

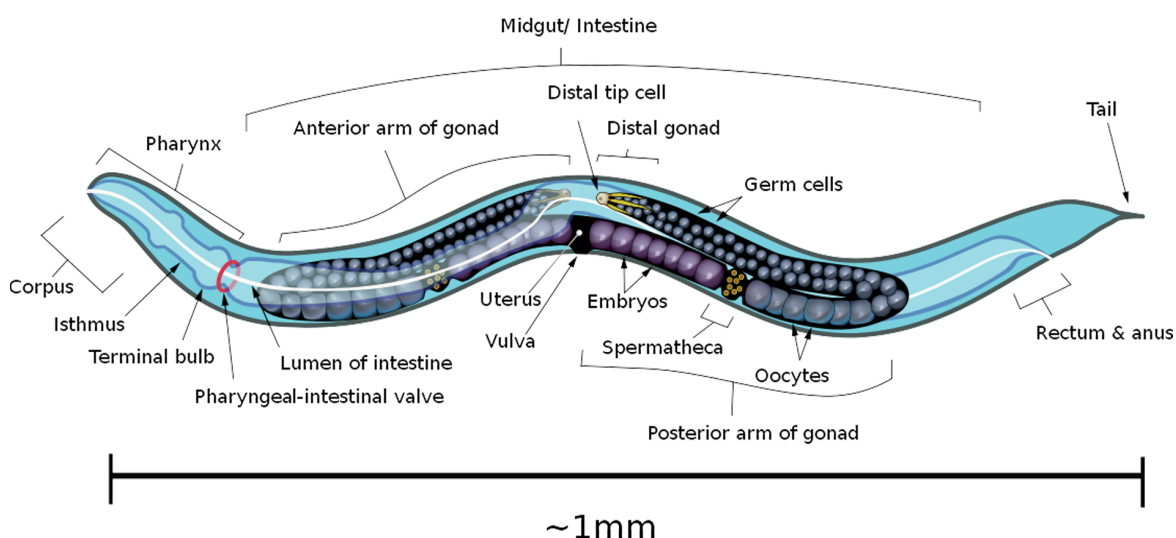


## Discoveries in Biology Using C. Elegans

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The roundworm *Caenorhabditis elegans* has played a **pivotal role** in numerous [Nobel Prize-winning discoveries](#), shedding light on **fundamental biological processes**.

- **Nobel Winning Research on C. Elegans:**
  - **Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun ([2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine](#)):** Discovered [microRNAs](#) and their crucial role in **gene expression** control.
  - **Osamu Shimomura, Martin Chalfie, and Roger Tsien ([2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry](#)):** Developed **green fluorescent protein (GFP)**, enabling live-cell imaging and revolutionizing biological research.
    - GFP is a tool used in **molecular and cell biology** for **visualizing and tracking** biological processes.
  - **Andrew Fire and Craig Mello ([2006 Nobel Prize in Medicine](#)):** Discovered **RNA interference (RNAi)**, revolutionizing gene-silencing techniques.
    - It led to the discovery that **double-stranded RNA (dsRNA)** can **silence specific genes**, offering potential **therapeutic applications**.
  - **Sydney Brenner ([2002 Nobel Prize in Medicine](#)):** His research contributed to understanding **programmed cell death**.
- **About C. Elegans:** It is a **tiny invertebrate**, measuring just **1 mm in length**, and **transparent nematode**.
  - Nematodes, also called **roundworms**, are **unsegmented, cylindrical, and often microscopic** organisms and a major component of **soil and sediment ecosystems**.
  - They are **parasitic** in animals or plants or **free-living in soil or water**.



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