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## IDENTIFICATION/ CONFIRMATION OF M.TB

**Synonym(s):** TB Identification/Confirmation, Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Complex Identification/Confirmation

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<b>Lab Section Category</b>	<b>Mycobacteriology</b> Click here to find out more about the <b>write-up</b> ( <a href="/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/mycobacteriology.aspx">/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/mycobacteriology.aspx</a> ).
<b>Specimen Required</b>	For referred cultured isolate from other laboratories: Fresh pure culture of isolate on slant in a sealed, screw-capped plastic tube.
<b>Storage and Transport</b>	<p>Please contact CTBL (6576 7655/7656) before sending the isolate.</p> <p>The tube should be tightly closed, labeled with identifying lab number and placed in a biohazard-labelled ziplock bag. Pack, transport and notify CTBL (in advance) and MOH of the transfer, according to MOH-BATA requirements.</p> <p>The request form (stating name and address of referring laboratory, source of mycobacterial isolate, patient particulars with relevant clinical information, clinician in-charge and requester's contact number) is to be placed in separate sealed plastic bag outside the ziplock bag. The type of test should be specified as <b>Identification/Confirmation of MTB</b>.</p> <p>For overseas labs, the packaging must conform to IATA standards and a valid MOH-approved Import Permit must be obtained before shipping.</p>
<b>Method</b>	DNA probe or line-probe assays
<b>Test Result</b>	<i>M. tuberculosis</i> complex or nontuberculous mycobacteria

Turnaround Time	3-4 working days
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday - Friday

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Change History Notes

- **16 Oct 2015 06:14 PM**  
Amend CTBL tel no. from 6222 1391 to 6576 7655/7656

- **29 Apr 2016 05:33 PM**  
Amend Turnaround time into 3-4 working days.

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