Supplementary table: Primers used for the detection of mycobacteria by RT-PCR

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| Mycobacterial species detected | Test 1  Identify M.tb complex | | Test 2  Differenciate from *M. microti* (groups C and D) | | Test 3  BCG (groups A and B) | Test 4  Mycobacterial species (groups A and B) | Test 5  *M. avium* (groups A and B) |
| IS*6110* | IS*1081* | IS*1561’* | Rv1510  (RD4) | **RD1 flanking region** | hsp65 | IS*1245* |
| *M. bovis* | √ | √ | √ | - | - | √ | - |
| *M. microti* | √ | √ | - | √ | - | √ | - |
| BCG | √ | √ | √ | - | √ | √ | √ |
| *Non tuberculous* *Mycobacterium (M. sp)* | - | - | - | - | - | √ | - |
| *M. avium* | - | - | - | - | - | √ | √ |