

**Polyclonal Anti-*Mycobacterium leprae* MLMA-LAM (antiserum, Rabbit)**

**Catalog No. NR-19358**

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**Product Description:**

Antibody Designation: anti-MLMA-LAM  
 Polyclonal antiserum to membrane protein minus lipoarabinomannan (MLMA-LAM) of *Mycobacterium leprae* was produced in rabbits. The LAM was removed from the membrane protein fraction by TX-114 extraction. The antiserum is reported to be active in ELISA and Western Blot assays.

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 250 µL of NR-19358 provided as serum.

Note: Lot rp.ML0050.8.6.03JS was provided as a lyophilized product. Lot rp.MLMA-LAM.01.18.02JS can be reconstituted in sterile distilled water.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-19358 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -80°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

**Citation:**

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