

# Risk Assessment Form (3)

Must be completed before experimentation.

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Title of Project The effect of blue light on oxidative stress in C. elegans

**To be completed by the Student Researcher(s) in collaboration with Designated Supervisor/Qualified Scientist:**  
(All questions must be answered; additional page(s) may be attached.)

1. List all hazardous chemicals, activities, or devices that will be used; identify microorganisms exempt from pre-approval (see Potentially Hazardous Biological Agent rules).

**Caenorhabditis elegans (C. elegans) worms, household bleach (5% sodium hypochlorite), dichlorofluorescein diacetate, and 70% isopropyl alcohol will be used.**

2. Identify and assess the risks involved in this project.

**C. elegans is a Biosafety level 1 organism. Exposure to C. elegans poses negligible risk because it is non-hazardous, non-pathogenic, non-parasitic and cannot infect vertebrate cells. Bleach, dichlorofluorescein diacetate and isopropyl alcohol can all cause eye, skin and mucous membrane irritation.**

3. Describe the safety precautions and procedures that will be used to reduce the risks.

**Standard laboratory practices will be employed. A lab coat, goggles and nitrile gloves will be worn when handling the dishes in which the worms will be maintained, when cleaning work surfaces on a daily basis with household bleach, and when applying dichlorofluorescein diacetate and alcohol to worms.**

4. Describe the disposal procedures that will be used (when applicable).

**The C. elegans will be soaked in 70% isopropyl alcohol within their dishes for 24 hours before sealing the dishes with tape, placing the containers in a tied plastic bag and disposing of the bag in a biohazard waste container.**

5. List the source(s) of safety information.

**"Nematodes." Ward's Science. Available online at [https://boreal.com/assetsvc/asset/en\\_CA/id/16920398/contents](https://boreal.com/assetsvc/asset/en_CA/id/16920398/contents)  
Safety data sheets for household bleach, 70% isopropanol and 2', 7'-dichlorofluorescein diacetate.  
Available online at <https://www.camanchem.com>**

**To be completed and signed by the Designated Supervisor (or Qualified Scientist, when applicable):**

I agree with the risk assessment and safety precautions and procedures described above. I certify that I have reviewed the Research Plan/Project Summary and will provide direct supervision.

Brian Belanger

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Designated Supervisor's Printed Name

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