Take-home messages

- Brucella spp is an uncommon class 3 pathogen isolated in laboratories serving non-endemic areas.
- ► Laboratory staff are unfamiliar with the phenotypic characteristics of *Brucella* spp, and need periodic education about uncommon hazardous organisms.
- All Gram-negative or Gram-variable bacilli or coccobacilli should be processed in a class 2 biosafety cabinet pending definitive identification.
- Exposed staff members should be assessed by the occupational health department, offered antibiotic prophylaxis and monitored with serology.

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