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Loa loa

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A species of parasitic nematodes in the family Onchocercidae. The lifecycle of *L. loa* involves deer flies as the intermediate host and humans as the definitive host. Infestation causes loa loa filariasis (loiasis).