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Atypical *Brucella inopinata*–Like Species in 2 Marine Toads

Appendix

Methods

We used a Qiagen DNeasy tissue kit (Qiagen, https://www.qiagen.com) to extract DNA from suspect *Brucella* sp. We used the extracted DNA for a Laboratory Response Network realtime assay and partial 16S rDNA and recA PCR using previously published primers (*1,2*). We treated PCR products with ExoSAP-IT Express (Thermo Fisher, https://www.thermofisher.com) and used both forward and reverse primers for sequencing at Eurofins Genomics (Eurofins Genomics, https://www.eurofins.com). We trimmed the resulting sequences and analyzed the consensus sequence with NCBI BLAST (http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi) against the nucleotide database. The biochemical characterization of the bacteria included lead acetate, oxidase, catalase (Remel, http://www.remel.com), and gel formation tests (gel formation of the bacterial isolate suspension in 1% phenolized saline) (*3*).

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Appendix Figure. Case 1: Gram stain of numerous intracytoplasmic *Brucella* sp. coccobacilli within macrophages, which were also acid-fast negative (not shown).