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Whole Genome Sequencing for TB Diagnostics at the Wadsworth Center

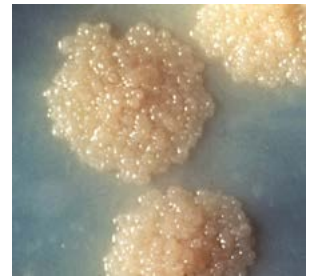


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TB Background

- Tuberculosis is an ancient disease that has been evolving alongside humans
- Caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and other MTBC species
- Roughly one third of the world's population is infected with TB
- 2013: 9 million new infections, 1.5 million deaths
- Second only to HIV/AIDS as a worldwide killer

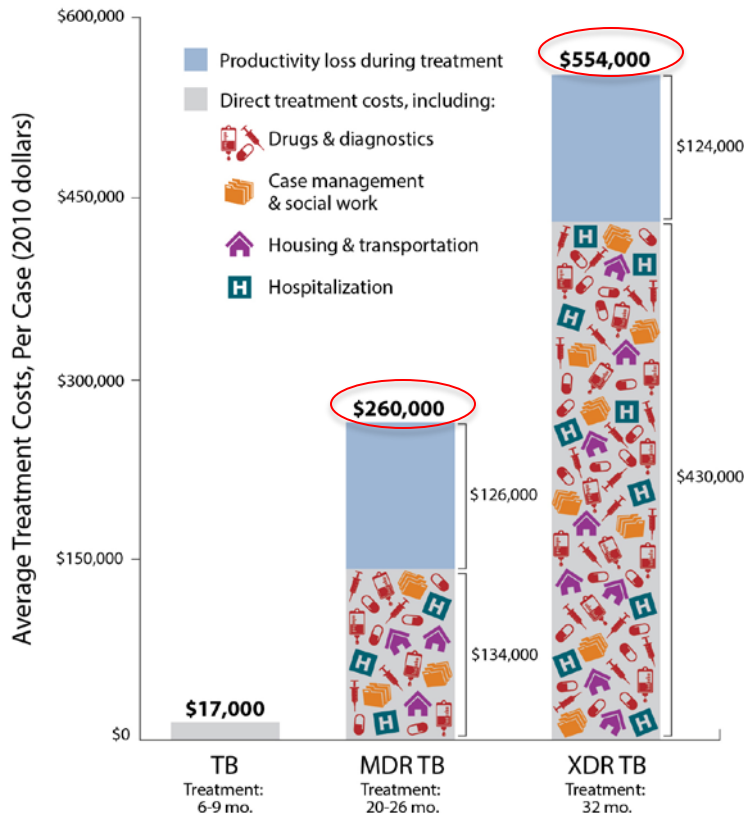


Drug Resistant Tuberculosis is a Global Health Concern

- **MDR:** resistance to at least rifampin and isoniazid
- **XDR:** also resistant to at least 3 second line drugs
- **Standard drug susceptibility testing** can take weeks to months to complete
- **The tests for drug resistance** have certain limitations
 - Number of targets

The Outsized Financial Toll of MDR and XDR TB

Cost increases with greater resistance:



Why perform WGS on *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*?

- **Turn-around time**-Culture and Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) - weeks to months
- **Early molecular diagnostic testing**-Important to improved TB treatment and TB prevention
- **More comprehensive results**-Detect mixed infections, many predictors of DR, subpopulations of TB may predict success of treatment
- **Cost effective**-Real-time PCR targets (9), Pyrosequencing targets (6), Spoligotyping (Luminex)

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Combined Real-Time PCR and *rpoB* Gene Pyrosequencing for Identification of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and Rifampin Resistance Directly in Clinical Specimens

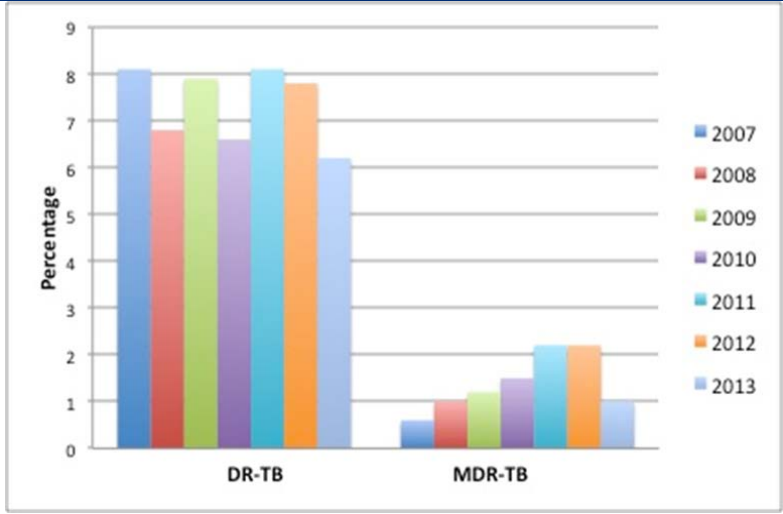
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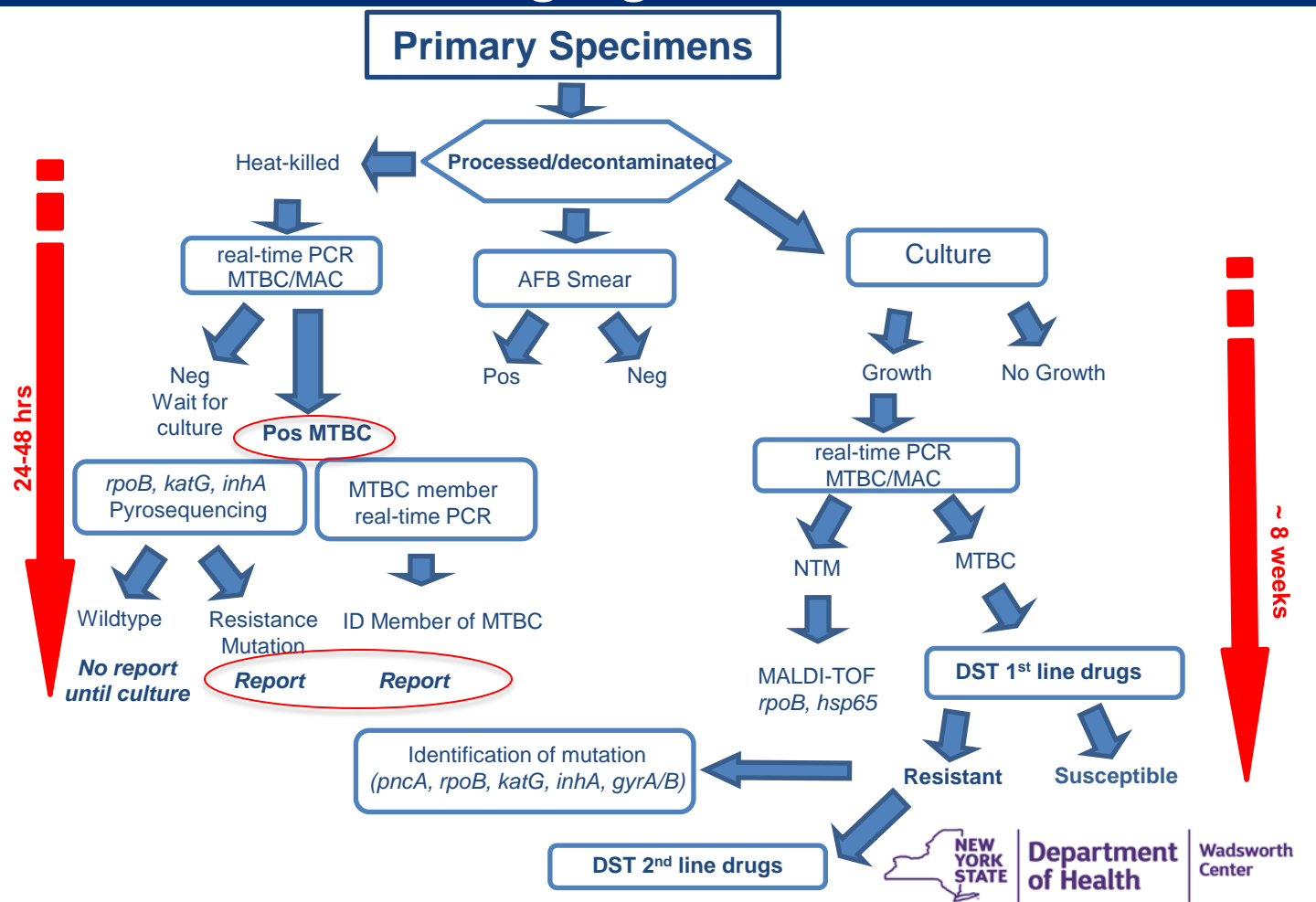
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Evaluation of a Single-Tube Multiplex Real-Time PCR for Differentiation of Members of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Complex in Clinical Specimens[∇]

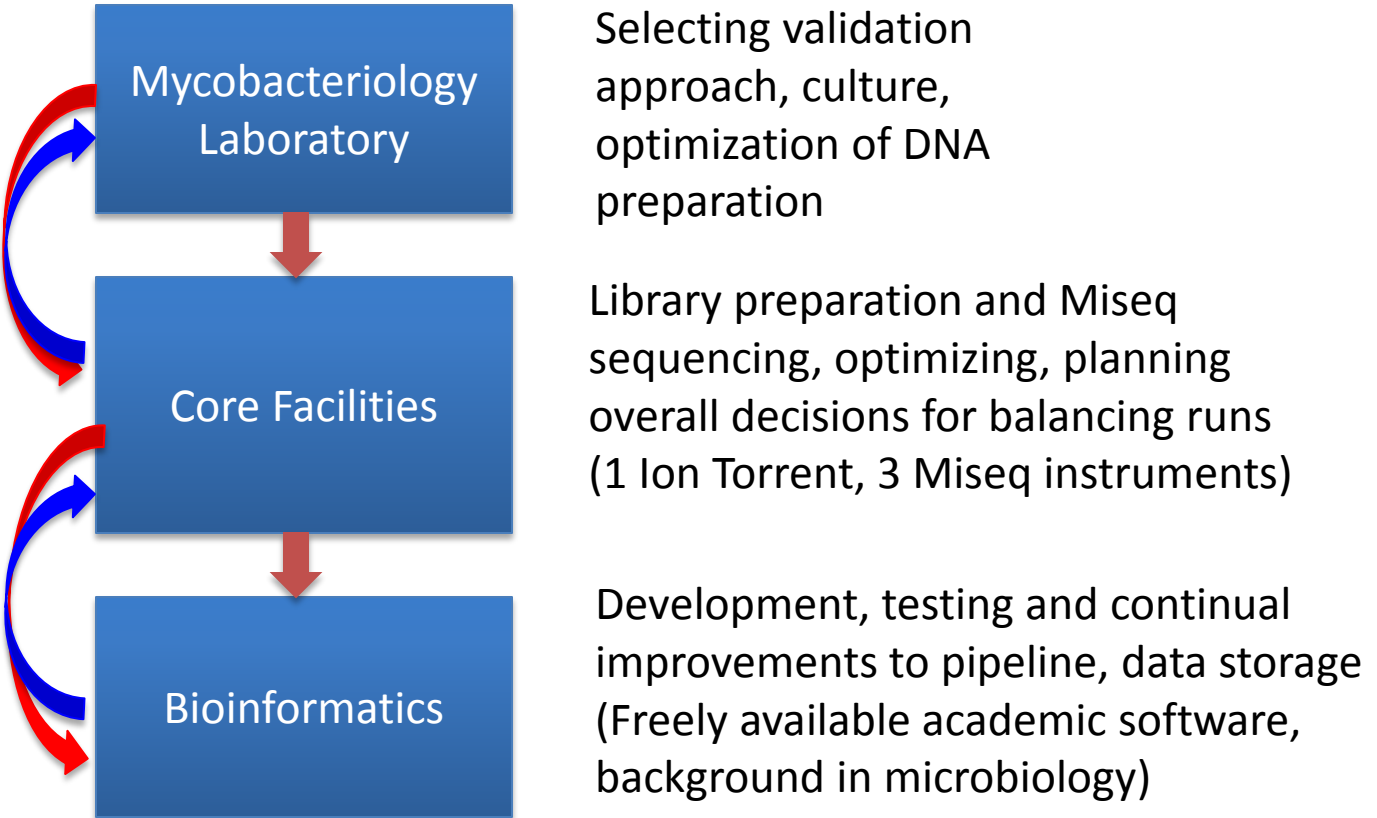
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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TB Cases	1175	1200	1007	954	910	864	872	786



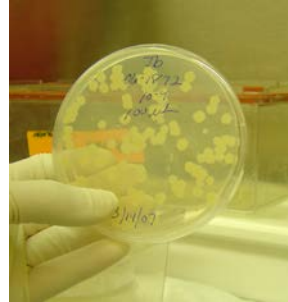
Validating a WGS assay for TB



Where to start?

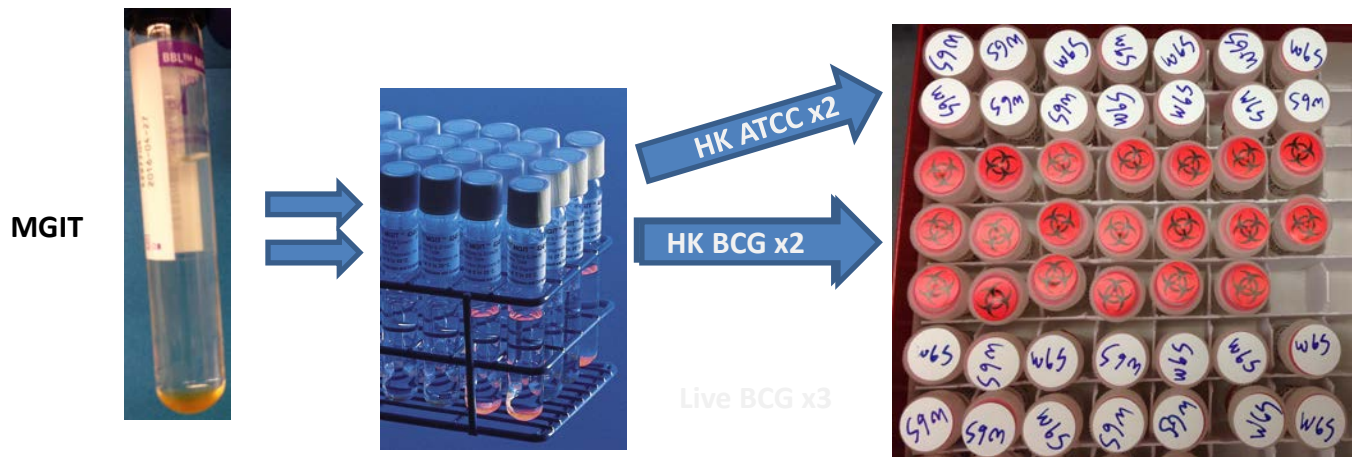
- Isolates
 - Solid (**initial 68**)
 - **MGITs**
- Primary specimens
 - sputum (**preliminary**)
 - other

Need to keep in mind available testing volumes, what is needed for other tests, archiving, etc...



How Can We Mimic a Clinical Isolate?

- **Grow 2 different strains in MGIT tube**
 - *M. tuberculosis* : ATCC strain (ATCC)
 - *M. bovis* BCG : patient strain (BCG)
- **Aliquots made and heat killed before leaving BSL-3**
- **A positive tube contains approximately 10^5 to 10^6 colony-forming units per milliliter (CFU/mL)**
- **0,1,2,3 days since flag positive**
- **Isolates submitted to the lab are usually <2mL**



A New Tool box



- **Modified an existing real-time PCR assay**
- **Qubit**
 - WGS Core requests $\sim 1\text{ng}/\mu\text{L}$
- **NanoDrop**
 - Purity and concentration
- **Communication with Sequencing Core, bioinformatician**

Breaking TB Open is Critical for DNA Extraction

Important TB Characteristics

- ~24 hour doubling time
- TB clumps together in 'crumbs'
- Unique cell wall
 - Rich in lipids (>60%)
 - Mycolic acids

Initial Methods


- Typical bacterial extraction (failure)
- Zymo Research Kit
 - Meant for tough to lyse fungi / bacteria
- CTAB method
 - Ideal for plant cell nucleic acid extraction



Success- InstaGene matrix and Tissue Homogenizer

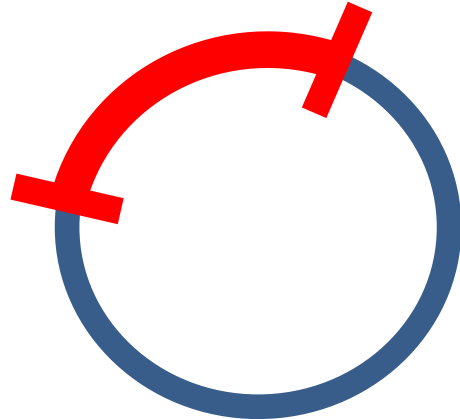
- **InstaGene matrix (Chelex resin)**
 - When to add beads, when to beat, boil time etc...
- **Fastprep tissue homogenizer**
 - Good enough yield to provide reliable WGS data even with 0 day MGIT



 Sample 5 sent for WGS:
Depth: 96.77X
Coverage: 99.8%

Successful WGS

- **Depth**: Essentially the number of times the base was read; measure of confidence in correct call
 - Can be given as a genome average
 - We are aiming for 40X
- **Coverage**: A percentage that describes how much of the genome was sequenced
 - Best 100%

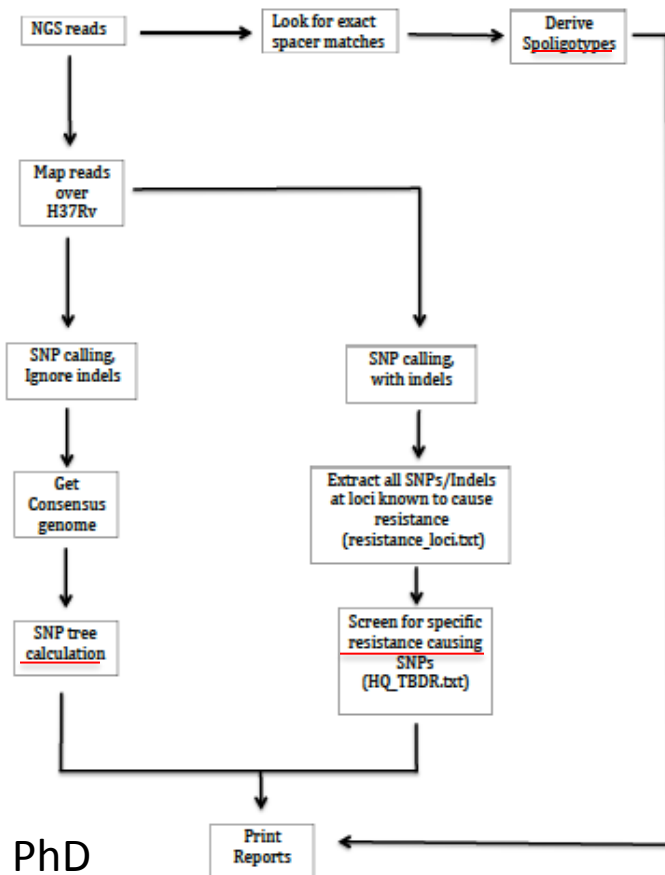


Library Preparation is Another Key Factor

- **Votintseva *et al.* suggested using 15 cycle library preparation**
 - 2015 paper about WGS of early positive MGIT
- **All 4 samples failed using standard 12 cycles**
- **Successful using 15 cycles**
 - Depth: 13-30X
 - Coverage: >96%
- **Normalization**

Sample	Date	Method	stock ng/uL
BCG (0 day)	2/25	InstaGene	0.268
	2/25	InstaGene	0.344
	2/25	InstaGene	0.346
	2/25	InstaGene	0.38

Pipeline Schematic



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Validation of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)-Based Methods for Identification and/or Characterization of Infectious Agents (Isolates only)

The following guidelines are applicable to WGS using NGS-based methods for identification and/or characterization of infectious agent isolates. These guidelines should be used in conjunction with and not in lieu of the existing microbiology molecular guidelines: (http://www.wadsworth.org/labcert/TestApprovalForms/Microbiology_NAAT_Checklist.pdf).

Overall, clinical validation of NGS assays follows the same basic principles for validating most other complex molecular diagnostic procedures. It is anticipated that these guidelines will evolve as the field matures and gains experience. Please make sure you use the most up-to-date version of these guidelines.

General Requirements:

- The detailed standard operating procedure manual (SOPM) must include all relevant quality assurance and proficiency testing details for this test. The SOPM must include a step-by-step description of all steps involved, from template to library preparation to data analysis and interpretation of results.
- The SOPM must include all expected reporting and reflex testing scenarios. The SOPM must clearly define what will be reported from the NGS/WGS results and what will not be reported. It must include or refer to the procedure(s) for confirmation testing, including clear criteria for when confirmation is required.
- The SOPM must include statements that identify the limitations of the assay.

Reporting

- In addition to the actual results, specimen reports must include an interpretation of the findings. Representative examples of specimen reports must be included with the submission.

TB WGS Reports

Concentrated Smear(Ziehl - Neelsen/1,000 X)	
(03/13/14):	Humorous (>9 acid-fast bacilli per field)
Direct Molecular Detection - Real-time PCR	
Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex DNA by real-time PCR:	DETECTED
Mycobacterium avium complex DNA by real-time PCR:	Not Detected
Molecular Identification - Real-time PCR	
Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex species DNA identified:	Mycobacterium tuberculosis
Culture	
(03/25/14):	acid-fast bacillus was isolated
Direct Molecular Drug Susceptibility Detection- Pyrosequencing	
Rifampin (rpoB):	Mutation present (Ser531Leu) suggests Rifampin resistance. Result must be confirmed by culture based susceptibility testing.
Isoniazid (katG):	Mutation absent. Culture must be performed for final susceptibility result.
Isoniazid (inhA):	Mutation absent. Culture must be performed for final susceptibility result.
Identification	
(03/26/14):	Mycobacterium tuberculosis was identified by culture and molecular analysis.
Susceptibility Testing for M. tuberculosis complex (MGIT)	
Streptomycin [1.0 ug/ml]:	Susceptible
Isoniazid [0.1 ug/ml]:	Susceptible
Rifampin [1.0 ug/ml]:	RESISTANT
Ethambutol [5.0 ug/ml]:	Susceptible
Pyrazinamide [100 ug/ml]:	Susceptible

Whole genome sequencing



Whole Genome Sequencing of TB: A “One Stop Shop”

WGS

Single assay

Identification

Species Differentiation

Genotyping (more accurate)

Drug resistance mutations

(more comprehensive)

COST

Estimated around \$100 per sample

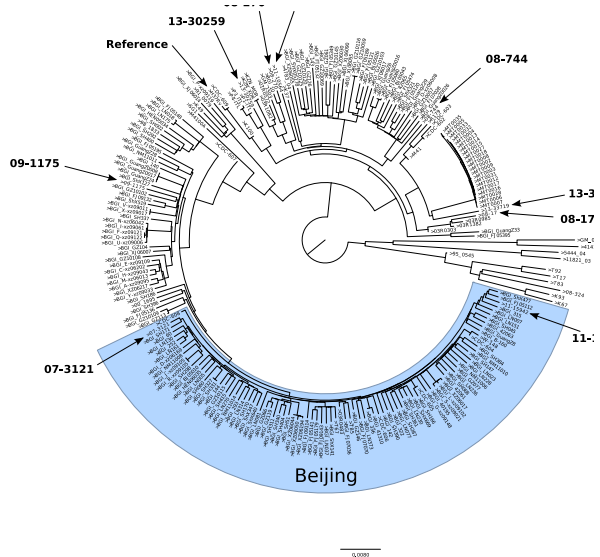
TURNAROUND TIME

DNA preparation (1 days)

WGS result (4-5 days)



WGS Prediction Spoligotypes with increased resolution



Sample #	Extraction	Accid.	Phenotype (DST)	Resistance Associated mutations (WGS)	Other mutations noted (WGS)	WGS Spoligotype	CLIMS spoligo.	Do results correlate?
21	CTAB	14-7386	SM (low level in 2 nd line), INH, RIF, RBT	<i>mcbA</i> .aa 450 (RIF) <i>tpsl</i> .aa 88 (SM) <i>katG</i> .aa 315 (INH)		S00034	Scheduled 12/15/14	Yes
22	CTAB	14-7387	INH (low level), RIF, RBT	<i>mcbA</i> .aa 445 (RIF) intergenic hyp-fabG1 aa -15 (INH)		S00197	S00197	Yes
23	CTAB	14-7388	SM, INH, PZA, EMB (2 nd line only), KM, AN,	<i>mcbA</i> .aa 450 (RIF) <i>tpsl</i> .aa 43 (SM) <i>katG</i> .aa 315 (INH) <i>embB</i> .aa 306 (EMB/INH)	<i>rrs</i> (AN/SM) <i>pncA</i> .aa 119 (PZA)	S00034	S00034	Yes
24	CTAB	14-7391	SM, EMB, CAP, KM, AN	<i>rrs</i> (AN/SM)	<i>embC</i> .aa 981 (EMB) <i>gid</i> .aa 97 (SM)	S00241	S00241	Yes
25	CTAB	14-7392	SM, RIF, EMB, PZA, KM, RBT, FLQ	<i>gyrA</i> .aa 94 (FLQ) <i>mcbA</i> .aa 450 (RIF) <i>tpoC</i> .aa 452 (RIF) <i>embB</i> .aa 306 (EMB/INH) <i>embB</i> .aa 497 (EMB/INH)	<i>gid</i> .aa 92 (SM) <i>rrs</i> (AN/SM) <i>tpsl</i> .aa 43 (SM) <i>pncA</i> TG-TGG (PZA) <i>eis</i> .promoter (AN/KM)	S00034	S00034	Yes
26	CTAB	14-7393	INH, RIF, PZA, EMB 5.0 (2 nd line only), ETA, RBT,	<i>mcbA</i> .aa 450 (RIF) intergenic hyp-fabG1 aa -15 (INH/ETA) <i>embB</i> .aa 306 (EMB/INH)		S00002	S00002	Yes
27	CTAB	14-7395	SM, INH, RIF, EMB, PZA, RBT	<i>mcbA</i> .aa 450 (RIF) <i>tpsl</i> .aa 43 (SM) <i>katG</i> .aa 315 (INH) <i>pncA</i> .aa 12 (PZA) <i>embB</i> .aa 306 (EMB/INH)		S00034	S00034	Yes
28	CTAB	14-7396	SM, INH, RIF, PZA, EMB (2 nd line only), RBT	<i>mcbA</i> .aa 450 (RIF) <i>tpsl</i> .aa 43 (SM) <i>katG</i> .aa 315 (INH) <i>embB</i> .aa 306 (EMB/INH)	<i>pncA</i> .aa 151 (PZA)	S00034	S00034	Yes



Evolving Pipeline

- **INH resistant, pyrosequencing failed-** WGS *katG* gene missing
- **Real-time PCR failed to differentiate MTBC-** Regions of Deletion (RD 12, 4, 9) deleted
- **Low level isoniazid, streptomycin-** accumulating data
- **Spoligotyping shows faint bands-**SNPs in spacer
- **Bedaquiline mutations detected**



XDR Case (November 2014)

- **Wadsworth Center- 13 tests (0-2 days)**
- **CDC- 5 additional molecular tests (7 days)**
- **Wadsworth Center- first line (14 days)**
- **Wadsworth Center- second line (28 days)**
- **National Jewish Health Advanced Diagnostic Laboratories- drug susceptibility (46 days)**

Can we develop one assay capable of generating
the same results...and more?
Can we do it in <1 week?



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XDR 14-36340

Gene change	Genome position	Gene Known mutation?	Position	SNP	Res. associated	Codon AA
rrs	1473246	1400 A -> G	AMI/SM			Putative
mutation*						
gyrA	7362 61	G -> C	FLQ 21	Glu/Gln	No	GAG -> CAG
gyrA	7582 281	A -> G	FLQ 94	Asp/Gly	HC mutation	GAC -> GGC
gyrA	7585 284	G -> C	FLQ 95	Ser/Thr	No	AGC -> ACC
gyrA	9304 2003	G -> A	FLQ 668	Gly/Asp	No	GGC -> GAC
rpoB	761155	1349 C -> T	RIF 450	Ser/Leu	HC mutation	TCG
-> TTG						
rpoC	764948	1579 T -> G	RIF 527	Leu/Val	No	TTG -> GTG
rpoC	765150	1781 G -> A	RIF 594	Gly/Glu	No	GGG -> GAG
tlyA	1917972	33 A -> G	AMI 11	Leu/Leu	No	Silent
	CTA -> CTG					
katG	2154678	1434 G -> C	INH 478	Ala/Ala	No	Silent
	GCG -> GCC					
katG	2155168	944 G -> C	INH 315	Ser/Thr	HC mutation	AGC
-> ACC						
pncA	2289049	193 T -> TA	PZA	Insertion	Frameshift	No
ahpC	2726409	217 G -> C	INH 73	Asp/His	No	GAC -> CAC
embC	4242643	2781 C -> T	EMB 927	Arg/Arg	No	Silent
	CGC -> CGT					
embC	4242803	2941 G -> C	EMB 981	Val/Leu	No	GTG -> CTG
embB	4247730	1217 G -> C	EMB/INH 406	Gly/Ala	HC	
mutation	GGC -> GCC					
embB	4249408	2895 G -> A	EMB/INH 965	Pro/Pro	No	
	Silent	CCG -> CCA				
embB	4249678	3165 C -> A	EMB/INH 1055	Arg/Arg	No	
	Silent	CGC -> CGA				
ethA	4326718	756 CCGCG -> CCGCGCG	ETH	Insertion	Frameshift	No
gid	4407934	269 T -> G	SM 90	Leu/Arg	No	CTC -> CGC

Spoligotype: S00062 (777740777760771)

Lineage Euro-American
M. tuberculosis X1 family

FLQ (OFL, LVX,MX.), RIF, INH, SM, EMB, PZA, RBT, KAN, AMI, CAP(11%)

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Future Directions WGS Bacteria

- Finalize validation and implement WGS for TB MGIT testing
- TB Primary specimens
- Foodborne bacteria- FDA GenomeTrakr, WGS AMD- PulseNet
- *Legionella* spp., *E. coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus* spp., antibiotic resistance- (CRE)





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