
**Nanotechnologies — Use and
application of acellular in vitro
tests and methodologies to assess
nanomaterial biodurability**

*Nanotechnologies — Utilisation et application des tests in vitro sur
cellules et méthodes pour évaluer la biodurabilité des nanomatériaux*



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1 Scope

This document reviews the use and application of acellular *in vitro* tests and methodologies implemented in the assessment of the biodurability of nanomaterials and their ligands in simulated biological and environmental media.

This document is intended to focus more on acellular *in vitro* methodologies implemented to assess biodurability and, therefore, excludes the general review of relevant literature on *in vitro* cellular or animal biodurability tests.

2 Normative references

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3.1

bioaccumulation

process of accumulation of a substance in organisms or parts

[SOURCE: ISO/TR 13329:2012, 3.3]

3.2

biodegradation

degradation due to the biological environment

Note 1 to entry: Biodegradation might be modelled by *in vitro* tests.

[SOURCE: ISO/TR 13329:2012, 3.4]

3.3

biodurability

ability of a material to resist *dissolution* (3.6) and mechanical disintegration from chemical and physical clearance mechanisms

[SOURCE: ISO/TR 13329:2012, 3.5, modified]

3.4

biopersistence

ability of a material to persist in a tissue in spite of the tissue's physiological clearance mechanisms and environmental conditions

[SOURCE: EN 18748:1999]