

## Isolation, molecular identification and genomic pattern of *Mycobacterium bovis* isolates collected from tuberculin-positive cattle in infected farms of Shiraz

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### Abstract

*Mycobacterium bovis* is the main cause of tuberculosis in cattle. At global scale and also in Iran, the most frequent currently-in-use method in detection of infected cattle is tuberculination.

The present study was aimed to improve our genomic knowledge of *Mycobacterium bovis* population structure in cattle farms of Shiraz.

Fifty pathological samples from tuberculin-positive cattle collected from two slaughterhouses at Shiraz were subjected to bacterial culture on glycerinated and pyruvated Lowenstein-Jensen media. Genomic material from culture-positive slopes was extracted and used in PCR-16S rRNA, PCR-IS6110, and PCR-RD typing experiments. All the *M. bovis* isolates were further genotyped using *pvu* II-digested PGRS-RFLP strategy.

In bacterial culture, a total of 13 (26%) samples proved to carry live mycobacteria where in PCRs their identity was all shown to be *M. bovis*. Genotype profiling by RFLP-PGRS displayed two patterns with 10 isolates shared a single profile identical to that of *M. bovis* BCG (1173 P2) strain and three holding a different genotype.

While higher frequency of a BCG-like *M. bovis* in cattle farms of Shiraz is not surprising as this is a typical characteristic of Iranian *M. bovis* population, we assume detection of a highly similar strain found in our work might indicate local evolution of new *M. bovis* strains in the region or infiltration of such strain(s) through cattle farming activities.

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