

Product Information Sheet for NR-49444

Stage L4 *Brugia malayi* Larvae (Live)

Catalog No. NR-49444

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Product Description:

Classification: Onchocercidae, *Brugia*

Species: *Brugia malayi*

Strain: FR3

Original Source: *Brugia malayi* (*B. malayi*), strain FR3 was originally obtained from researchers in Malaysia by Dr. John Schacher.^{1,2}

B. malayi is a roundworm nematode and one of the three causative agents of lymphatic filariasis in humans.³ Lymphatic filariasis, also known as elephantiasis, is a condition characterized by swelling of the lower limbs.

B. malayi is a mosquito-borne filarial worm. Mosquitoes deposit infective third stage larvae (L3) on human skin. The larvae then penetrate and migrate to the lymphatic vessels where they develop into adult worms over several months. Development includes molting transitions into fourth stage larvae (L4) and juvenile adults to reach maturation. The matured female worms release large numbers of microfilariae into the host bloodstream. The microfilariae are ingested by a mosquito during a blood meal and penetrate the midgut and develop over a period of 10 to 14 days to L3. L3 are developmentally arrested in the mosquito. The process repeats when the mosquito's proboscis penetrates human skin.⁴

Material Provided:

NR-49444 consists of up to 300 stage L4 *B. malayi* larvae. If more material is required for your intended use, please contact BEI Customer Services at contact@beiresources.org, to request the additional material.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-49444 was packaged in 50 mL conical tubes. The product is provided at room temperature and should be

placed in an incubator, used immediately, or frozen and stored at -20°C or colder. **Note:** Freezing will kill the larvae, please consider your application prior to freezing this material.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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