

# Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Strain XTB13-128

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## Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Mycobacteriaceae*, *Mycobacterium*

Species: *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Strain: XTB13-128

Original Source: *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*  
(*M. tuberculosis*), strain XTB13-128 was isolated in 2011  
from the sputum of a patient with tuberculosis in the  
Republic of Belarus.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: *M. tuberculosis*, strain XTB13-128 was deposited  
as a drug-susceptible strain and is part of the  
[Mycobacterium tuberculosis TB Antibiotic Resistance  
Catalog \(TB-ARC\) Belarus Initiative](#) at the Broad Institute.<sup>1</sup>  
The complete genome sequence of *M. tuberculosis*, strain  
XTB13-128 is available (GenBank: [JLKW000000000](#)).

*M. tuberculosis* is an acid-fast, Gram-positive, non-motile,  
rod-shaped aerobic bacterium. It is the causative agent of  
tuberculosis and is responsible for more morbidity in humans  
than any other bacterial disease. *M. tuberculosis* is a  
slow-growing pathogen with a thick, lipid-rich cell wall, lending  
the bacilli an unusual propensity to shut down their metabolism  
in the face of adverse conditions and enter a latent phase in  
which they display phenotypic resistance to antibiotic therapy.  
The primary focus of infection is the lungs, with tuberculosis  
being spread by infectious aerosols produced by coughing.  
The spread of multi-drug resistant (MDR) and extensively  
drug-resistant (XDR) tuberculosis is a major medical and  
public health concern.<sup>2-6</sup>

## Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.7 mL of bacterial culture in  
Middlebrook 7H9 broth with ADC enrichment supplemented  
with 10% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please  
purify prior to initiating work.

## Packaging/Storage:

NR-49356 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic  
cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored  
at -60°C or colder immediately upon arrival. For long-term  
storage, the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer is  
recommended. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

## Growth Conditions:

### Media:

Middlebrook 7H9 broth with Middlebrook ADC enrichment or  
equivalent

Middlebrook 7H10 agar with Middlebrook OADC enrichment  
or equivalent

### Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic (with or without 5% CO<sub>2</sub>)

### Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of  
broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar  
slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tubes and plate at 37°C for 2 to 6 weeks.

## Citation:

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reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH:  
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## Biosafety Level: 3

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this  
material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following  
publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,  
Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. [Biosafety in  
Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories](#). 5th ed.  
Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see  
[www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm](#).

This publication recommends that practices with this agent  
include the use of respiratory protection and the  
implementation of specific procedures and use of specialized  
equipment to prevent and contain aerosols.

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