



# Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing Standing Committee

## Guidance

### Susceptibility testing of *Brucella* species

*Brucella* spp. are Hazard Group 3 pathogens and all work must be done in containment level 3 accommodation. The antimicrobial agents most commonly used for treatment are doxycycline, rifampicin, ciprofloxacin, tetracycline and streptomycin and, from the limited information available, there is little or no resistance to these drugs. *Brucella* spp. are uncommon isolates and interpretative standards are not available. Since *Brucella* spp. are highly infectious, susceptibility testing in routine laboratories is not recommended.