

PATHOGEN SAFETY DATA SHEET

Acinetobacter baumannii

CHARACTERISTICS	
Morphology	Rod-shaped gram-negative bacteria.
	Pneumonia, urinary tract infections, wound infections,
	soft tissue infections, secondary meningitis,
Disease	nosocomial infections.
Zoonosis	None.

HEALTH HAZARDS	
Host Range	Humans.
	Poses very little risk to healthy individuals. People who have weakened immune systems are at risk. Can be
Modes of	spread to susceptible persons by person-to-person
Transmission	contact with contaminated surfaces.
Signs and	Causes a variety of diseases ranging from pneumonia
Symptoms	to serious blood or wound infections.
Infectious Dose	unknown
Incubation Period	unknown

MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS/TREATMENT	
Prophylaxis	None available.
Vaccines	None available.
	Treatment with imipenem or meropenem, but a steady
	rise in carbapenem resistance has been reported.
	Consequently, treatment methods often fall on
Treatment	polymyxins, such as colistin.
Surveillance	Monitor for symptoms.
MSU Requirements	Report any exposures

LABORATORY HAZARDS	
Laboratory	
Acquired Infections	
(LAIs)	None have been reported.
	Aquatic environments, sputum, respiratory secretions,
	wounds, and urine. Cultures, frozen stocks, other
Sources	samples described in IBC protocol.

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES	
	http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/lab-bio/res/psds-
Canadian MSDS:	ftss/index-eng.php
BMBL	https://www.cdc.gov/labs/BMBL.html
CDC	https://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/acinetobacter.html
	https://osp.od.nih.gov/wp-
NIH Guidelines	content/uploads/NIH Guidelines.pdf

RISK GROUP & CONTAINMENT REQUIREMENTS	
	Agents that are associated with human disease
	which is rarely serious and for which preventive or
Risk Group 2	therapeutic interventions are often available.
	For all procedures involving suspected or known
BSL2	infectious specimen or cultures.
ABSL2	For all procedures utilizing infected animals.

SPILL PROCEDURES	
	Notify others working in the lab. Remove PPE and don new PPE. Cover area of the spill with absorbent material and add fresh 1:10 bleach:water. Allow 20 minutes (or as directed) of contact time. After 20
Small	minutes, cleanup and dispose of materials.
	 Immediately notify all personnel in the lab and clear all personnel from the area. Remove any contaminated PPE/clothing and leave the lab. Secure the area by locking doors, posting signage and guarding the area to keep people out of the space. For assistance, contact MSU's Biosafety Officer (406-994-6733) or Safety and Risk Management (406-994-
Large	2711).

EXPOSURE PROCEDURES	
	Flush eyes, mouth, or nose for 5 minutes at eyewash
Mucous membrane	station.
Other Exposures	Wash area with soap and water for 5 minutes.
	Immediately report incident to supervisor, complete
	a First Report of Injury form, and submit to Safety
Reporting	and Risk Management.
	During business hours:
	Bridger Occupational Health 3406 Laramie Drive
	Weekdays 8am -6pm. Weekends 9am-5pm
	After business hours:
	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Emergency Room
Medical Follow-up	915 Highland Blvd

VIABILITY	
	Susceptible to 1:10 bleach:water, 70 % ethanol, and
Disinfection	Susceptible to 1:10 bleach:water, 70 % ethanol, and 2 % formaldehyde, accelerated hydrogen peroxide
	Inactivated by moist heat (15 minutes at 121°C) and
Inactivation	dry heat (1 hour at 160-170°C).
Survival Outside Host	Survives in the environment for long periods of time.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)	
Minimum PPE Requirements	Lab coat, disposable gloves, safety glasses, closed toed shoes, long pants
Additional Precautions	Additional PPE may be required depending on lab specific SOPs and IBC Protocol.