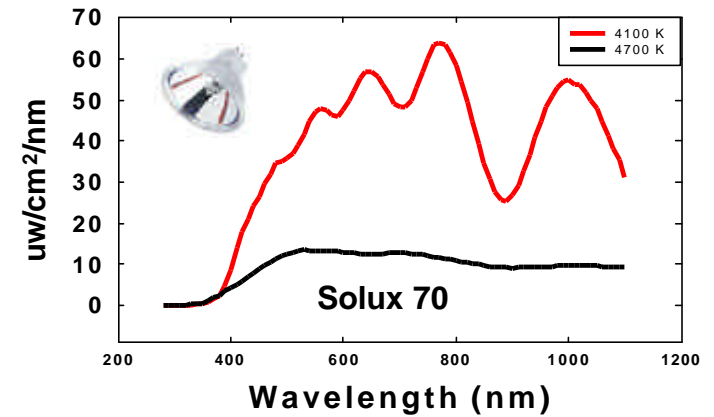
SEM Observation: *E. coli*



Acute Test (24-h Survival): *C. dubia*



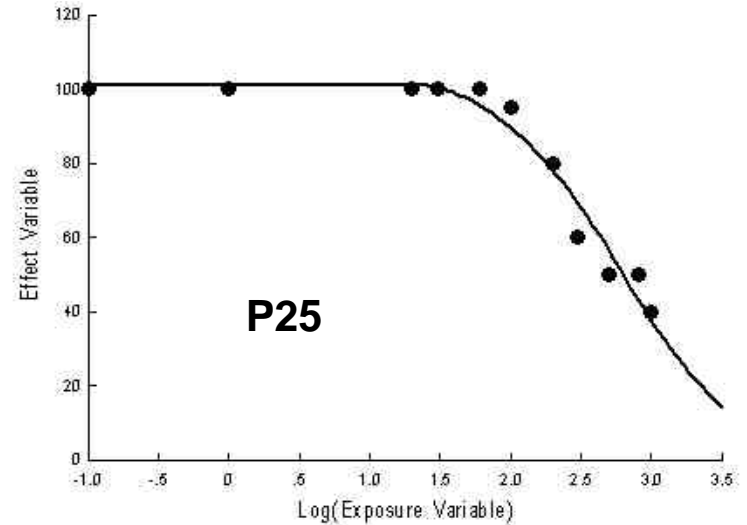
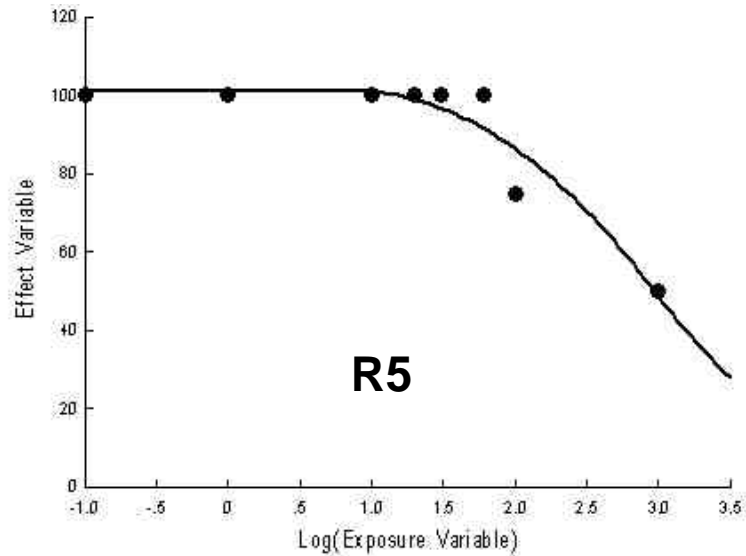
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	LC 50	Lower	Upper	NOEC	LOEC
R5	98.3	37.0	165.3	10	30
P25	38.1	7.8	90.1	< 10	10
MA11S	433.4	293.5	653.0	60	100



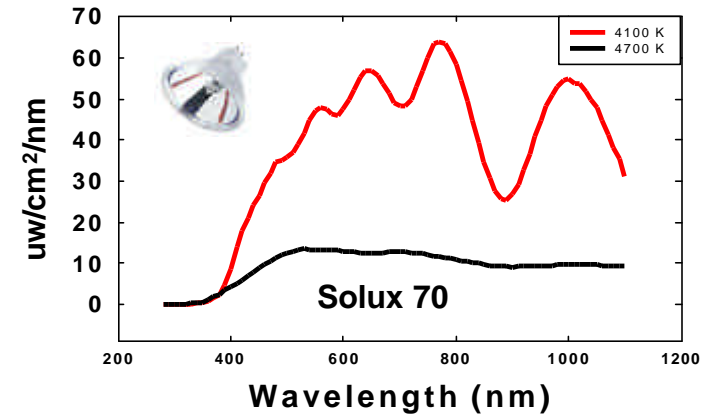
Unit: mg/L



Chronic Test (24-h Survival): *C. dubia*



		95% Confidence Limits			
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R5	683.38	298.76	4774.69	60	100
P25	810.93	429.90	2780.88	100	200

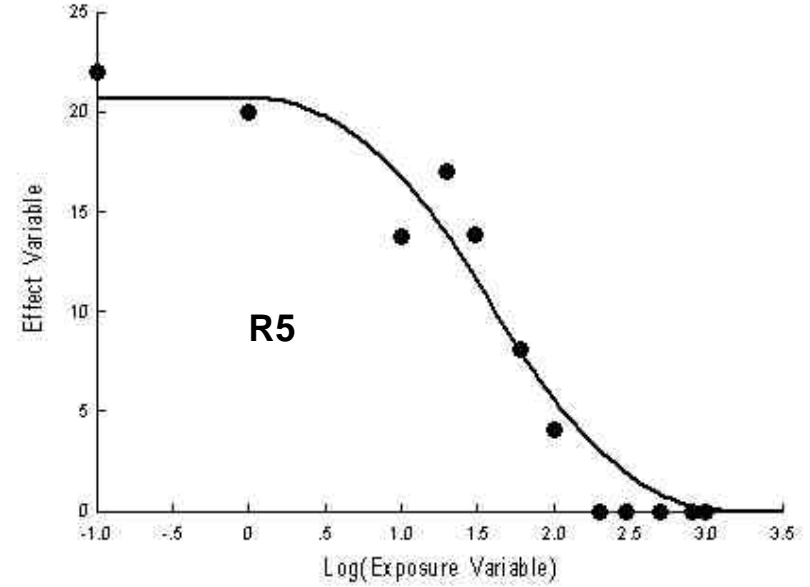
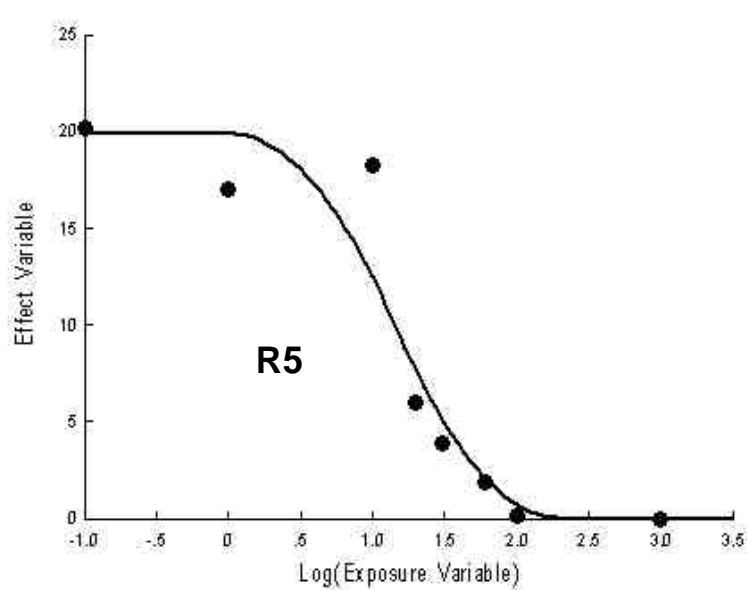


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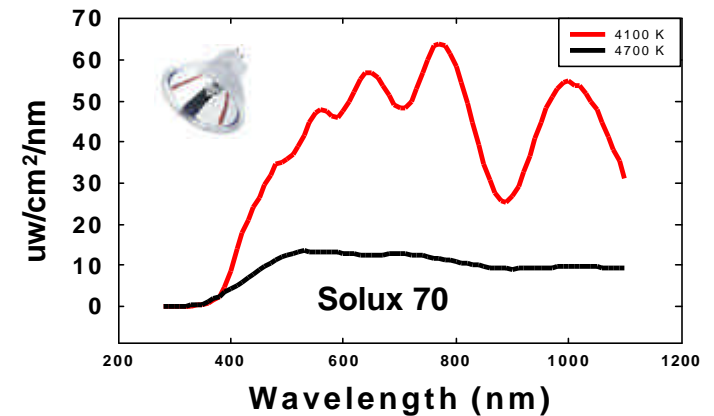


Chronic Test (7-day Reproduction): *C. dubia*

Trap Regression – Piecewise Tailed

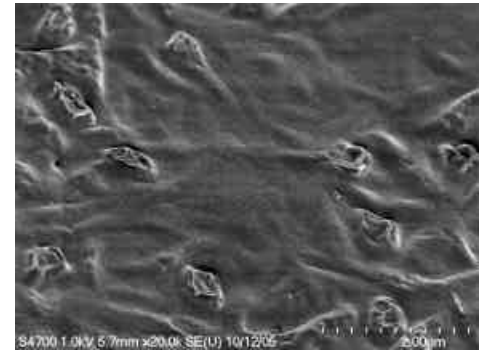
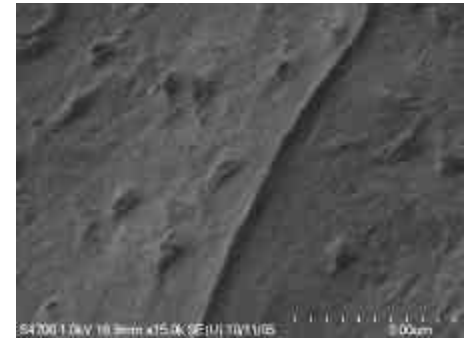
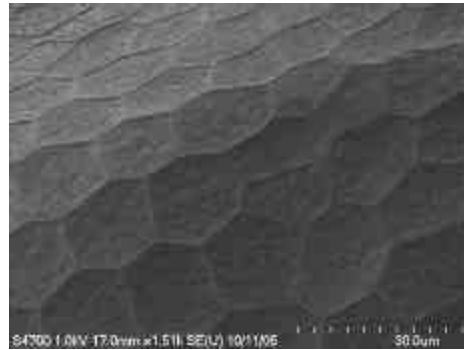


		95% Confidence Limits			
	EC50	Lower	Upper	NOEC	LOEC
R5	14.4	5.8	35.6	10	20
P25	39.1	21.8	7.0	<0.1	0.1

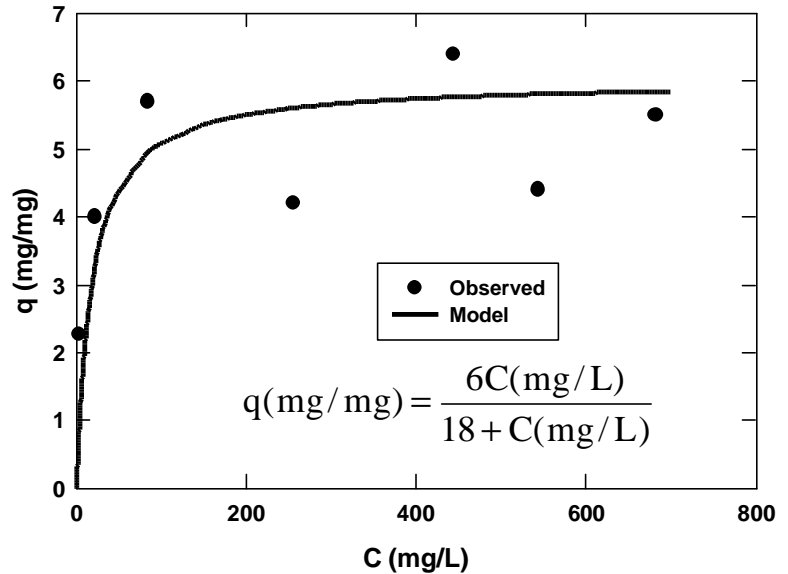
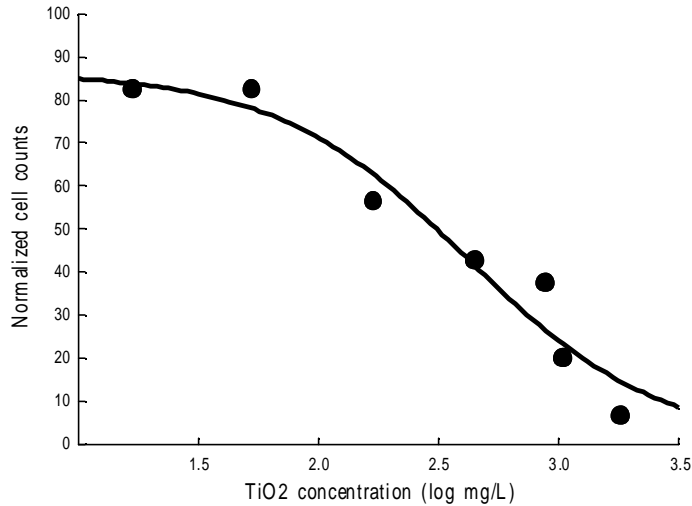


Unit: mg/L

SEM Observation: Daphniad



Chronic Tests: *S. capricornutum*

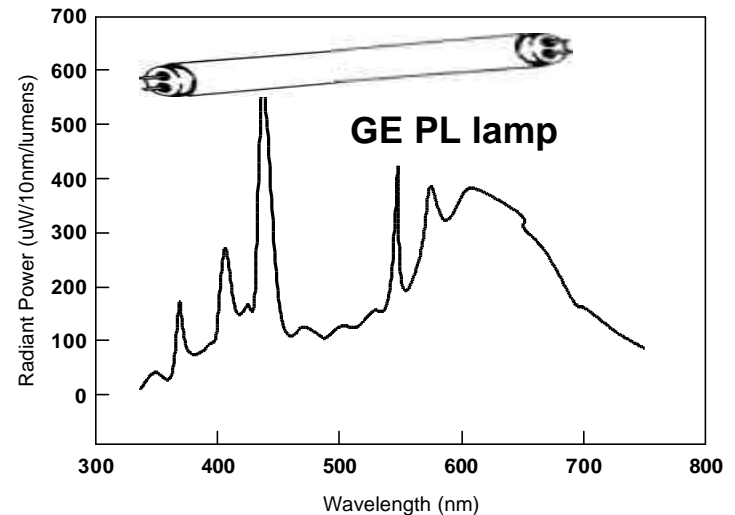


$$\left(\frac{N_C}{N_{C=0}} \right) = \frac{\left(\frac{K}{N_{C=0}} \right)}{\left(\frac{K}{N_{C=0}} \right) e^{-\left(\frac{C-2.6}{2.6} \right)}}$$

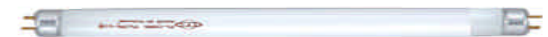
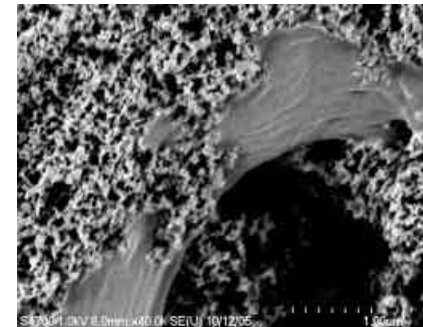
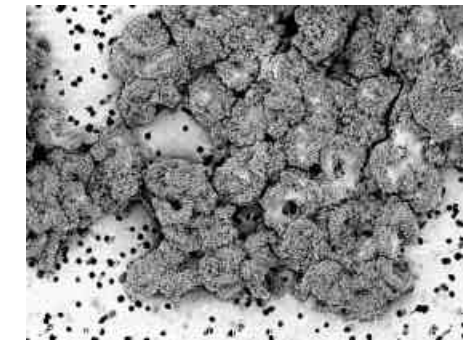
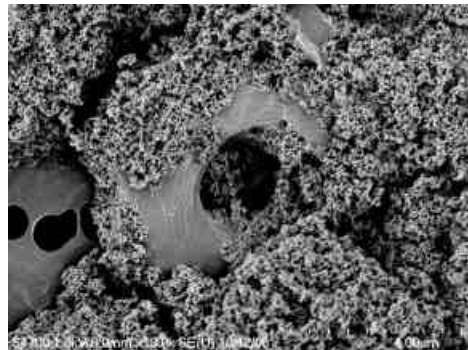
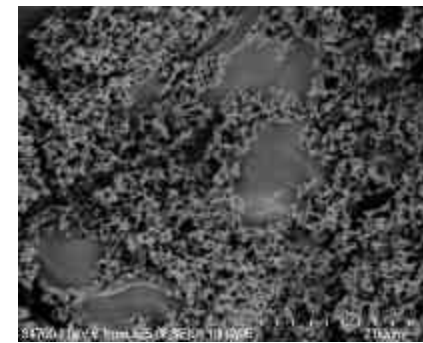
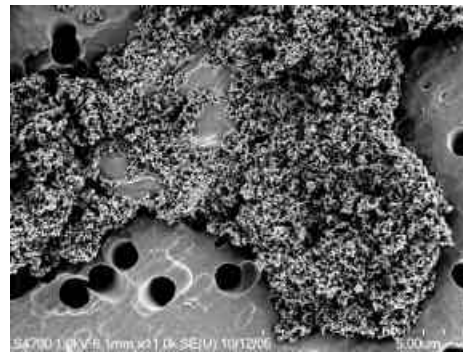
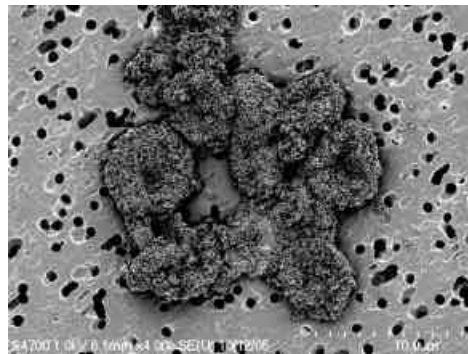
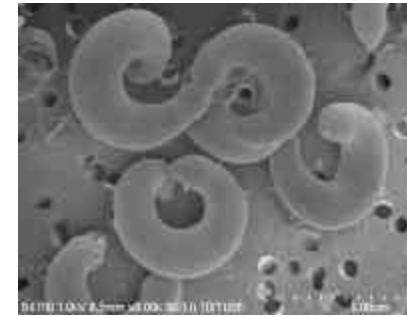
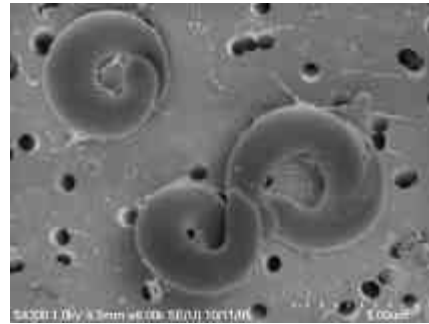
LC50 (log) = 2.6 (396 mg/L)

95% LCL (log) = 2.1 (125.8 mg/L)

95% UCL (log) = 3.0 (1000 mg/L)



SEM Observation: *S. capriocornutum*



Expected Benefits

- Dose-response of photocatalytic nanoparticles is useful to the evaluation of ecological risk imposed by nanoparticles.
- Exposure experiments reveal mechanistic information on the effects of nanoparticles to aquatic community.
- Toxicity studies will lead to increased understanding of the potential effects of nano-particles on trophically important aquatic organisms.



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