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Burkholderia mallei

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A species of aerobic, Gram-negative, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Proteobacteria. This species is nonmotile, encapsulated, catalase positive, oxidase and indole negative, and hydrolyzes starch. B mallei is found in contaminated soil, causes Glanders disease in horses, mules, donkeys, and humans, and has been developed and used as a biological weapon by the Germans, Russians and Japanese.