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 Identify where the revised ASM Sentinel Level Clinical Laboratory Guidelines for Suspected Agents of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infectious Diseases are located.

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#### Purpose of the Bioterrorism Proficiency Exercise (BPE)

- Sentinel Clinical Laboratories are responsible for demonstrating annual competency in performing rule-out testing as outlined in the ASM "Sentinel Level Clinical Microbiology Laboratory Guidelines for Suspected Agents of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infectious Diseases"
- BPE is offered free of charge to WI clinical laboratories to meet the above requirement

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| Test                    | Sample 1:<br>(GNR)<br>Expected<br>Result  | % Reporting<br>Labs   | Sample 2:<br>(GNR)<br>Expected<br>Result | % Reporting Labs |
| α-hemolysis             | Negative                                  | 88.3% (of 77)         | Negative                                 | 85.7% (of 77)    |
| β-hemolysis             | Negative                                  | 89.4% (of 76)         | Negative                                 | 86.7% (of 75)    |
| Catalase *              | Positive                                  | 34.2% (of 76)         | Positive                                 | 50.6% (of 77)    |
| Indole *                | Negative                                  | 88.2% (of 76)         | Negative                                 | 89.5% (of 76)    |
| Motility *              | Negative                                  | 35.1% (of 74) 1       | Positive                                 | 47.3% (of 73)    |
| Oxidase *               | Positive                                  | 90.8% (of 76)         | Positive                                 | 93.4% (of 76)    |
| Urease                  | Positive                                  | 21.9% (of 73)         | Negative                                 | 49.3% (of 73)    |
| X Requirement           | Not indicated                             | 91.5%(of 71)          | Not indicated                            | 93.1% (of 72)    |
| V Requirement           | Not indicated                             | 91.5%(of 71)          | Not indicated                            | 93.1% (of 72)    |
| * Rule-out<br>1 >50% di | tests for Burkhold<br>dn't perform testin | leria<br>Ig           |  |                  |
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## ASM Sentinel Level Clinic ULABORATORY Protocols Webpage

- CDC, APHL, and ASM have updated the LRN protocols which can be found at the following: <u>http://www.asm.org/index.php/guidelines/sentinel-guidelines</u>
  - NEW Introduction, General Recommendations and Biochemical Test Procedures
  - Anthrax (Bacillus anthracis)
  - Brucella

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- Plague (Yersinia pestis)
- Tularemia (Francisella tularensis)
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# Changes to Protocols Biosafety Levels changed to match "*Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories"* (BMBL) and some changes to rule-out biochemicals. *B. anthracis* - BSL-2 unless working with high concentrations. *Brucella* spp. - BSL-3 (or BSL-2 with BSL-3 precautions) *B. mallei* and *pseudomallei* - BSL-2 for specimen processing but BSL-3 (or BSL-2 with BSL-3 precautions) for follow-up culture work & testing. Added susceptibility to amoxicillin-clavulanic acid and penicillin. Changed no pigment to no violet pigment. F. tullarensis - BSL-3 (or BSL-2 with BSL-3 precautions). Removed urease from rule-out test algorithm. *Y. Pestis* - BSL-2. Removed description of colonies as "fried egg" or "hammered copper" appearance. Growth slower at 37'

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## Revised Materials

- Funding cuts to emergency response
  - Development of shared training and resources
    - Bioterrorism Agents poster
    - Bench Guides for Bioterrorism Agents
    - CDC TRAIN at <u>http://cdc.train.org</u>
      - On-line packaging and shipping refresher training
      - Basic Microscopy

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• Free packaging and shipping workshops for employees with no previous training

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### Changes to BPE

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- Emphasis is on performing rule-out testing
- No final identification is asked for
  - Using an automated ID system or Maldi-TOF is not advised
- Exercise is no longer designed to provide two organisms to practice the rule-out algorithm for a single bioterrorism agent (BT).
- Each unknown sample may require laboratories to perform the rule-out algorithms for a different possible BT agent
- Gram stain is only performed on isolate growth not primary inoculum.
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