

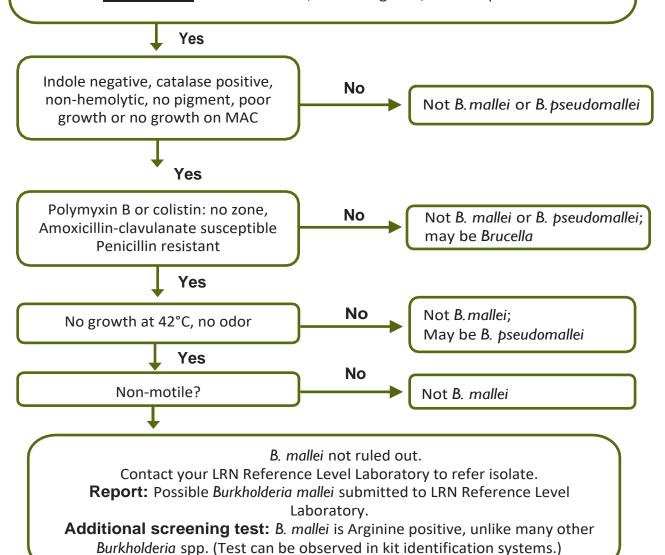
B. mallei Identification Flowchart

SAFETY: As soon as *Burkholderia* is suspected, perform ALL further work in a Class II Biosafety Cabinet using BSL-3 practices.

Major characteristics of Burkholderia mallei:

Gram stain morphology: Gram negative coccobacilli or small rods **Colony morphology:** Poor growth at 24 hr; better growth of gray, translucent colonies without pigment or hemolysis at 48 hours on BAP; poor or no growth on MAC/EMB in 48 h; no distinctive odor

Reactions: Oxidase-variable; indole negative; catalase positive



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