

# Trigger Points for Rule-Out

**Complete all work in a Biosafety Cabinet if the following is observed.**

**1 All BT Agents**  
Growth in Blood Culture bottle after 36 hours “slow grower”.

**You are the first line of defense - refer to current ASM Sentinel Lab Protocols.**

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## ***Brucella spp.***

Gram negative rods with no growth on MAC.

## ***Francisella tularensis***

Gram negative rods/coccobacillus growth on CHOC only.  
No growth on MAC.

## ***Bacillus anthracis/cereus***

Large gram positive rods with/without spores with slight or no hemolysis on BAP.  
Ground glass appearance of colonies.

## ***Burkholderia mallei***

Gram negative rods with little growth on MAC.

## ***Burkholderia pseudomallei***

Wrinkled appearance of colonies.

## ***Yersinia pestis***

Gram negative rods that grow better at 25 C.  
Colonies with “fried egg appearance”.