**Brugia malayi** Microfilariae from the Peritoneal Cavity of a Mongolian Gerbil (Frozen)

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**Product Description:**

**Classification:** *Onchoceridaceae, 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. Mosquitos 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 mature 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-48889 consists of up to 2 million *B. malayi* microfilariae. 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-48889 was packaged in 1.5 mL centrifuge tubes. The product is provided on dry ice and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival.

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**Biosafety Level:** 2


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