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# When to Seek Species-Level Identification for *C. auris*

Is *Candida* species isolated from a normally sterile body site?<sup>1</sup>

Yes

Speciate

No

*C. auris* can be misidentified as other organisms when using common facility-level yeast identification methods.<sup>2</sup>

Was a *Candida* species isolated from a non-sterile body site? See table below.<sup>1</sup>

Yes

Is speciation clinically indicated for the care of the patient?<sup>1</sup>

-OR-

Is the patient high-risk for *C. auris*?<sup>3</sup>

-OR-

Are you seeing an increase in infections due to *Candida* sp. in urine specimens or an increase in *Candida* sp. on a given unit?<sup>2</sup>

No

Speciation is not indicated

Yes

Speciate

No

Speciation is not indicated

Table 1. *C. auris* identification methods.

Adapted from <https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/candida-auris/identification.html>

Identification Method	Organism <i>C. auris</i> Can Be Misidentified As
Vitek 2 YST	<i>Candida haemulonii</i> ; <i>Candida duobushaemulonii</i>
API 20C	<i>Rhodotorula glutinis</i> (characteristic red color present); <i>Candida sake</i>
API ID 32C	<i>Candida intermedia</i> ; <i>Candida sake</i> ; <i>Saccharomyces kluyveri</i>
BD Phoenix yeast identification system	<i>Candida haemulonii</i> ; <i>Candida catenulata</i>
MicroScan	<i>Candida famata</i> ; <i>Candida guilliermondii</i> ; <i>Candida lusitanae</i> ; <i>Candida parapsilosis</i>
RapID Yeast Plus	<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>

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