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PREFACE

Nanoscience and nanotechnologies are probably the hottest subjects in both scientific and industrial activities of researchers and engineers in over the world. Their rapidly increasing influence in very different areas of human life is hard to overestimate. In fact, nanoscience and nanotechnologies are considered as a basis for the most advanced and highest technology production in the nearest and remote future. The importance and priority of these subjects is supported by worldwide efforts in fundamental and applied research as well as intense development of nanobusiness.

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