

1 **Updated reference genome sequence and annotation of *Mycobacterium bovis***

2 **AF2122/97**

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20 *Mycobacterium bovis* AF2122/97: an update

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23 **Abstract**

24 We report an update to the reference genome of the bovine tuberculosis bacillus
25 *Mycobacterium bovis* AF2122/97 generated using an integrative multi-omics
26 approach. Updates include 42 new CDS, 14 modified annotations, 26 SNP
27 corrections, and disclosure that the RD900 locus, previously described as absent
28 from the genome, is in fact present.

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30 **Text**

31 The *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (MTBC) is a collection of genetically
32 related mycobacterial species that cause tuberculosis (TB) in human and animal
33 hosts. *Mycobacterium bovis*, the causative agent of bovine tuberculosis (bTB), is the
34 most widely studied animal-adapted MTBC member; bTB exacts a tremendous global
35 economic toll through productivity losses and disease control costs, while zoonotic
36 transmission of *M. bovis* infection is a threat to human health (Abernethy *et al.*,
37 2013; De Garine-Wichatitsky *et al.*, 2013; Kazoora *et al.*, 2016; Khattak *et al.*, 2016;
38 Malama *et al.*, 2014; Muller *et al.*, 2013).

39 *M. bovis* AF2122/97 was the first bovine MTBC strain to be fully sequenced
40 and provided a reference genome (Garnier *et al.*, 2003). Initial comparisons of the *M.*
41 *bovis* AF2122/97 genome with that of the human-adapted *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv
42 reference genome revealed high nucleotide sequence identity (> 99%), no unique
43 genes *per se* in *M. bovis* AF2122/97 and a number of genomic deletions that led to a
44 reduced genome size (Garnier *et al.*, 2003). *M. bovis* AF2122/97 continues to serve
45 as an MTBC reference genome despite last being updated in 2003; by comparison,
46 the genome annotation of the reference *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv strain is currently on

47 release 27 (Lew *et al.*, 2013). An updated reference *M. bovis* genome will provide an
48 essential resource for the TB research community and as a basis for comparative
49 studies into animal- and human-adapted MTBC members.

50 To update the *M. bovis* AF2122/97 genome and annotation, a low-passage
51 stock taken from the original *M. bovis* AF2122/97 seed stock was re-sequenced and
52 re-annotated using a combination of DNA-, RNA-sequencing and proteomics data. All
53 nucleic acid and protein samples were derived from exponentially grown cultures.

54 Short read DNA sequencing libraries were prepared using the Nextera XT
55 DNA Library Preparation Kit (Illumina®) and sequenced on the MiSeq® system
56 (Illumina®), generating 250bp paired-end reads that were trimmed using Sickle (Q
57 >30), with 60X reference coverage (Joshi NA, 2011). For PacBio RS II sequencing,
58 enzymatically extracted DNA was prepared using large insert library (6kb-8kb) size
59 selection (van Soolingen *et al.*, 1991). Two SMRT cells were used for an output of
60 542,585,804 bases, a mean read length of 8,141, and 86X reference coverage. DNA
61 sequencing datasets were analysed using a combination of *de novo* assembly (short
62 reads, SOAPdenovo (Xie *et al.*, 2014); long reads, Canu (Koren S, 2016)) and
63 nucleotide variant identification methods (short reads, Stampy, SAMtools and
64 VCFtools (Li, 2011; Li *et al.*, 2009; Lunter and Goodson, 2011); long reads, Pilon
65 (Walker *et al.*, 2014); MUMmer (Kurtz *et al.*, 2004)). This allowed for the update of
66 the genome nucleotide sequence and the identification of genomic regions that
67 were misassembled, or missed entirely, in the original sequencing project. Re-
68 annotation of the *M. bovis* AF2122/97 genome was achieved by automatic
69 annotation transfer from *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv (Version 27) (Otto *et al.*, 2011) and a

70 proteogenomic analysis using both *M. bovis* AF2122/97 shotgun MS/MS, SWATH MS
71 datasets and *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv SWATH MS datasets (Schubert *et al.*, 2013).

72 Overall, 26 single nucleotide polymorphisms were identified. Strikingly, the
73 large sequence polymorphism RD900, originally described as deleted from *M. bovis*
74 2122/97 (Bentley *et al.*, 2012), was found to be present; recombination between
75 repeat structures flanking the RD900 locus in clones used for the original shotgun
76 sequencing genome project may have led to loss of RD900. Furthermore, 42 novel
77 coding sequences were identified while 14 existing annotations were modified.

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79 **Nucleotide sequence accession number(s):** This Whole Genome Shotgun project
80 had been deposited in DDBJ/ENA/Genbank under the accession no. LT708304.
81 SWATH MS data can be found on PeptideAtlas (<http://www.peptideatlas.org>) under
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