

**Mycobacterium Tuberculosis**

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Tables 1 and 2 present data regarding recovery and identification of mycobacterium species.

Table 1.  
Specimens from Thai Patients\* Examined for Mycobacterium tuberculosis  
and other Mycobacteria species  
1 March 1970 – 31 March 1971

Type of Specimens	Total Patients Examined	Total Specimens Examined	No. of Negative Cultures	No. of Positive Cultures
Sputum	16	45	39	<u>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</u> 4
				<u>Mycobacteria species</u> 2
Cerebro spinal fluid	10	18	18	—
Gastric washing	5	7	7	—
Urine	1	2	2	—
Plural fluid	2	2	2	—
Skin biopsy	1	1	1	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>6</b>

\* Specimens obtained from U.S. Army Hospital, Children's Hospital, Siriraj's Hospital, Bangkla Baptist's Hospital.

Table 2.  
Specimens from U.S. Nationals (from U.S. Army Hospital)  
Mycobacterium tuberculosis and other Mycobacteria species  
(1 March 1970 — 1 March 1971)

Type of Specimens	Total Patients Examined	Total Specimens Examined	No. of Negative Cultures	No. of Positive Cultures	
Sputum	58	136	132	<u>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</u>	3
				Group II Scotochromogens	1
Gastric washing	29	69	66	Group II Scotochromogens	3
Urine	26	42	39	<u>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</u>	1
				Group II Scotochromogens	1
				<u>Mycobacteria species</u>	1
Bronchial washing	3	5	5		—
Pleural fluid	4	4	4		—
Cerebrospinal fluid	3	3	3		—
Skin biopsy	2	4	4		—
Joint fluid	4	6	5	<u>Mycobacteria species</u>	1
Liver biopsy	1	1	1		—
Bone marrow	1	1	1		—
Elbow aspirate	1	2	1	Group II Scotochromogens	1
Empyema	1	1	—	<u>Mycobacterium kansasii</u>	1
Ascitic fluid	1	1	1		—
Stool	1	1	1		—
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>263</b>		<b>13</b>