

Entomopathogenic Nematodes(Steinernematidae and Heterorhabditidae) from Korea with a Key to *Steinernema*

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한국산 곤충병원성 선충과 *Steinernema* 속의 검색표

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ABSTRACT

A survey for entomopathogenic nematodes was conducted throughout the nine provinces and within three city limits during the summer of 1990 and 1991. Six of the nine provinces and one of the three cities were positive for entomopathogenic nematodes. Out of the total 499 soil samples, 23(4.6%) were positive for entomopathogenic nematodes with 19(3.8%) containing *Steinernema* and 4(0.8%) containing *Heterorhabditis*, *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora* and three distinct groups of *Steinernema* species were identified. One group was identified as *S. carpocapsae*, another *S. glaseri* and the other *S. monticola* based on cross breeding studies. Positive sample sites in each habitat included 15 of the 415(3.6%) from forests including regrowth areas with shrubs, 1 of the 27(3.7%) from turfgrass including golf courses and parks, 3 of the 24(12.5%) from agricultural fields, 2 of the 16(12.5%) along riparian areas, and 2 of the 17(11.8%) near the seashore. We advocate that more surveys be conducted for entomopathogenic nematodes before commercial sources of nematodes are widely applied which may obscure the naturally-occurring nematodes. A key to *Steinernema* is provided for the identification.

Key words *Steinernema*, *Heterorhabditis*, entomopathogenic nematodes, biological control.

INTRODUCTION

Entomopathogenic nematodes in the families Steinernematidae and Heterorhabditidae are being commercially produced as biological control agents of insect pests, especially for those inhibiting the soil and cryptic habitats(Gaugler and Kaya 1990,

Gaugler et al, 1992). These nematodes are associated with symbiotic bacteria in the genera *Xenorhabdus* for Steinernematidae and *Photorhabdus* for heterorhabditids(Boemare et al, 1993). Upon finding a suitable host, the infective juvenile stage of the nematode enters in through natural openings and penetrates into the hemocoel. The bacterial cells, located in the gut

of the infective juvenile, are released and kill the insect host within 48 hours after the nematode has breached the host's hemocoel. The nematodes feed on the bacterial cells and host tissues, and after two or three generations in the cadaver, emerge as infective juveniles into the soil environment. The infective juveniles initiated the life cycle again when they infect a new insect host. These nematodes have a worldwide distribution and have been isolated from many islands and all continents (Kaya 1990) except Antarctica (Griffin et al 1990). Kaya (1990) summarized the results of extensive surveys conducted in many countries showing the distribution of these nematodes in various habitats. Other surveys not cited by Kaya (1990) have documented their distribution in Puerto Rico (Roman and Beavers 1982), Hawaiian Islands, USA (Hara et al 1991), various parts of the continental USA (Gaugler et al 1992, Liu and Berry 1995, Ruedo et al 1991), Scotland (Boag et al 1994), Republic of Ireland (Griffin et al 1991), western Canada (Mracek and Webster 1993), Catalogne, Spain (Dedoucet and Gobarra 1994), Azores, Portugal (Rosa et al 1994), Argentina (Stock 1994) and Sri Lanka (Amarasinghe et al 1994). Such surveys have led to a number of newly described species, new isolates of already described species, and many more that still need to be described. An additional source of their distribution can be determined by reading the literature of newly species description which provides information on the locality of their isolation (Cabanillas et al 1994, Gardner et al 1994, Stock 1993).

Although the isolation of entomopathogenic nematodes has been documented in many countries, no systemic survey has been conducted for Korea. However, *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora* has been isolated from the People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) (Mracek et al 1988) suggesting that entomopathogenic nematodes

would also be present in the southern part of the Korean Peninsula. Accordingly, we initiated a survey to determine their occurrence in the Korea. Such isolations may eventually result in their use as biological control agents against Korean insect pests. In addition, a key to *Steinernema* is provided for the identification.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Soil samples were collected from diverse habitats (forests, agricultural fields, turfgrass, seashores, and riparian areas) throughout the nine Provinces and within the city limits of Pusan, Daegu, and Gwangju during July and August of 1990 and 1991 (Fig. 1). Samples were taken 3 to 16 km apart within 200 m of a road. Each sample site was 2-4 m², and 5 subsamples (10 × 10 × 15 cm each) were collected with a small hand shovel. The subsamples were combined resulting in ca. 800 ml of soil which was placed in a plastic bag and kept cool (10 to 15°C). If any insect were observed, they were examined for nematode infection. However, no concentrated effort was made to find insects because of time constraints. In addition, the dominant flora of each sample site was recorded. Between sampling sites, the hand shovel was washed with water and air dried.

The soil was transported to the laboratory for the extraction of entomopathogenic nematodes. The soil was thoroughly mixed in the bag, and a 250 ml subsamples of soil was removed and placed into a 300 ml plastic container. The remaining soil was stored at 4°C and a second isolation for nematodes was done 2 to 4 weeks later. Six last instar *Galleria mellonella* larvae were added to each container (Bedding and Akhurst 1975), and all containers were stored at room temperature (25 ± 3°C) for 1 week. Dead larvae from each container were set up in a

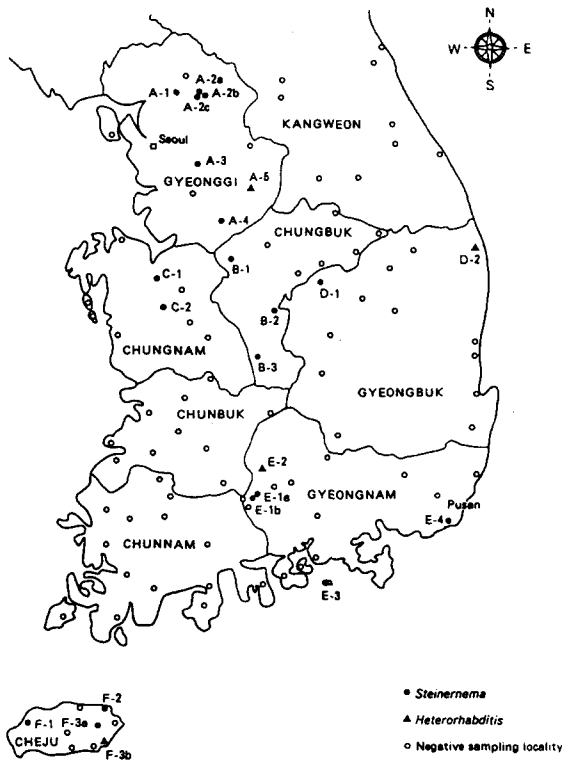


Fig. 1. Map of showing the actual positive sampling sites as indicated by the black dot for *Steinernema* and the black triangle for *Heterorhabditis*. The open circles indicated the negative localities which contained a number of sampling sites. That is, there were 499 sampling sites but not all negatives ones are shown.

WHITE trap(Woodring and Kaya 1988) to collect emerging infective juveniles.

Nematodes isolated from the WHITE traps were used to infect another group of *Galleria* larvae to verify that they were pathogenic. The colors of the cadavers were noted 4 to 8 days after death. Ocher or brown cadavers were dissected 4 to 5 days postinfection and orange or red ones were dissected at 8 to 10 postinfection. The adult males were used to identify the nematodes to genus and whenever possible to species. In a few instances, cross breeding studies using the hanging drop method(Poinar 1975)

were conducted to determine whether the isolates were the same species or not. In one instance, cross breeding was conducted with *S. carpocapsae* from a laboratory culture.

RESULTS

A total of 499 soil samples were collected throughout the nine Provinces and within the three cities(Fig. 1). Positive samples in each habitat included 15 out of 415(3.6%) from forests including regrowth areas with shrubs, 1 of the 27(3.7%) from turfgrass including golf courses and parks, 3 out of 24(12.5%) from agricultural fields, 2 out of 16(12.5%) along riparian areas, and 2 out of 17(11.8%) near the seashore. Six of the nine provinces and one of the three cities were positive for entomopathogenic nematodes (Table 1). In all cases, the second isolation confirmed the results of the first; i.e., positive samples for entomopathogenic nematodes remained positive and those that were negative remained negative. Soil types of all positive sites were determined by the Gyeongnam Provincial Rural Development Administration and were classified as sandy, sandy silt, or sandy clay(Table 1). The nematodes were identified as *Steinernema* and *Heterorhabditis* based on the color of the cadavers and on the morphology of the male.

Out of the 499 samples, 23(4.6%) were positive for entomopathogenic nematodes with 19 (3.8%) containing *Steinernema* and 4(0.8%) containing *Heterorhabditis*. Fourteen of the *Steinernema* positive sites were isolated from coniferous, deciduous or regrowth forest habitats; two were isolated from near the seashore with one isolate from a grassy area and one among black pine trees; two were isolated from agricultural fields, with one fallow and the other weedy; and one was from turfgrass at a golf course(Table 1). No natural infections of insects were found at any

site except in turfgrass at Pusan(Dongrae isolate) where larval cadavers of unknown scarab grubs, probably *Anomala* sp., were infected with a steinernematid.

We were only able to maintain nine

populations of *Steinernema*. Ten populations were lost during the second to third subcultures before samples for morphometric studies were made. Of the remaining nine populations, three distinct groups(A, B, and C) were evident. Isolates

Table 1. Location, soil texture, habitat, and vegetation of entomopathogenic nematodes isolated from Korean soils.

Location ^a	Soil texture	Habitat	Dominant vegetation	Nematode genus
Dongducheon(A-1)	Sandy clay	Regrowth forest	Gyeonggi Province Korean bush clover (<i>Lespedeza maximowiczii</i>)	<i>Steinernema</i>
Pocheon 1(A-2a)	Sandy clay	Regrowth forest	Korean azalea (<i>Rhododendron mucronulatum</i>)	<i>Steinernema</i> ^b
Pocheon 2(A-2b)	Sandy clay	Forest	Arrowroot (<i>Pueraria thunbergiana</i>)	<i>Steinernema</i> ^b
Pocheon 3(A-2c)	Sandy clay	Forest	Korean pine (<i>Pinus koraiensis</i>)	<i>Steinernema</i> ^b
Seongnam(A-3)	Sandy clay	Forest	Red pine (<i>P. densiflora</i>)	<i>Steinernema</i>
Anseong(A-4)	Sandy clay	Forest	Red pine	<i>Steinernema</i>
Yeoju(A-5)	Sandy	Riparian	Weed (<i>Persicaria biumei</i>)	<i>Heterorhabditis</i>
Jincheon(B-1)	Sandy clay	Forest	Chungbuk Province Red pine	<i>Steinernema</i>
Boeun(B-2)	andy clay	Forest	Larch (<i>Larix leptolepis</i>)	<i>Steinernema</i>
Okcheon(B-3)	Sandy clay	Forest	Red pine	<i>Steinernema</i>
Yesan(C-1)	Sandy clay	Forest	Chungnam Province Red pine	<i>Steinernema</i>
Cheongyang(C-2)	Sandy clay	Forest	False acasia (<i>Robina pseudoacasia</i>)	<i>Steinernema</i>
Mungyeong(D-1)	Sandy clay	Agricultural	Gyeongbuk Province Common lambsquarters	<i>Steinernema</i>
Ulsin(D-2)	Sandy clay	Riparian	Cogongrass (<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>)	<i>Heterorhabditis</i>
Sancheong 1(E-1a)	Sandy clay	Forest	Gyeongnam Province Larch	<i>Steinernema</i>
Sancheong 2(E-1b)	Sandy clay	Forest	Larch	<i>Steinernema</i>
Hamyang (E-2)	Sandy	Agricultural	Peanut (<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>)	<i>Heterorhabditis</i>
Samcheonpo(E-3)	Sandy clay	Forest	Black pine (<i>P. thunbergii</i>)	<i>Steinernema</i>
Dongrae(E-4)	Sandy	Golf course	City of Pusan Turfgrass ^c	<i>Steinernema</i>
Hanrim(F-1)	Sandy	Seashore	Cheju Province Unknown grass(weed)	<i>Steinernema</i>
Keumyung(F-2)	Sandy	Seashore	Black pine ^d	<i>Steinernema</i>
Namcheju(F-3a)	Sandy clay	Agricultural	Fallow ^e	<i>Steinernema</i>
Namcheju(F-3b)	Sandy clay	Forest	Black pine	<i>Heterorhabditis</i>

^aThe letter and number in the parenthesis refer to the location as shown on Figure 1.

^bIdentified as *Steinernema carpocapsae* based on cross breeding studies with laboratory cultures of *S. carpocapsae*.

^cOnly site where larval cadavers of unknown scarab grubs, probably *Anomala* sp., were found

^dPine trees growing along the seashore near a resort area.

^eCultivated field that was fallow at time of sampling.

Pocheon 1, 2, and 3(Gyeonggi Province) were placed in Group A. Isolates in this group interbred with each other and with laboratory cultures of *S. carpocapsae*. We concluded that these isolates were *S. carpocapsae*. Isolates Dongrae(Pusan city), Mungyeong (Gyeongbuk Province), and Namcheju and Hanrim(Cheju Province) were placed Group B and they were *S. glaseri*. Isolates Sancheong 1 and 2(Gyeongnam Province) were placed in Group C and identified as new species. No interbreeding studies within Groups B and C were conducted. Group C was named *S. monticola* and is being published.

Two *Heterorhabditis* isolates were collected from riparian areas(Gyeonggi and Gyeongbuk Provinces), one was collected in a peanut field adjacent to a riparian area (Gyeongnam Province), and one was collected from a forest(Cheju Province)(Table 1). Based on morphometrics, the *Heterorhabditis* isolates were identified as *H. bacteriophora*.

DISCUSSION

We focused our survey in the mountainous forests because they have the greatest diversity of insect fauna consisting of oriental and Palearctic species(Paik 1993). Sixty-six percent of the land mass in Korea is mountainous consisting primarily of coniferous or mixed coniferous and deciduous forests. Twenty-one percent of the land mass is agricultural of which 14% is in rice production and 7% is in other crops. The remaining 13% of the land mass is in residential/industrial or other uses. The rice cultivation areas are not considered to be a natural habitat for steinernematids and heterorhabditids because the fields are flooded. Moreover, the agricultural practices rely heavily on pesticides for insect suppression which limits the available insect fauna.

Our results suggest that areas with greater

human activity have equal or better chances of successfully yielding entomopathogenic nematodes than areas with less human activity. A higher percentage of positive samples was obtained from nonforested areas suggesting human activity may greatly influence the distribution of these nematodes. This suggestion is reinforced by Mracek and Webster(1993) who observed that entomopathogenic nematodes were more prevalent in areas where human impact was more substantial than in natural habitats. Similarly, Akhurst and Brooks(1984) and Griffin et al.(1991) had more positive sites in agricultural areas than in forests in both North Carolina, USA and the Republic of Ireland. In England, more entomopathogenic nematodes were isolated from agricultural fields(48%) than in woodlands(42%), but roadside verge had the highest percentage of nematodes(66%)(Hominick and Briscoe 1990). In Scotland, permanent pastures(4.1%) had more isolations of nematodes than coniferous (3.2%) or deciduous(1.6%) forests(Boag et al 1992). However, Hara et al.(1991) and Liu and Berry(1995) had more positive nematode sites along the seashore than any other habitat. After the seashore sites, Liu and Berry(1995) found that forests and orchards had the next most abundant positive sites and agricultural situations had the lowest frequency of nematode recovery sites. In contrast, Mracek(1980) found more steinernematids in forests than in agricultural lands in Czechoslovakia.

Initially, we postulated that already described species may be more prevalent from areas with high human activity compared with areas with low human activity. This does not appear to be the case because *S. carpocapsae* was isolated from forests and *H. bacteriophora* was isolated from agricultural fields and forests.

Our survey was similar to other surveys in two ways that are worthy of comment. First, there was a general trend of sandy and sandy loam

soils yielding more positive sites for entomopathogenic nematodes than clay soils(Blackshaw 1988, Griffin et al 1991, Hara et al 1991, Hominick and Briscoe 1990, Liu and Berry 1995). And second, nematode-infected insects were not found during most surveys. In our Korean survey, only one site revealed field infected insects. In part, when surveys are conducted, a vast area is being covered and there is very little time to conduct a systematic search for insects. Yet, epizootics of entomopathogenic nematodes have been documented(Akhurstv at al 1992, Kaya 1990), and many nematode-infected insects have been recovered from nature during the course of other investigations(Poinar 1975). For most field studies including surveys, Hominick and Reid(1990) commented that they are "snapshots" in time and provide no information on recycling or persistence.

Surveys serve an important purpose for a number of reasons. They document the occurrence of these nematodes in various habitats and localities, are a source of new species and isolates that form the basis for additional opportunities for commercial products, offer these new species and isoates for potential use as classical biological control agents, and serve as a source of genetic diversity. It is critical to conduct these surveys to document the occurrence of native entomopathogenic nematode species or isolates before areas are "polluted" by inundative and inoculative applications of commercial speices. Applied nematodes may outcompete and replace the native entomopathogenic nematodes resulting in their local extinction.

Key to the males of *Steinernema* species

- 1. Tip of tail containing a cuticular mucron 2
 - 1.a. Tip of tail lacking a cuticular mucron 8
- 2. Average length of mucron 1-4µm 3
 - 2.a. Average length of mucron 4-13µm 4
- 3. Number of genital papillae 21 *S. rara* Doucet, 1986
 - 3.a. Number of genital papillae 22-23 5
- 4. Average distance from anterior end to excretory pore 74(range: 65-85µm); average length of testis reflexion 578(range: 475-675) *S. feltiae*(Filipjev, 1934)
 - 4.a. Average distance from anterior end to excretory pore 94(range: 75-113µm); average length of testis reflexion 370(range: 334-398) *S. monticola* Stock, Choo & Kaya
- 5. Spicules lacking a velum, lamina of spicules without a rostrum *S. neocurtillis* Nguyen & Smart, 1992
 - 5.a. Spicules lacking a velum, lamina of spicules with a rostrum 6
- 6. Six pairs of preanal papillae *S. carpocapsae* (Weiser, 1955)
 - 6.a. Five pairs of preanal papillae 7
- 7. Length of testis reflexion more than 400µm ... 8
 - 7.a. Length of testis reflexion less than 400µm *S. scapterisci* Nguyen & Smart, 1990
- 8. Length of spicules 67µm or more: length of tail 45µm or more; width at the cloaca more than 50µm *S. affinis*(Bovien, 1937)
 - 8.a. Length of spicules 67µm or less: length of tail less than 45µm; width at the cloaca less than 50µm *S. kraussei* (Steiner, 1923)
- 9. Spicules tip notched nor swollen 10
 - 9.a. Spicules tip neither notched or swollen 12
- 10. Lamina of spicules with a velum *S. longicaudum* Shen & Wang, 1991
 - 10.a. Lamina of spicules without a velum 11
- 11. Tip of spicules notched or scarred: 7-8 pairs of preanal papillae ...*S. glageri* (Steiner, 1929)
 - 11.a. Tip of spicules swollen or rounded: 9-10 pairs of preanal papillae ... *S. anomali*(Kozodoi, 1984)
- 12. One single ventral preanal papillae 13
 - 12.a. Two single ventral preanal papillae *S. kushidai* Mamiya, 1985
- 13. Lamina of spicules without a rostrum 14
 - 13.a. Lamina of spicules with a rostrum 15

- 14. Length of spicules more than 70µm
..... *S. puertorricensis* Roman & Figueroa, 1994
- 14.a. Length of spicules less than 70µm ... *S. cubana*
Mracek, Arteaga-Hernandez & Boemare, 1994
- 15. Length of testis reflexion more than 283µm
.....*S. riobravis*
Cabanillas, Poinar & Raulston, 1994
- 15.a. Length of testis reflexion less than 283µm ... 16
- 16. Spicules length less than 80µm; length of tail
less than 35µm *S. ritteri*
Doucet & Doucet, 1990
- 16.a. Spicules length more than 80µm; length of
tail more than 35µm ... *S. intermedia*(Poinar, 1985)

Key to the infective juveniles of *Steinernema* species

- 1. Average length more than 1100µm 2
- 1.a. Average length less than 1100µm 5
- 2. Average distance from anterior end to
excretory pore from 76-90µm; ratio D from
0.50-0.79 ... *S. anomali* (Kozodoi, 1984) and
longicaudum Shen & Wang, 1991(Character
separating the infective juveniles of these
species have not yet been found)
- 2.a. Average distance from anterior end to
excretory pore from 90-110µm; ratio D from
0.58-0.71 3
- 3. Average distance from anterior end to pharynx
base from 112-130µm; tail length less than 75µm
..... *S. glageri* (Steiner, 1929)
- 3.a. Average distance from anterior end to
pharynx base from 135-147µm; tail length more
than 75µm 4
- 4. Greatest width from 47-54µm
.....*S. puertorricensis* Roman & Figueroa, 1994
- 4.a. Greatest width from 33-46µm
..... *S. cubana* Mracek, Arteaga-Hernandez &
Boemare, 1994
- 5. Average length from 800-905µm 6
- 5.a. Average length less than 800µm 8
- 6. Greatest width 22-29µm; ratio A is 31(22-33)

- *S. feltiae* (Filipjev, 1934)
- 6.a. Greatest width more than 29µm; ratio A less
than 31 7
- 7. Average distance from anterior end to
excretory pore is 18µm(range: 14-22)
.....*S. neocurtillis* Nguyen & Smart, 1992
- 7.a. Average distance from anterior end to
excretory pore is 63µm(range: 56-66)
..... *S. krausseii* (Steiner, 1923)
- 8. Average length less than 600µm(range 440-600)
..... 9
- 8.a. Average length less than 600µm 12
- 9. Average distance from anterior end to pharynx
base less than 102µm 10
- 9.a. Average distance from anterior end to
pharynx base is more than 102µm 11
- 10. Average distance from anterior end to
excretory pore is 37µm(range:34-40); ratio D
is less than 0.42(0.34-0.41)
.....*S. rara* Doucet, 1986
- 10.a. Average distance from anterior end to
excretory pore is 43µm(range:40-46); ratio D
is greater than 43(0.44-0.50)
..... *S. ritteri* Doucet & Doucet, 1990
- 11. Ratio E is 0.73(0.60-0.80)
..... *S. scapterisci* Nguyen & smart, 1990
- 11.a. Ratio E is 0.60(0.54-0.66) ... *S. carpocapsae*
(Weiser, 1955)
- 12. Average distance from anterior end to nerve
ring from 76-87µm(range:70-89) 13
- 12.a. Average distance from anterior end to nerve
ring from 93-95µm(range:85-104) 14
- 13. Average distance from anterior end to
excretory pore is 50µm or less(42-50);ratio D is
0.41(0.38-0.44) *S. kushidai* Mamiya, 1985
- 13.a Average distance from anterior end to
excretory pore more than 50µm(51.2-64):ratio
D is 0.49(0.45-0.55) ... *S. riobravis* Cabanillas,
Poinar & Raulston, 1994
- 14. Minute refractile spine in tail tip present
..... *S. affinis* (Bovien, 1937)
- 14.a. Minute refractile spine in tail tip absent ... 15

15. Ratio A is 23(20-26); ratio E is 0.96(0.89-1.08) *S. intermedia* (Poinar, 1985)
 15.a. Ratio A is 19(14-22); ratio E is 0.76(0.63-0.8) *S. monticola* Stock, Choo & Kaya

적 요

1990년과 1991년 여름동안 한국내의 9개도 3개 직할시에서 곤충기생성선충의 분포를 조사하였는바 6개도와 1개 직할시에서 선충이 검출되었다. 499곳의 샘플중 23곳 샘플에서 선충이 검출되었는데(검출율 4.6%), 그중 19곳의 샘플(3.8%)이 *Steinernema*였다. *Steinernema*가 검출된 샘플중 1개군은 *S. carpocapsae*였고 1개군은 *S. glaseri*, 1개군은 *S. monticola*로 동정되었다. 그리고 4곳(0.8%)은 *Heterorhabditis*속으로서 *H. bacteriophora*로 동정 되었다. 환경별로는 삼림토양의 415곳중 15곳(3.6%), 공원과 골프장및 잔디밭 27곳중 1곳(3.7%), 해안지역 12곳중 2곳(11.8%)에서 선충이 검출되었다. 곤충병원성 선충은 우리나라 토양에 널리 분포하고 있는것으로 확인 되었는데, 상품화된 선충을 살포하게되면 자연분포 선충의 검출이 곤란하기 때문에 시판 선충이 살포되기전 보다 많은 분포조사가 이루어져야 겠다. 그리고 *Steinernema* 속의 동정을 위하여 검색표를 마련하였다.

검색어 *Steinernema*, *Heterorhabditis*, 곤충병원성선충, 생물적 방제

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