The *tpm* metabarcoding DNA sequence database for taxonomic allocations using the Mothur and DADA2 bio-informatic tools (Version 2.0.0)

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Description:

- The *tpm* gene codes for the thiopurine-*S*-methyltransferase (TPMT), an enzyme that can detoxify metalloid-containing oxyanions and xenobiotics (Cournoyer et al., 1998). Bacterial TPMTs radiated apart from human and animal TPMTs, and showed a vertical evolution in line with the 16S rRNA gene molecular phylogeny (Favre-Bonté et al., 2005).
- The *tpm* database, named BACtpm, was designed to apply the *tpm*-metabarcoding analytical scheme published in Aigle et al. (2021). It includes the full *tpm* identifiers, GenBank accession numbers, complete taxonomic records (domain down to strain code) of about 215 nucleotide-long *tpm* sequences of 840 unique taxa belonging to 139 genera.
- Nucleotide sequences of *tpm* (range: 190-233 nucleotides) were either retrieved from public repositories (GenBank) or made available by B. Cournoyer's research group. Colin et al. (2020) described the PCR and high throughput Illumina Miseq DNA sequencing procedures used to produce *tpm* sequences.
- BACtpm v.2.0.0 (June 2021 release) is made available under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Licence. It can be used for the taxonomic allocations of *tpm* sequences down to the species and strain levels. Data is stored in the csv format enabling future user to reformat it to fit their specific needs.

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