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Survival of *Steinernema feltiae* in different formulation substrates: improved longevity in a mixture of gel and vermiculite

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Survival of *Steinernema feltiae* in different formulations was assessed
- The greatest survival at 35°C and 25°C was observed in peat and vermiculite
- At 15°C the polyacrylamide gel and water treatments were superior
- The gel formulation held higher numbers of nematodes in the substrate
- A mixture of vermiculite + gel provided the best overall preservation

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