

***Mycobacterium leprae*, Strain NHDP,
Gamma-Irradiated Whole Cells
(lyophilized)**

Catalog No. NR-19326

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Product Description:

NR-19326 is a preparation of purified *Mycobacterium leprae* (*M. leprae*), strain NHDP whole cells derived from infected armadillo liver and spleen tissue. The cells are inactivated by gamma irradiation using a Cs source with delivery of 1.44 to 2.4 MRad of ionization radiation (dose range is provided due to variation across the sample chamber).

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 10 mg of lyophilized gamma-irradiated whole cells from *M. leprae*, strain NHDP.

Note: Irradiated cells can be reconstituted in water.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-19326 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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