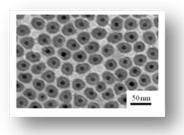
## HOW TO BIOMONITOR EXPOSURE TO NANOPARTICLES IN WORKERS: A REVIEW



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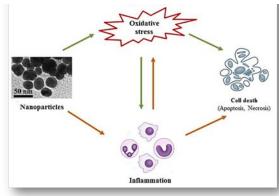
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# Nanoparticles

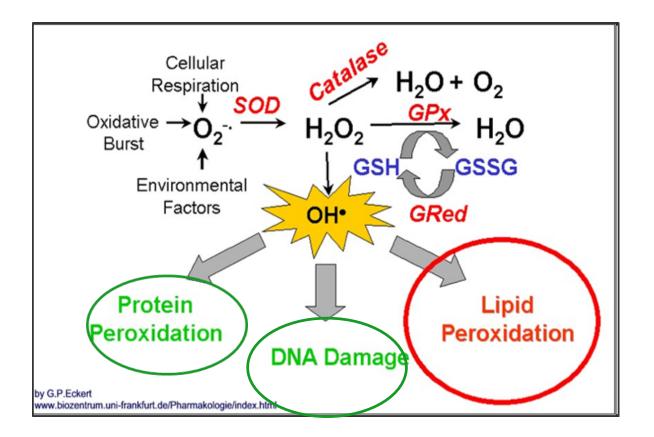


- The number of applications of nanomaterials increases enormously
- Workers and researchers are engaged in the development, and production of nano-enabled composites
- Limited data available on exposures and health effects
- **Experimental studies** oxidative stress, inflammation, lung fibrosis, cardiovascular disorders, cancer (*Huang 2017, Runa 2017*)
- Unique physical and chemical properties
- Higher reactivity and cytotoxicity
- What markers could be used in workers?

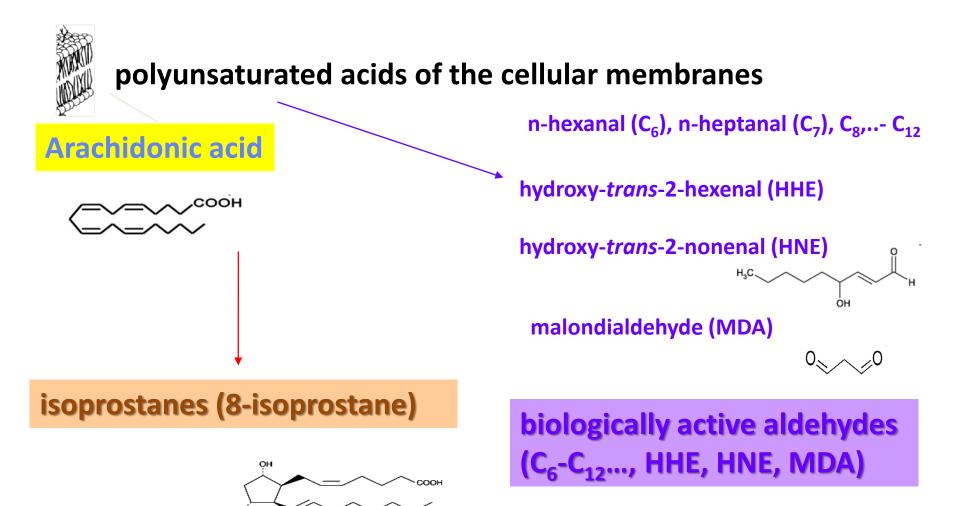


# NANOPARTICLES

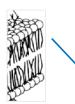
- Cause oxidative stress, inflammation and cell death
- Proteins, nucleic acids and lipids damage



# Lipid peroxidation – direct (by ROS)



## Lipid peroxidation – enzymatic



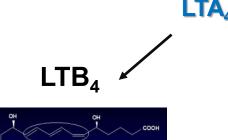
lipids of the membranes

Arachidonic acid

5-lipoxygenase

ALOX5 AP (FLAP) mediator

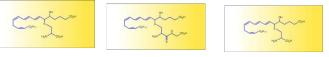
**leukotrienes formed in leukocytes - MARKERS OF INFLAMMATION** 



MV=336 46

LTB<sub>4</sub> – target: neutrophils are activated and attracted into the lungs; COPD

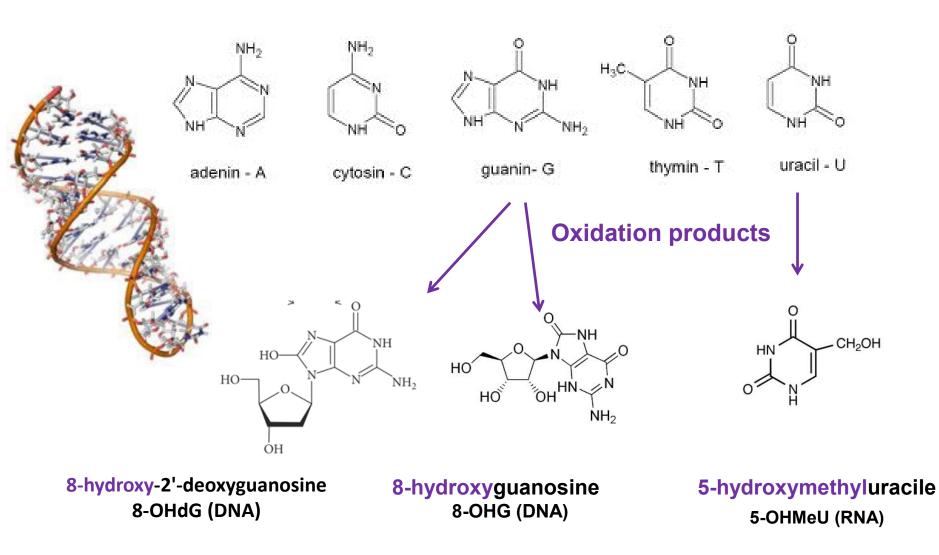
cysteinyl - LTC<sub>4</sub>, LTD<sub>4</sub>, LTE<sub>4</sub>



cys LT - targets:

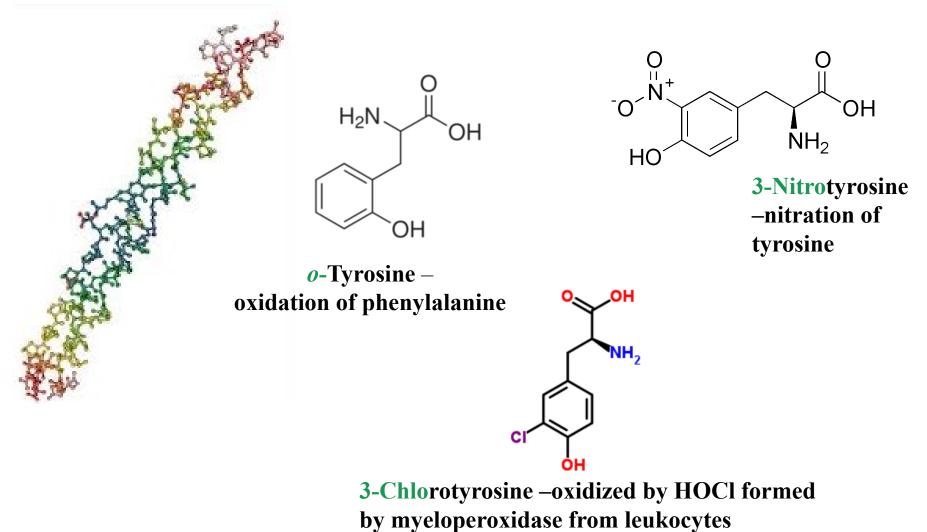
- bronchial muscles,
- vessels increase of permeability,
- acute and chronic inflammation, bronchial asthma, experimental lung fibrosis

## **Markers of oxidation of NUCLEIC ACIDS**



## **Oxidation of PROTEINS**

#### **Biotransformation products**

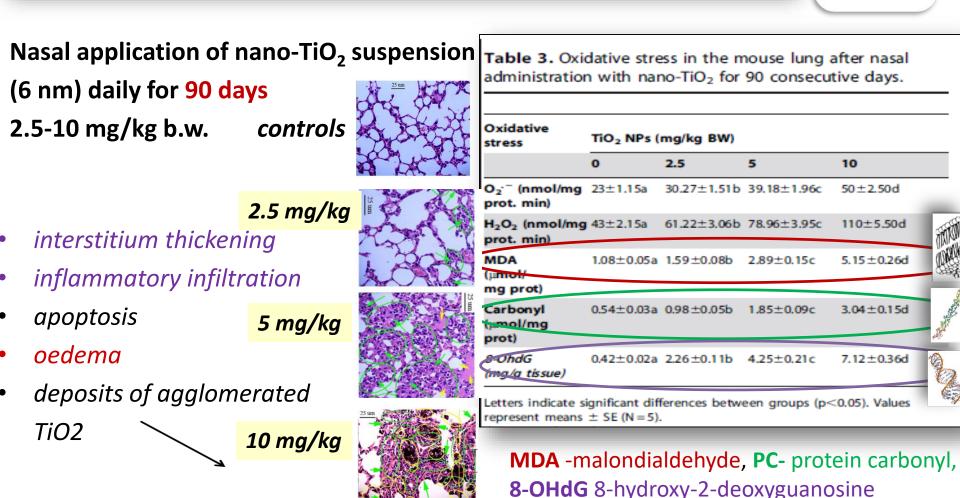


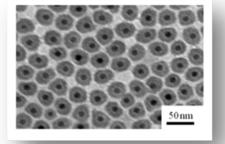
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### Li 2013

### Molecular Mechanisms of Nanosized Titanium Dioxide-Induced Pulmonary Injury in Mice

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# NANOPARTICLES

- 1 Workers exposed to nanoTiO<sub>2</sub> 2012, 2013
- 2 Office employees from nanoTiO<sub>2</sub> plant 2013
- 3 Workers exposed to nano Fe-oxides 2013
- 4 Researchers handling nanocomposites -2016-2020



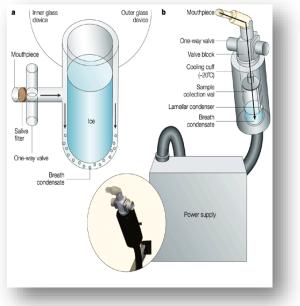




# Exhaled breath condensate (EBC) collection Horváth et al. 2017



EcoScreen (Jaeger)

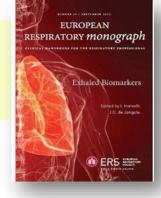


Research method – 90ies of the 20th century non-invasive collection (15 min) of substances from the respiratory system (120 L air) after cooling to -10° C.

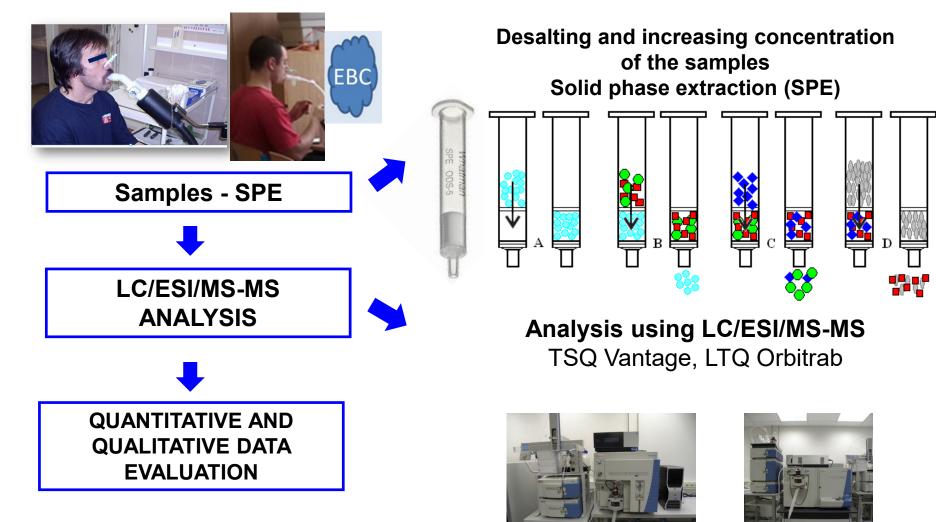
### **EBC liquid contains:**

- 1) condensed  $H_2O 99\%$
- 2) water soluble particles
- 3) non-soluble particles from the droplets released from the bronchoalveolar lining fluid during expiration and contraction of respiratory bronchioles

Pelclová D et al. 8-isoprostane and leukotrienes in EBC in Czech subjects with silicosis. Ind Health. 2007 Pelclová D et al. Increased 8-isoprostane, marker of oxidative stress in EBC in asbestos exposure. Ind Health. 2008



## ANALYSIS OF THE SAMPLES liquid chromatography- electrospray ionization - tandem mass spectrometry (LC/ESI/MS-MS)



# Examination – workers + controls

- Questionnaire
- Occupational history years of exposure, daily exposure, PPE, latency since last shift,
- Personal history diseases, medication, smoking, alcohol intake, regular physical activity,
- Diet, last meal, last smoking.
- Family history
- Physical examination, temperature,
- Body mass index
- Blood pressure,
- Spirometry
- Monitoring local data of environmental pollution (SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, NOx,  $PM_{2.5}$ ,  $PM_{10}$ )





### Markers measured in EBC, urine, plasma (2016-2018) LC-ESI-MS/MS analysis EBC

- aldehydes C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>
- malondialdehyde (MDA)
- 4-hydroxy-trans-hexenal (HHE)
- 4-hydroxy-trans-nonenal (HNE)
- 8-isoProstaglandin  $F_{2\alpha}$  (8-isoprostane)
- 8-hydroxy-2-deoxyguanosine (8-OHdG)
- 8-hydroxyguanosine (8-OHG)
- 5-hydroxymethyl uracil (5-OHMeU)
- o-tyrosine (o-Tyr)
- **3-chloro-tyrosine (3-Cl-Tyr)**
- nitrotyrosine (3-NO-Tyr)
- leukotrienes LTB<sub>4</sub>, LTC<sub>4</sub>, LTD<sub>4</sub>, LTE<sub>4</sub>
- tumor necrosis factor (TNF)
- FeNO fractional exhaled nitric oxide inflammation

# oxidation of lipids

oxidation of nucleic acids

### oxidation of proteins

markers of inflammation











# Aerosol Measurement at the workplace

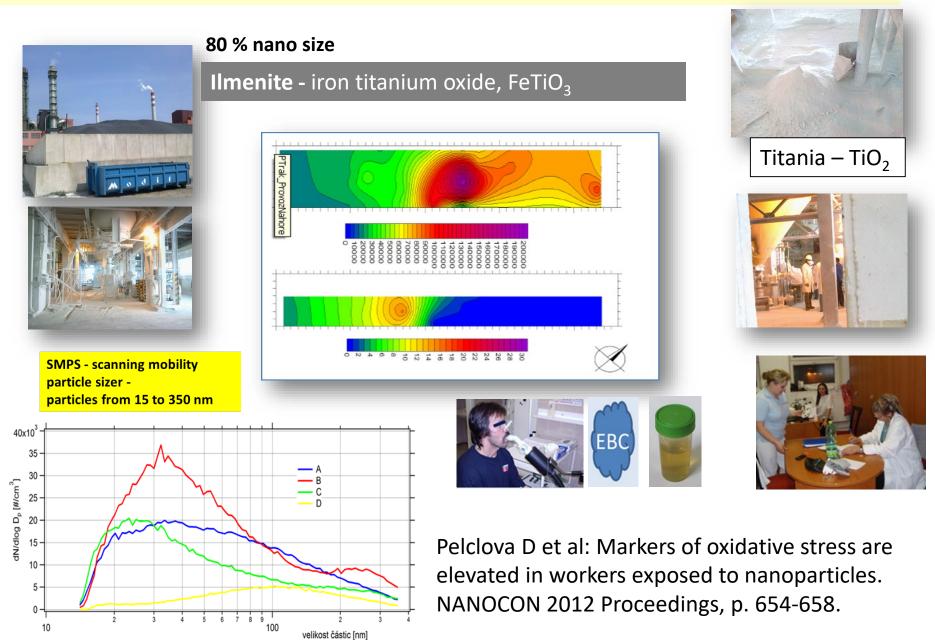
- 3-8 hours shifts measurements, background measurements
- Berner Low-Pressure Cascade Impactor (BLPI) separation into the size fractions and chemical analysis,
- Scanning Mobility Particle Sizer (SMPS),
- Aerodynamic Particle Sizer (APS),
- Condensation Particle Counter (CPC)
- Optical Particle Sizer (OPS).
- Personal nanoparticle samplers (Pluto Technology Taiwan) 2019, 2020



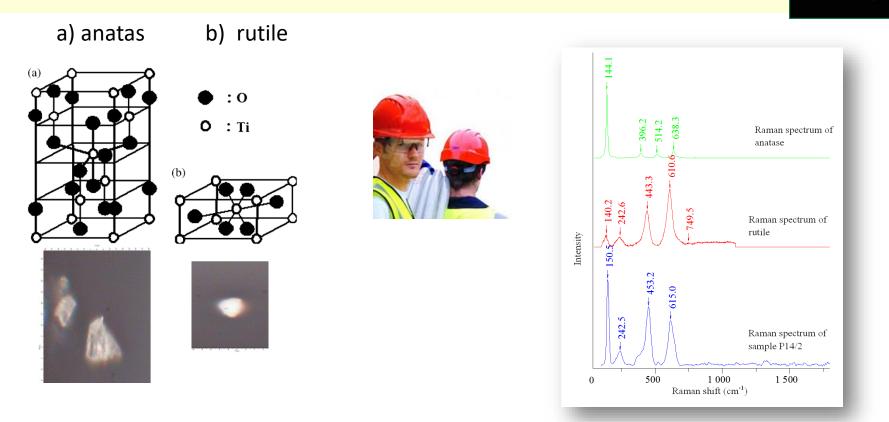
# **Exposure and Groups of Workers**

		N	Age	Proportion of nano particles	Exposure time/day	Median Mass Concentration mg/m³	Median Particles number /cm <sup>3</sup>	
TiO <sub>2</sub> 2012*		20	34±8	80%	7.5 h	0.65	19 800	
TiO <sub>2</sub> 2013*		14	34±5	80%	7.5 h	0.40	23 200	
TiO <sub>2</sub> 2013 office		22	44±4	80%	15 min	0.40	23 200	
Fe-oxides 2013		14	43±8	80%	7.5 h	0.083	66 800	
Nanocomposites 2016-2020		61	40±12	40-95%	3.0 h	0.12-1.84	48 000-540 000	
Controls 2012-2020		Comparable number, age and gender			No nano- exposure			

# Group 1 WORKERS IN PRODUCTION of TiO<sub>2</sub> pigments 2012 pre-shift, post-shift and 2013 post-shift



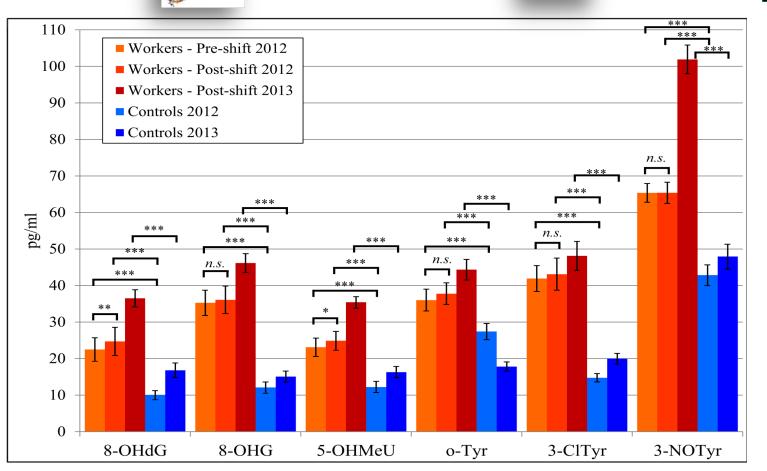
## Raman microspectroscopy found TiO<sub>2</sub> in EBC 2012 pre-shift in 40 % workers post-shift in 70 % workers



Pelclova D, Barosova H, Kukutschova J, Zdimal V, Navratil T, Fenclova Z, Vlckova S, Schwarz J, Zikova N, Kacer P, Komarc M, Belacek J, Zakharov S.: Raman microspectroscopy of exhaled breath condensate and urine in workers exposed to fine and nano TiO<sub>2</sub> particles: a crosssectional study. J Breath Research 2015

# TiO<sub>2</sub> Production Workers 2012 and 2013 and Controls

EBC



Pelclova D, Zdimal V, Fenclova Z, Vlckova S, Turci F, Corazzari I, Kacer P, Schwarz J, Zikova N, Makes O, Syslova K, Komarc M, Belacek J, Navratil T, Machajova M, Zakharov S. Markers of oxidative damage of nucleic acids and proteins among workers exposed to TiO2(nano) particles. Occup Environ Medicine 2016

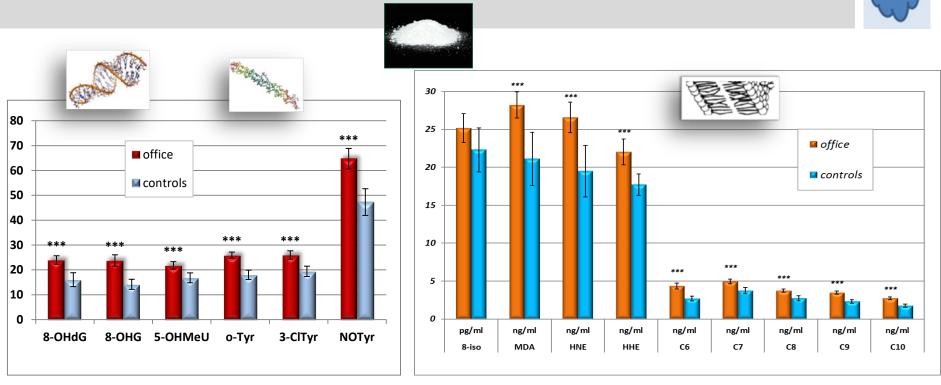
## Multiple regression analysis – the job is the key (TiO<sub>2</sub>)



	8-OHdG	8-OHG	5-OHMeU	o-Tyr	3-CITyr	3-NOTyr
	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)
TiO <sub>2</sub> Production exposure (Yes/No)	<b>19.20***</b> (14.75, 23.66)	30.37*** (26.75, 34.00)	<mark>19.35***</mark> (16.30, 22.40)	28.95*** (25.51, 32.38)	28.43*** (23.71, 33.14)	<mark>51.68***</mark> (44.31, 59.04)
Age	0.02	-0.02	0.06	-0.02	0.13	-0.06
(years)	(-0.17, 0.21)	(-0.17, 0.13)	(-0.06, 0.19)	(-0.16, 0.13)	(-0.07, 0.32)	(-0.36, 0.25)
Smoking	-0.29	0.70	0.38	-0.46	-1.41	1.62
(Yes/No)	(-3.65, 3.07)	(-2.04, 3.43)	(-1.92, 2.69)	(-3.05, 2.14)	(-4.97, 2.14)	(-3.94, 7.17)
SO <sub>2</sub> (μg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (CO <sub>,</sub> NO <sub>x</sub> ) environmental	0.02 (-0.13, 0.17)	-0.02 (-0.14, 0.10)	-0.04 (-0.15, 0.06)	-0.13* (-0.24, -0.01)	-0.06 (-0.22, 0.10)	0.16 (-0.09, 0.41)

Pelclova D, Zdimal V, Fenclova Z, Vlckova S, Turci F, Corazzari I, Kacer P, Schwarz J, Zikova N, Makes O, Syslova K, Komarc M, Belacek J, Navratil T, Machajova M, Zakharov S. Markers of oxidative damage of nucleic acids and proteins among workers exposed to TiO2(nano) particles. *Occup Environ Medicine 2016* 

## Group 2 Office employees TiO<sub>2</sub> and Controls (2013)



FBC

Pelclova D, Zdimal V, Kacer P, Vlckova S, Fenclova Z, Navratil T, Komarc M, Schwarz J, Zikova N, Makes O, Zakharov S. Markers of nucleic acids and proteins oxidation among office workers exposed to air pollutants including (nano)TiO2 particles. *Neuro Endocrinol Lett.* 2016

Pelclova D, Zdimal V, Kacer P, Komarc M, Fenclova Z, Vlckova S, Zikova N, Schwarz J, Makes O, Navratil T, Zakharov S, Bello D. Markers of lipid oxidative damage among office workers exposed intermittently to air pollutants including nanoTiO2 particles. *Rev Environ Health 2017* 

# GROUP 3 Fe oxides (+nano) pigments production 2013

control room

dover

particle size (nn

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360x10°

340 -

320

300 -

280

260 240

220 200

180 160

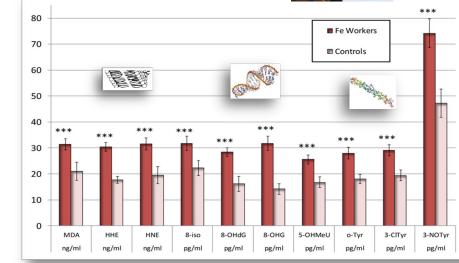
140 120 100

> 80 60

> 40

## 80% particles in nano size







Oxidative stress markers are elevated in exhaled breath condensate of workers exposed to nanoparticles during iron oxide pigment production. Pelclova D, Zdimal V, Kacer P, Fenclova Z, Vlckova S, Syslova K, Navratil T, Schwarz J, Zikova N, Barosova H, Turci F, Komarc M, Pelcl T, Belacek J, Kukutschova J, Zakharov S. *J Breath Res.* 2016

# Group 4 - NANOCOMPOSITES PRODUCING RESEARCH WORKERS IN 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

# Examination of 61 workers pre-shift and post-shift + 62 controls

### Research plant for new resistant nanocomposites

- metals and geopolymers (nano SiO<sub>2</sub> filler) by welding and machining (grinding) technology.

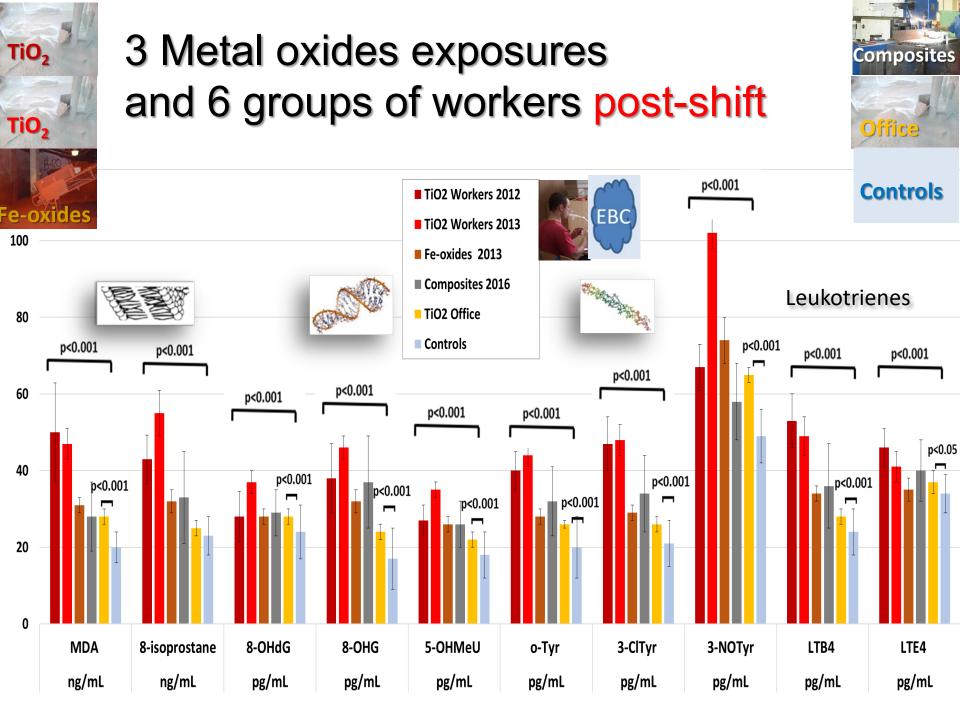


3 hours' exposure



Proportion of nanoparticles at MACHINING up to 95 %





# LUNG FUNCTIONS



### **Chronic bronchitis more frequent:**

4 (20%) nanocomposites, 0 % controls p=0.033\*

Duration of exposure (but not age) correlated negatively with FEV1/FVC (p<0.05)

\* p<0.05

LUNG FUNCTIONS	%FVC	%VCIN	%FEV1	FEV1/FVC	%PEF
Pre-shift	94.7±13.3	92.2±13.0	102.2±13.5	0.89±0.06	110.2±14.3
Post-shift	95.0±11.6	93.1±11.0	↓99.0±12.0 <sup>*</sup>	↓0.86±0.06 <sup>*</sup>	106.8±15.2
Controls	100.8±13.6	98.7±13.0	106.1±14.0	0.89±0.06	111.8±20.2



#### Article

### Three-Year Study of Markers of Oxidative Stress in Exhaled Breath Condensate in Workers Producing Nanocomposites, Extended by Plasma and Urine **Analysis in Last Two Years**

Daniela Pelclova <sup>1,\*</sup>, Vladimir Zdimal <sup>2</sup>, Martin Komarc <sup>3,4</sup>, Jaroslav Schwarz <sup>2</sup>, Jakub Ondracek <sup>2</sup>, Lucie Ondrackova<sup>2</sup>, Martin Kostejn<sup>2</sup>, Stepanka Vlckova<sup>1</sup>, Zdenka Fenclova<sup>1</sup>, Stepanka Dvorackova<sup>5</sup>, Lucie Lischkova<sup>1</sup>, Pavlina Klusackova<sup>1</sup>, Viktoriia Kolesnikova<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Rossnerova<sup>6</sup> and Tomas Navratil<sup>7</sup>

## 2016, 2017, 2018

- EBC, urine and plasma samples
- in 2018 controls also examined twice morning and afternoon samples

WELDING

MACHINING









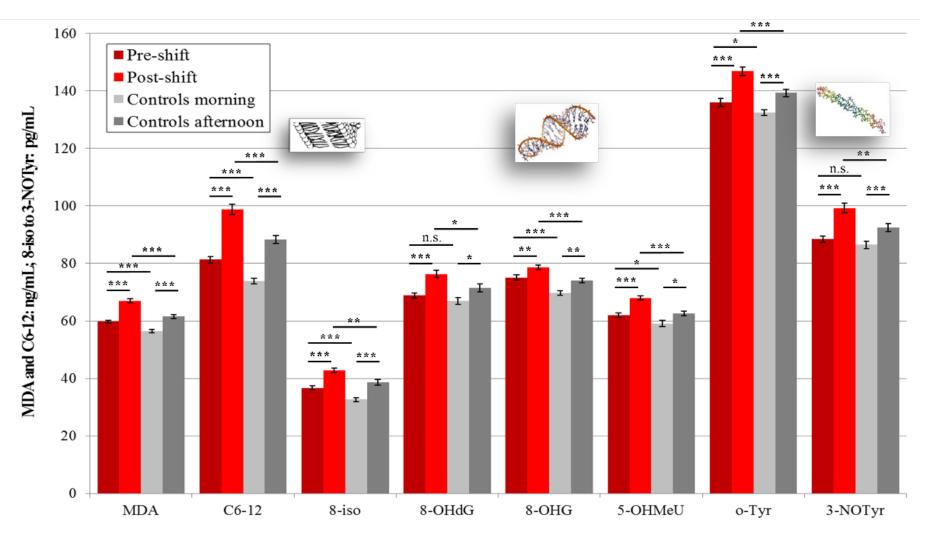
2020

# Plasma samples 2018



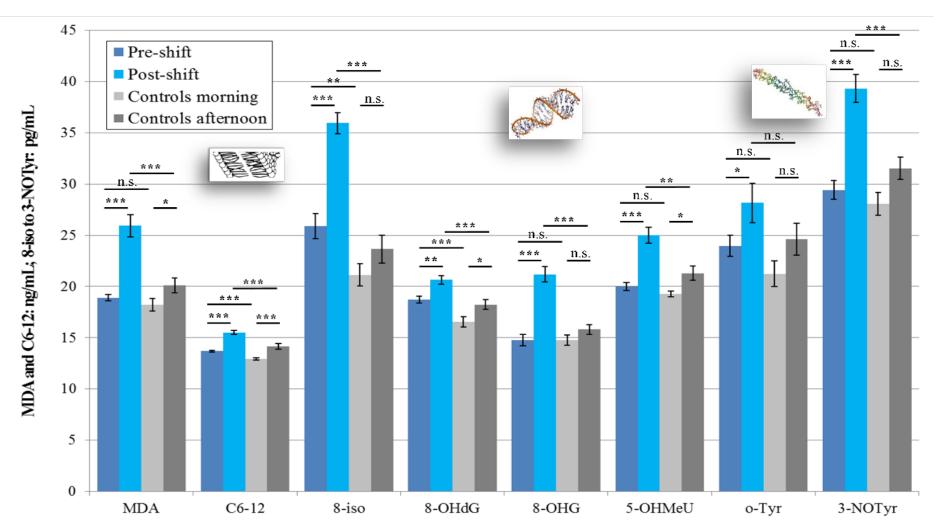
highest significance

75% pre-shift ↑ 100% shift effect ↑
100% postshift ↑ vs afternoon controls



# **EBC markers 2018** high significance

38% pre-shift ↑ 100% shift effect ↑ 88% postshift ↑ vs afternoon controls EBC

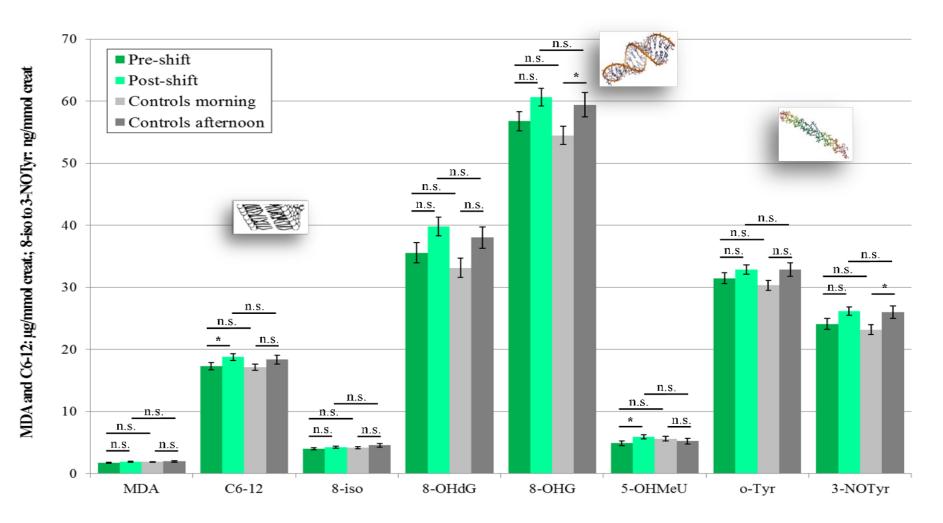


# Urine samples 2018



### same trends, less significance

0 pre-shift ↑ 0 shift effect ↑ 25% post 3h shift ↑ vs afternoon controls



J Nanopart Res. 2015 Oct;17:413. Epub 2015 Oct 19.

#### Assessing the first wave of epidemiological studies of nanomaterial workers.

Liou SH<sup>1</sup>, Tsai CS<sup>2</sup>, Pelclova D<sup>3</sup>, Schubauer-Berigan MK<sup>4</sup>, Schulte PA<sup>4</sup>.

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- 1 682 commercial products with nanoparticles
- Price 10<sup>12</sup> (trillions) USD
- 2015 Only 6 published occupational studies + 11 conference proceedings EXPOSURES: Nanomaterials (Taiwan), TiO<sub>2</sub> (Czech Rep, China), carbon nanotubes (Russia, South Korea, Netherlands, Japan), Fe oxides (Czech Rep), CaCO<sub>3</sub> (China), nanoAg (Korea)
- SAMPLES: blood serum (Taiwan, Russia, Netherlands), sputum (China), induced sputum (Russia), urine, EBC (Czech Rep 2012, South Korea 2015)
- **2022 SEARCH in PubMed**
- key words: NANO EXPOSURE INHALATION WORKERS BIOMARKERS
- ACTUALLY 33 HUMAN STUDIES (NOT REVIEWS)

BIOMARKERS, 2016 http://dx.doi.org/10.3109/1354750K2016.1160432



### Liou 2016

RESEARCH ARTICLE

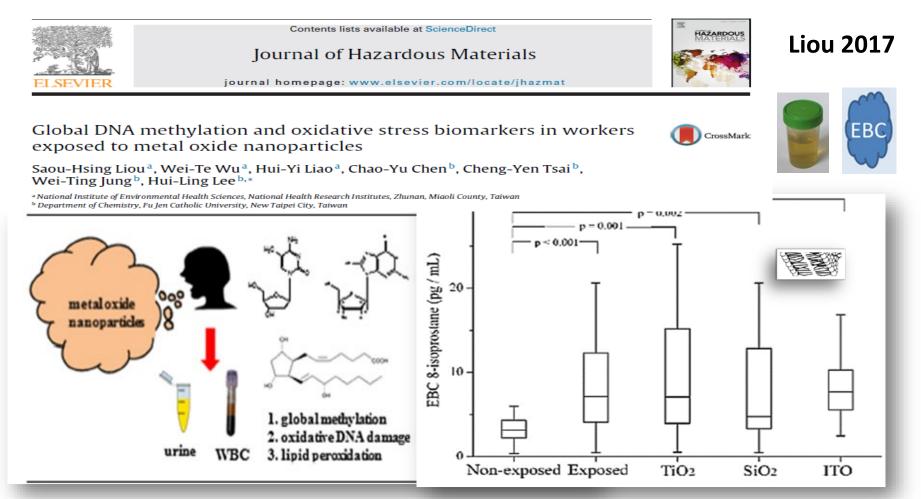
#### Increased levels of oxidative stress biomarkers in metal oxides nanomaterial-handling workers

Saou-Hsing Liou<sup>a</sup>#, Yu-Cheng Chen<sup>b</sup>, Hui-Yi Liao<sup>a</sup>#, Chien-Jen Wang<sup>a</sup>, Jhih-Sheng Chen<sup>b</sup> and Hui-Ling Lee<sup>b</sup>#



### ↑8-OHdG in plasma, ↑ 8-OHdG in urine, correlation between urine and plasma

**130 workers** 26xTiO<sub>2</sub>, 31xSiO<sub>2</sub>, 30xIndium Tin Oxide (*ITO* of display technologies, electroluminescent, and electro chromatic displays, touch screen technologies). DNA damage, lipids peroxidation, ....



 $\uparrow$  8-OHdG in urine,  $\uparrow$  8-isoprostanes in exhaled breath condensate (EBC)

**130 workers** 26x TiO<sub>2</sub>, 31x SiO<sub>2</sub>, 30x Indium Tin Oxide DNA damage, lipids peroxidation, DNA hypomethylation, and genomic instability – oncogenesis,.... ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Cardiopulmonary effects induced by occupational exposure to titanium dioxide nanoparticles

Lin Zhao<sup>a</sup>, Yifang Zhu<sup>b</sup>, Zhangjian Chen<sup>a</sup>, Huadong Xu<sup>a</sup>, Jingwen Zhou<sup>c</sup>, Shichuan Tang<sup>d</sup>, Zhizhen Xu<sup>d</sup>, Fanling Kong<sup>e</sup>, Xinwei Li<sup>c</sup>, Yifei Zhang<sup>f</sup>, Xianzuo Li<sup>f</sup>, Ji Zhang<sup>c</sup> and Guang Jia<sup>a</sup>

- TiO<sub>2</sub> production plant in China
- 85 TiO<sub>2</sub> packers 3.17 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 39% nano TiO<sub>2</sub>
- Blood malondialdehyde (MDA), TNF, IL-10, ....
- Cardiovascular disease markers (cell adhesion molecules VCAM, ICAM)
- Lung functions impaired (p< 0.05)</li>
- X-ray 43% increased interstitial pattern in workers
- All markers associated with exposure to TiO<sub>2</sub>





Zhao 2018





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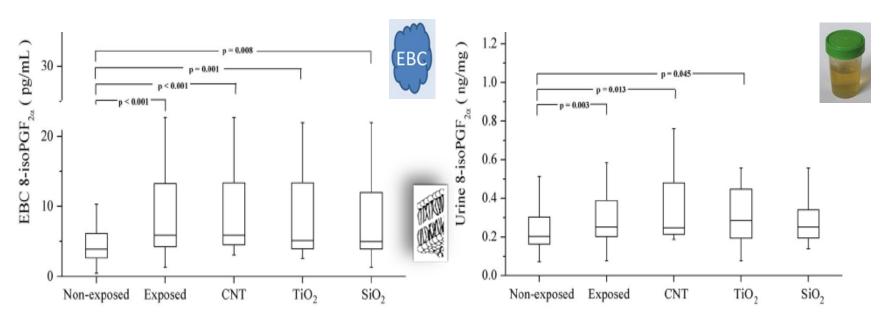


Lipid peroxidation metabolites associated with biomarkers of inflammation and oxidation stress in workers handling carbon nanotubes and metal oxide nanoparticles

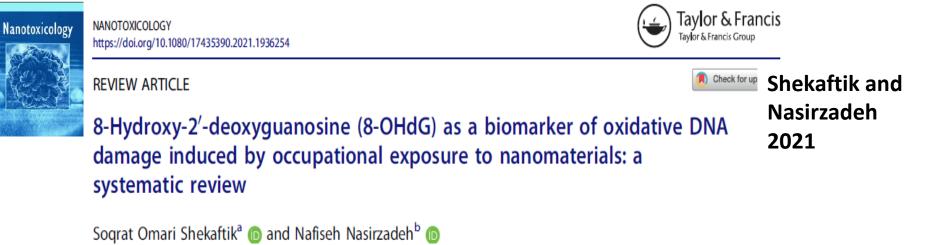
## WU et al. 2021

Wei-Te Wu, Wei-Ting Jung & Hui-Ling Lee

 Confirmed a higher sensitivity of EBC, than urine 8-isoprostane markers for nanoTiO<sub>2</sub> - EBC recommended for biomonitoring as most sensitive



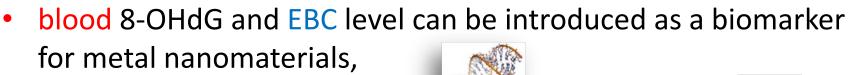
69 Non-exposed controls 80 Exposed nanomaterials workers: 22 carbon nanotubes (CNT) 30 nano-TiO<sub>2</sub> 28 nano-SiO<sub>2</sub>



### REVIEW

"biomarkers" + "occupational exposure" + "nanomaterials."

from 126 studies – 8 studies left (4 our studies)



but urinary 8-OHdG needs to be taken with caution.





### Zhang, Bello et al. 2022

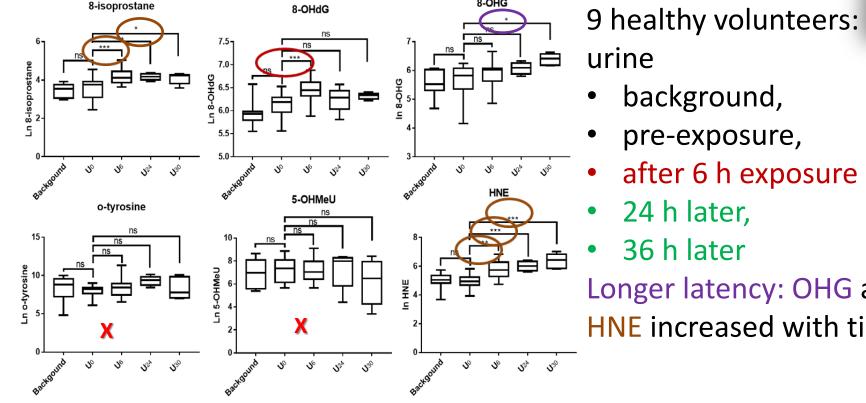


#### Article

**Elevated Urinary Biomarkers of Oxidative Damage in** Photocopier Operators following Acute and Chronic Exposures

Yipei Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Anila Bello<sup>2</sup>, David K. Ryan<sup>1</sup>, Philip Demokritou<sup>3</sup> and Dhimiter Bello<sup>3,4,\*</sup>

- **ACUTELY 6 h** in volunteers
- Nanoparticles from photocopiers induce systemic oxidative stress, lipid oxidation (8-isoprostanes, HNE),
- DNA (8-OHdG), RNA (OHG) in urine samples post exposure





Longer latency: OHG and HNE increased with time



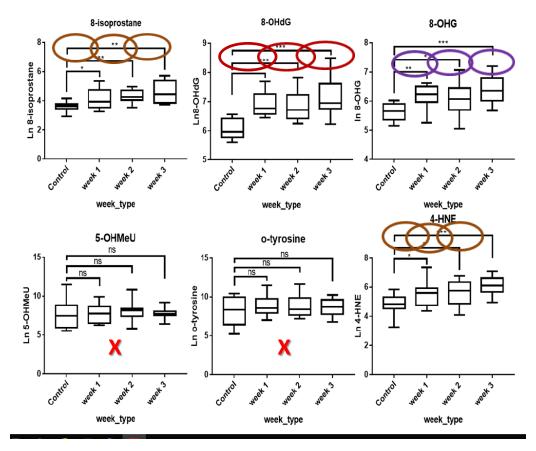


## CHRONICALLY DURING 3 WEEKS IN OPERATORS

## Zhang, Bello et al. 2022

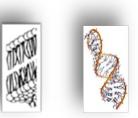
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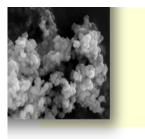
Nanoparticles from photocopiers induce systemic oxidative stress, leading to lipid oxidation (8-isoprostanes, HNE), DNA (8-OHdG), RNA (OHG) in urine samples



6 Operators + 11 Controls repeated 3x: week 1, week 2, week 3

### Stable results during weeks





# Conclusions



- MONITORING IS NEEDED results are consistent with oxidative stress hypothesis and a lung injury at the molecular level
- Group test minimum 20 exposed workers
- Two body fluids from EBC, plasma, urine
- Several biomarkers from all groups
- Timing to reflect both chronic and acute effect
- EBC or plasma post-shift
- Urine post-shift at the end of the week
- Control group identical location identical time
- Post-shift **spirometry** after higher exposures
- X-ray after long-term intense exposure





EBC



# **Further plans**

- FOLLOW-UP is recommended similarity of findings in EBC (8-isoprostane, MDA) in silicosis and asbestos-exposed patients
- 2019 and 2020 personal samplers also used PENs, individual exposure data available
- Nanoparticles in the samples 2019-2020 by Raman method to be correlated with the markers
- Antioxidant capacity measured: GSH, ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP)
- We are open to cooperation



# Hvala za pozornost! Thank you

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