

Fig 1. Diffuse reflectance spectra of silver nanoparticles obtained by using different precursors: (a) AgNO_3 , (b) Ag_2SO_4 , (c) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Ag}_3\text{O}_7$.

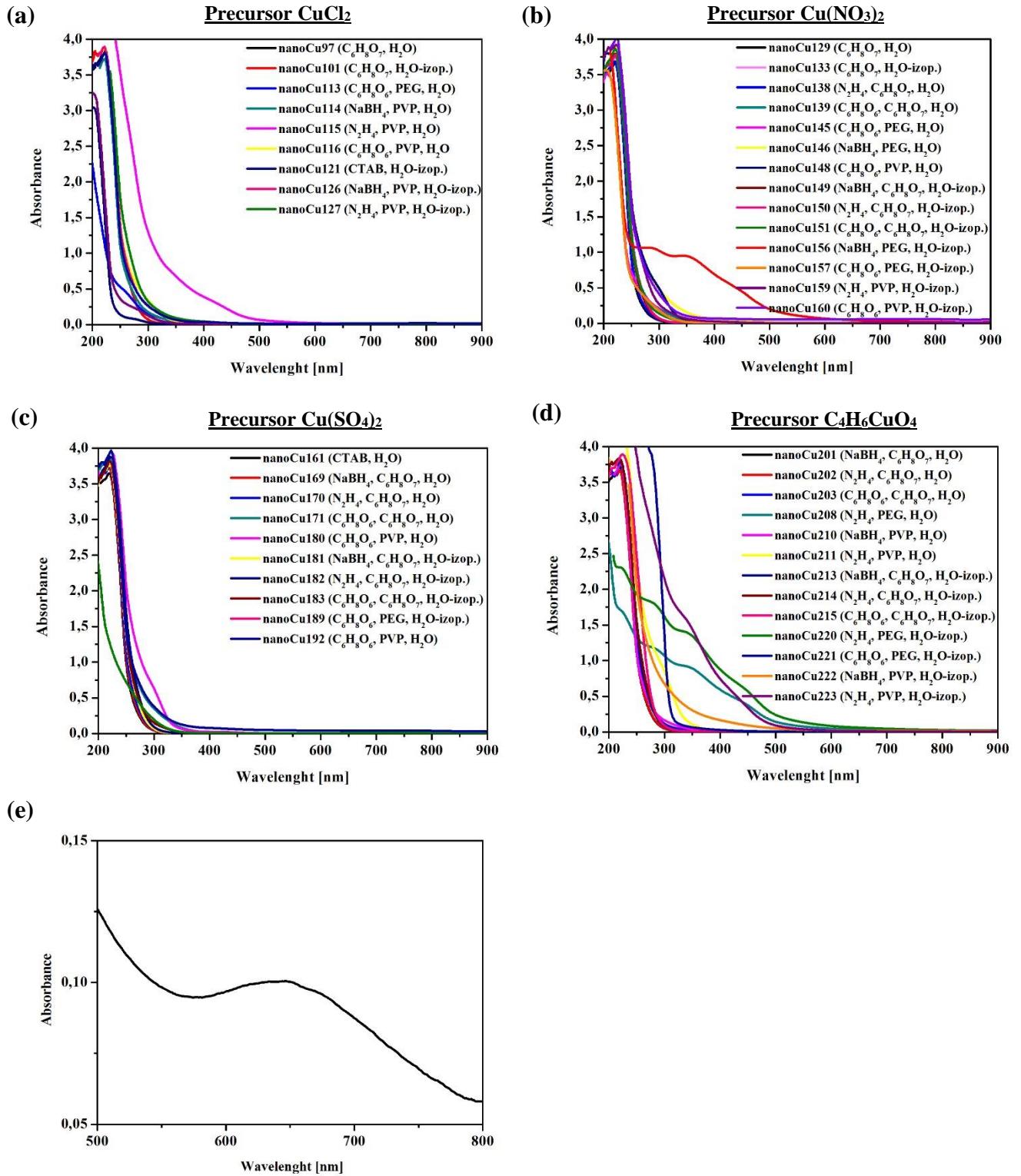


Fig. 2 Diffuse reflectance spectra of copper nanoparticles obtained by using different precursors: (a) CuCl₂, (b) Cu(NO₃)₂, (c) Cu(SO₄)₂, (d) C₄H₆CuO₄, (e) characteristic peak of the copper nanoparticles prepared with C₄H₆CuO₄.

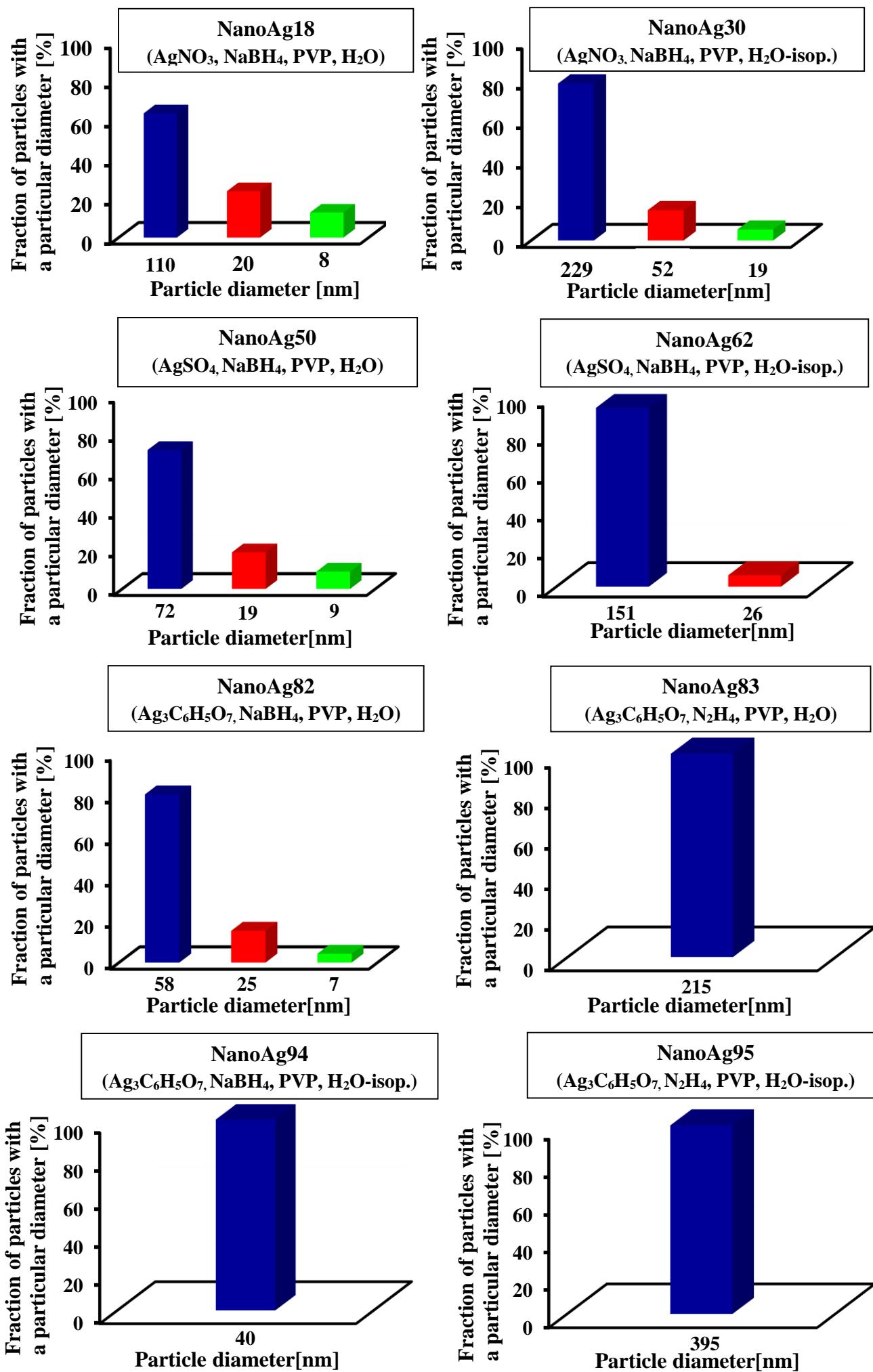


Fig 3. Particle size distribution of silver nanoparticles.

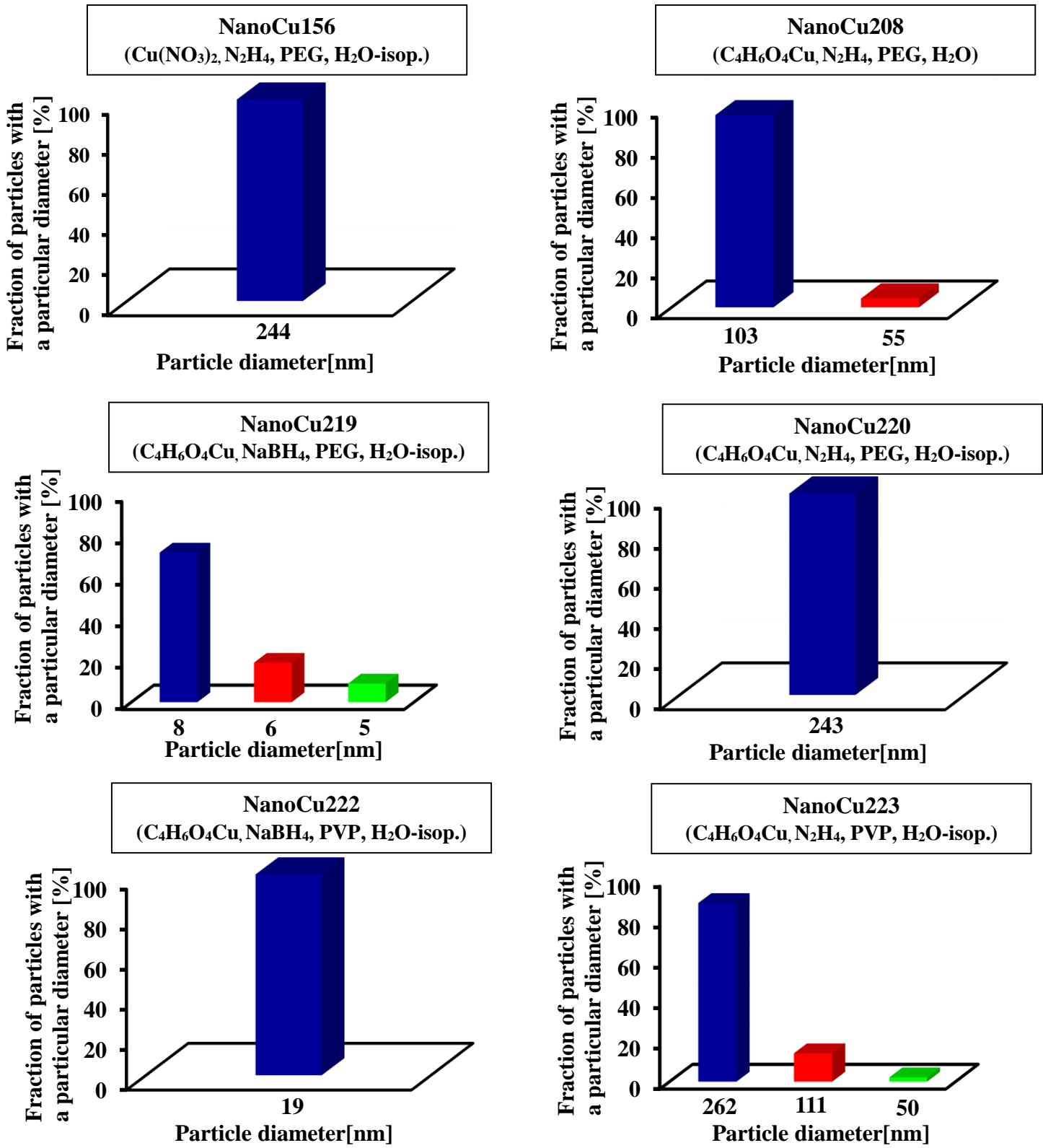


Fig 4. Particle size distribution of copper nanoparticles.

Table 1. The composition and stability of the solutions containing silver or copper in an ionic form or nanoparticles (monometallic solutions)

Sample label	Silver precursor			Copper precursor				Reducing agent			Stabilizer			Solvent		Stability		
	AgNO ₃	Ag ₂ SO ₄	Ag ₃ C ₆ H ₅ O ₇	CuCl ₂	Cu(NO ₃) ₂	CuSO ₄	C ₄ H ₆ O ₄ Cu	NaBH ₄	N ₂ H ₄	C ₆ H ₈ O ₆	CTAB	C ₆ H ₈ O ₇	PEG	PVP	H ₂ O	2-propanol		
nanoAg1	X											X				X		stable
nanoAg2	X								X							X		-
nanoAg3	X									X						X		-
nanoAg4	X									X						X		-
nanoAg5	X											X				X		stable
nanoAg6	X							X								X		-
nanoAg7	X								X							X		-
nanoAg8	X									X						X		-
nanoAg9	X							X				X				X		-
nanoAg10	X								X			X				X		-
nanoAg11	X									X		X				X		-
nanoAg12	X										X					X		-
nanoAg13	X										X					X		-
nanoAg14	X										X					X		-
nanoAg15	X							X							X	X		-
nanoAg16	X								X						X	X		-
nanoAg17	X									X					X	X		-
nanoAg18	X							X							X	X		stable
nanoAg19	X								X						X	X		-
nanoAg20	X									X					X	X		-
nanoAg21	X							X				X				X		-
nanoAg22	X								X			X				X		-
nanoAg23	X									X		X				X		-
nanoAg24	X										X					X		-
nanoAg25	X										X					X		-
nanoAg26	X										X					X		-
nanoAg27	X							X							X		X	-

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	AgNO ₃	Ag ₂ SO ₄	Ag ₃ C ₆ H ₅ O ₇	CuCl ₂	Cu(NO ₃) ₂	CuSO ₄	C ₄ H ₆ O ₄ Cu	NaBH ₄	N ₂ H ₄	C ₆ H ₈ O ₆	CTAB	C ₆ H ₈ O ₇	PEG	PVP		
nanoAg28	X								X				X		X	-
nanoAg29	X									X			X		X	-
nanoAg30	X							X					X		X	stable
nanoAg31	X								X				X		X	-
nanoAg32	X									X			X			-
nanoAg33		X										X		X		-
nanoAg34		X						X						X		-
nanoAg35		X							X					X		stable
nanoAg36		X								X				X		-
nanoAg37		X									X				X	-
nanoAg38		X						X							X	-
nanoAg39		X							X						X	stable
nanoAg40		X								X					X	-
nanoAg41		X						X				X			X	-
nanoAg42		X							X			X			X	-
nanoAg43		X								X		X			X	-
nanoAg44		X									X				X	-
nanoAg45		X									X				X	-
nanoAg46		X									X				X	-
nanoAg47		X						X					X		X	-
nanoAg48		X							X				X		X	stable
nanoAg49		X								X			X		X	-
nanoAg50		X						X						X	X	stable
nanoAg51		X								X				X	X	-
nanoAg52		X									X			X	X	-
nanoAg53		X						X				X			X	-
nanoAg54		X							X			X			X	stable

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	AgNO ₃	Ag ₂ SO ₄	Ag ₃ C ₆ H ₅ O ₇	CuCl ₂	Cu(NO ₃) ₂	CuSO ₄	C ₄ H ₆ O ₄ Cu	NaBH ₄	N ₂ H ₄	C ₆ H ₈ O ₆	CTAB	C ₆ H ₈ O ₇	PEG	PVP	H ₂ O	2-propanol	
nanoAg55		X								X		X				X	-
nanoAg56	X										X					X	-
nanoAg57	X										X					X	-
nanoAg58	X										X					X	-
nanoAg59	X							X						X		X	-
nanoAg60	X								X					X		X	stable
nanoAg61	X									X				X		X	-
nanoAg62	X							X						X		X	stable
nanoAg63	X								X					X		X	-
nanoAg64	X									X				X			-
nanoAg65		X											X			X	-
nanoAg66		X						X							X		-
nanoAg67		X							X						X		-
nanoAg68		X								X					X		-
nanoAg69		X											X			X	-
nanoAg70		X						X								X	-
nanoAg71		X							X							X	-
nanoAg72		X								X						X	-
nanoAg73		X						X					X			X	-
nanoAg74		X							X				X			X	stable
nanoAg75		X								X			X			X	-
nanoAg76		X									X				X		-
nanoAg77		X									X				X		-
nanoAg78		X									X				X		-
nanoAg79		X						X					X		X		-
nanoAg80		X							X					X		X	stable
nanoAg81			X							X				X		X	-

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	AgNO ₃	Ag ₂ SO ₄	Ag ₃ C ₆ H ₅ O ₇	CuCl ₂	Cu(NO ₃) ₂	CuSO ₄	C ₄ H ₆ O ₄ Cu	NaBH ₄	N ₂ H ₄	C ₆ H ₈ O ₆	CTAB	C ₆ H ₈ O ₇	PEG	PVP	H ₂ O	2-propanol	
nanoAg82			X					X							X	X	stable
nanoAg83			X						X						X	X	-
nanoAg84			X							X					X	X	-
nanoAg85			X					X					X			X	-
nanoAg86			X						X				X			X	stable
nanoAg87			X							X			X			X	-
nanoAg88			X								X					X	-
nanoAg89			X								X					X	-
nanoAg90			X								X					X	-
nanoAg91			X					X						X		X	-
nanoAg92			X						X					X		X	stable
nanoAg93			X							X				X		X	-
nanoAg94			X					X						X		X	stable
nanoAg95			X						X					X		X	stable
nanoAg96			X							X					X		-
nanoCu97			X									X			X		stable
nanoCu98			X					X							X		-
nanoCu99			X						X						X		-
nanoCu100			X							X					X		-
nanoCu101			X									X				X	stable
nanoCu102			X					X							X		-
nanoCu103			X						X						X		-
nanoCu104			X							X					X		-
nanoCu105			X					X					X		X		-
nanoCu106			X						X				X		X		-
nanoCu107			X							X			X		X		-
nanoCu108			X								X				X		-

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nanoCu136				X						X						X	-
nanoCu137				X					X				X			X	-
nanoCu138				X					X			X				X	stable
nanoCu139				X						X		X				X	stable
nanoCu140				X							X					X	-
nanoCu141				X							X					X	-
nanoCu142				X							X					X	-
nanoCu143				X			X							X		X	-
nanoCu144				X					X					X		X	-
nanoCu145				X					X					X		X	stable
nanoCu146				X			X								X	X	stable
nanoCu147				X					X						X	X	-
nanoCu148				X						X					X	X	stable
nanoCu149				X			X						X			X	stable
nanoCu150				X					X			X				X	stable
nanoCu151				X						X		X				X	stable
nanoCu152				X							X					X	-
nanoCu153				X							X					X	-
nanoCu154				X							X					X	-
nanoCu155				X			X							X		X	-
nanoCu156				X					X					X		X	stable
nanoCu157				X						X			X			X	stable
nanoCu158				X			X								X	X	-
nanoCu159				X					X					X		X	stable
nanoCu160				X						X				X			stable
nanoCu161						X							X			X	stable
nanoCu162						X			X						X		-

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nanoCu163						X			X							X		-
nanoCu164						X				X						X		-
nanoCu165						X							X			X		-
nanoCu166						X		X								X		-
nanoCu167						X			X							X		-
nanoCu168						X				X						X		-
nanoCu169						X		X				X			X			stable
nanoCu170						X			X			X			X			stable
nanoCu171						X				X		X			X			stable
nanoCu172						X					X				X			-
nanoCu173						X					X				X			-
nanoCu174						X					X				X			-
nanoCu175						X		X						X		X		-
nanoCu176						X			X					X		X		-
nanoCu177						X				X				X		X		-
nanoCu178						X		X						X		X		-
nanoCu179						X			X					X		X		-
nanoCu180						X				X				X		X		stable
nanoCu181						X		X				X				X		stable
nanoCu182						X			X			X				X		stable
nanoCu183						X				X		X				X		stable
nanoCu184						X					X					X		-
nanoCu185						X					X					X		-
nanoCu186						X					X					X		-
nanoCu187						X		X					X			X		-
nanoCu188						X			X				X			X		-
nanoCu189						X				X				X		X		stable

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nanoCu190						X		X						X		X	-
nanoCu191						X			X					X		X	-
nanoCu192						X				X				X			stable
nanoCu193							X						X		X		-
nanoCu194							X	X							X		-
nanoCu195							X		X						X		-
nanoCu196							X			X					X		-
nanoCu197							X					X				X	-
nanoCu198							X	X								X	-
nanoCu199							X		X							X	-
nanoCu200							X			X						X	-
nanoCu201							X	X				X			X		stable
nanoCu202							X		X			X			X		stable
nanoCu203							X			X		X			X		stable
nanoCu204							X				X				X		-
nanoCu205							X				X				X		-
nanoCu206							X				X				X		-
nanoCu207							X	X						X	X		-
nanoCu208							X		X					X	X		stable
nanoCu209							X			X				X	X		-
nanoCu210							X	X							X	X	stable
nanoCu211							X		X						X	X	stable
nanoCu212							X			X					X	X	stable
nanoCu213							X	X				X				X	stable
nanoCu214							X		X			X				X	stable
nanoCu215							X			X		X				X	stable
nanoCu216							X				X					X	-

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nanoCu217							X				X					X	-
nanoCu218							X				X					X	-
nanoCu219							X	X						X		X	stable
nanoCu220							X		X					X		X	stable
nanoCu221							X			X				X		X	-
nanoCu222							X	X						X		X	stable
nanoCu223							X		X					X		X	stable
nanoCu224							X			X				X			stable

Legend:

AgNO₃ – silver nitrate

Ag₂SO₄ – silver sulfate

Ag₃C₆H₅O₇ - silver citrate

CuCl₂ - copper chloride

Cu(NO₃)₂ – copper nitrate

CuSO₄ – copper sulfate

C₄H₆O₄Cu - copper acetate

NaBH₄ - sodium borohydride

N₂H₄ – hydrazine

C₆H₈O - ascorbic acid

CTAB - cetyltrimethylammonium bromide

C₆H₈O₇ - citric acid

PEG - polyethylene glycol

PVP - polyvinylpyrrolidone