

First whole genome sequencing data of a *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* STB-T1A strain isolated from a spinal tuberculosis patient in Sabah, Malaysia

ABSTRACT

Spinal tuberculosis, also referred to as Pott's disease, presents a significant risk of severe paralysis if not promptly detected and treated, owing to complications such as spinal cord compression and deformity. This article presents the genetic analysis of a *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* STB-T1A strain, isolated from the spine of a 29-year-old female diagnosed with spinal tuberculosis. Genomic DNA was extracted from pure culture and subjected to sequencing using the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 sequencing system. The genome of the *M. tuberculosis* STB-T1A strain spans 4,367,616 base pairs with a G+C content of 65.56 % and 4174 protein-coding genes. Comparative genomic analysis, conducted via single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)-based phylogenetic analysis using the Maximum Likelihood method, revealed that the strain falls within the Indo-Oceanic lineage (Lineage 1). It clusters with the *M. tuberculosis* 43-16836 strain, which was isolated from the cerebrospinal fluid of a patient with tuberculous meningitis in Thailand. The complete genome sequence has been deposited at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) GenBank database with the accession number JBBMVZ000000000.