Acanthocheilonema viteae Microfilariae, Harvested from Culture Fluid (Live)

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Manufacturer:

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Product Description:

Classification: Onchocercidae, *Acanthocheilonema*
Species: *Acanthocheilonema viteae* (previously referred to as *Dipetalonema viteae*)
Original Source: *Acanthocheilonema viteae* (*A. viteae*) was obtained from TRS Laboratories in Athens, Georgia, USA.[2]
Comment: *A. viteae* does not contain the *Wolbachia* endosymbiont like most filarial nematodes that cause human disease. *A. viteae* is often used as the negative control for experiments investigating the bacterium.[2]

A. viteae is a filarial nematode that parasitizes rodents in Eastern Europe, Iran and North Africa. Natural hosts of *A. viteae* include the Libyan gerbil (*Meriones libycus*) and some species of the *Jaculus* and *Rhombomys* rodent genera. *A. viteae* can also infect experimental hosts including Golden Syrian LVG hamsters (*Mesocricetus auratus*), Mongolian gerbils (*Meriones unguiculatus*) and rats (*Mastomys natalensis*). In nature, third-stage infective larvae (L3) of *A. viteae* are transmitted to their mammalian host by the soft tick *Ornithodoros tartakovskyi*. *Ornithodoros moubata* can be used as an experimental vector for *A. viteae* in the lab. Once inside the mammalian host, the L3 develop into adult worms and generate microfilariae, which are ingested by the tick during its bloodmeal. The microfilariae develop inside the vector to L3, before migrating to the arthropod mouth parts for transmission to the mammalian host when the arthropod feeds.[2-5]

Material Provided:

NR-49273 consists of up to 1 million microfilariae harvested from culture fluid containing adult female *A. viteae*. 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-49273 is packaged in 50 mL conical tubes. The product is provided at room temperature and can be stored at room temperature for up to 3 days. After 3 days the material should be frozen and stored at -20°C or colder. Note: Freezing will kill the microfilariae, please consider your application prior to freezing this material.

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