





Draft Genome Sequences of Clinical Respiratory Isolates of Mycobacterium goodii Recovered in Ireland

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ABSTRACT Here, we describe the draft genomes of five Mycobacterium goodii isolates that were recovered from respiratory clinical specimens in Ireland. Currently, one complete genome and one draft genome exist publicly for M. goodii.

ontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) are ubiquitous environmental microorganisms. With over 190 species identified, they are commonly found in water systems, vegetation, and soil (1). NTM are an important cause of human infections and may cause pulmonary disease that can resemble tuberculosis (2, 3). Of the many NTM, Mycobacterium goodii is an emerging pathogen. First described in 1999, it is a rapidly growing organism that is associated with nosocomial infections and is related to Mycobacterium smegmatis (4). M. goodii is resistant to many forms of decontamination and sterilization and has been reported in cases of infected pacemaker sites and osteomyelitis associated with prosthetic material (3). Moreover, it is usually resistant to clarithromycin and rifampin due to overexpression of the waq31 gene, resulting in thickening of the peptidoglycan layer, as well as the presence of the erm gene, which confers macrolide resistance (5). Therefore, M. goodii presents a unique challenge in health care settings, and potential outbreaks caused by this rare pathogen are yet to be investigated by whole-genome sequencing (WGS).

Between 2011 and 2020, five M. goodii isolates were recovered from bronchoalveolar lavage or sputum samples from patients throughout Ireland. In all instances, samples were processed in the Irish Mycobacteria Reference Laboratory (IMRL), where culture confirmed the genus as Mycobacterium using the GenoType Mycobacterium CM line-probe assay v2.0 (Bruker-Hain Diagnostics, Germany). Further analysis using the GenoType Mycobacterium AS assay v1.0 confirmed the species as M. goodii.

For WGS, each isolate was cultured in a Bactec MGIT 960 system according to the manufacturer's instructions (Becton, Dickinson and Company, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA). Prior to DNA extraction, cultures were heat inactivated for 15 min at 95°C. Following this, genomic DNA extraction was performed using the Fuji QuickGene DNA tissue kit S (Kurabo, Osaka, Japan) according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Paired-end libraries were prepared using Nextera XT DNA library preparation kits (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA), and sequencing was performed on an Illumina MiSeq system using a 2 × 300-bp reagent kit v3 as specified by the manufacturer. Unless stated otherwise, all software used default parameters. The sequenced reads were assessed for quality and trimmed using Fastp v0.20.0 (https://github .com/OpenGene/fastp) (6). Following quality control and trimming, de novo assembly was performed using the SPAdes genome assembler v3.14.0 (https://github.com/ablab/spades) (7). Each genome was uploaded to the online open-source software and data platform KBase (8). The platform contains a number of analytical tools, and genome annotation was performed using RASTtk v1.073 (9). Whole-genome single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) analysis was performed by mapping sequencing reads to the complete genome sequence of M. goodii

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TABLE 1 WGS metrics for M. goodii isolates

												No. of		
	No.	0+C	Contig	Total	Mapping	Genome	Total	No. of	No. of	No. of	No. of	noncoding	BioSample	GenBank
	of	content	N ₅₀	no. of	coverage	size	no. of	coding	noncoding	noncoding	noncoding	CRISPR	accession	accession
Isolate	contigs	(%)	(dq)	reads	(x)	(dq)	genes	genes	RNAs	repeats	prophages	genes ^a	no.	no.
111E50	202	66.82	232,271	863,356	25	7,459,433	7,734	7,476	50	208	NA^b	NA	SAMN19031642	JAHBON00000000000
14IE55	181	66.99	219,682	1,530,444	31	6,998,916	7,104	6,940	51	112	_	NA	SAMN19031643	JAHBOM0000000000
16IE56	222	68.99	159,038	2,102,252	43	7,406,805	7,764	7,526	74	145	_	18	SAMN19031644	JAHBOL0000000000
19IE239	229	66.87	128,208	1,794,620	37	7,210,549	7,516	7,286	51	178	-	NA	SAMN19031645	JAHBOK0000000000
20IE209	438	08.99	78,153	1,577,501	34	7,340,765	7,902	7,452	46	403	1	NA	SAMN19031646	JAHBOJ0000000000

 $^{\rm d}$ Noncoding CRISPR genes consisted of CRISPR_array, CRISPR_repeat, and CRISPR_spacer. $^{\rm b}$ NA, not applicable.



X7B using Snippy v3.2 (https://github.com/tseemann/snippy), and the average coverage was assessed using Qualimap (10).

Five M. goodii genomes were assembled from 7,868,173 reads, and all genomes contained a number of contigs of >200 bp; all associated metrics for each sample are presented in Table 1. The mean coverage of sequencing reads mapped to the reference genome was 34×. Whole-genome SNP analysis of our clinical M. goodii isolates and M. goodii strain ST0139456 (GenBank accession number PEBB00000000) revealed an average pairwise distance of >20,000 SNPs, indicating different origins (11).

This report presents the first draft genomes of respiratory M. goodii isolates from Ireland. The data will serve as a useful reference for WGS studies of M. goodii.

Data availability. The draft genome of each isolate was deposited in the NCBI database. The BioProject number is PRJNA727929, with BioSample numbers SAMN19031642 (11IE50), SAMN19031643 (14IE55), SAMN19031644 (16IE56), SAMN19031645 (19IE239), and SAMN19031646 (20IE209). The assembled WGS data were deposited in GenBank with accession numbers JAHBON00000000 (11IE50), JAHBOM000000000 (14IE55), JAHBOL0000000000 (16IE56), JAHBOK000000000 (19IE239), and JAHBOJ000000000 (20IE209).

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