***B.pseudomallei* Characteristics Chart**

**Gram stain:**

**• Small, straight, or slightly curved Gram negative rods (1-3 x<2.0µm)**

**• Smooth form arranged in long, parallel bundles**

**• Rough form arranged irregularly**

**• Bipolar staining**

**Colony morphology:**

**• Smooth, creamy on Sheep Blood and CHOC agar at 24h; may display**

**metallic sheen on BAP, CHOC at 48 h; some become either mucoid or**

**dry and wrinkled after 48-72h; no violet pigment**

**• Pink on MAC/EMB agar at 24-48h; will become dry and wrinkled after**

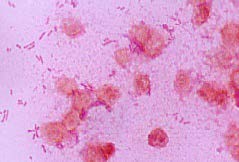
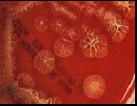
**48-72h**

**• Resistant to colistin and polymyxin B**

**• Resistant to penicillin**

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**• Susceptible to amoxicillin/clavulanic acid**



**• No pigment on MH agar**

**• Distinctive musty or earthy odor**

**Biochemicals:**

**• Oxidase,catalase, and arginine   
dihydrolase positive**

**• Indole negative**

**• Glucose non-fermenter**

**Motility: Positive**

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