Supplementary Table 1. Estimated tMRCA and clock rate for various bacterial pathogens

Lineage	Disease	tMRCA (years ago)	Mean clock rate (substitution per bp per year)	Citation
Salmonella enterica serovar Typhi H58	Typhoid fever	27	1.4×10^{-7}	[1]
Staphylococcus aureus EMRSA-15	Epidemic MRSA	30	1.3×10^{-6}	[2]
Vibrio cholerae (7th pandemic)	Epidemic cholera	60	8.3×10^{-7}	[3]
Salmonella enterica serovar Agona	Food poisoning	80	9.3×10^{-8}	[4]
Streptococcus equi	Equine strangles	106	5.2×10^{-7}	[5]
Vibrio cholerae (epidemic)	Epidemic cholera	200	ND	[6]
Salmonella enterica serovar Paratyphi A	Enteric fever	450	1.3×10^{-7}	[7]
Shigella sonnei	Dysentery	350	6.0×10^{-7}	[8]
Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Lineage 4)	Tuberculosis	1,600	5.0×10^{-8}	[9]
Mycobacterium leprae	Leprosy	3,100	6.1×10^{-9}	[10]
Yersinia pestis	Plague	5,000	8.6×10^{-9}	[11,12]
Mycobacterium tuberculosis Complex	Tuberculosis	5,200	4.9×10^{-8}	[9,13]
Helicobacter pylori	Gastritis, ulcers	100,000	3×10^{-4} (short term) – 2.6×10^{-7} (long term)	[14-18]

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