

# A Man with Melioidosis Mimicking Tuberculosis

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## ABSTRACT

The authors present a case of melioidosis with spondylitis and multiple internal organ abscesses including prostatic and psoas abscesses that mimic tuberculosis. The patient was a 61-year-old man who had pulmonary tuberculosis successfully treated 8 months ago. He developed subacute fever and progressive low back pain. The magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) showed spondylitis of sacrum and a large left psoas abscess. A transrectal ultrasonography of the prostate revealed a prostatic abscess. Both urine and drained pus from psoas abscess grew *Burkholderia pseudomallei*. After treatment, the patient showed a significant clinical improvement. (*J Infect Dis Antimicrob Agents* 2011;28:191-96.)

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