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Study of infectious diseases in archaeological bone material – A dataset

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ABSTRACT

Bones of human and ground sloth remains were analyzed for presence of *Trypanosoma cruzi* by conventional PCR using primers TC, TC1 and TC2. Sequence results amplified a fragment with the same product size as the primers (300 and 350pb). Amplified PCR product was sequenced and analyzed on GenBank, using Blast. Although these sequences did not match with these parasites they showed high amplification with species of bacteria. This article presents the methodology used and the alignment of the sequences. The display of this dataset will allow further analysis of our results and discussion presented in the manuscript “Finding the unexpected: a critical view on molecular diagnosis of infectious diseases in archaeological samples” (Pucu et al. 2017) [1].

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Specifications Table

Subject area	Biology
More specific subject area	Molecular Biology and Paleoparasitology
Type of data	Figure, Table and Text File
How data was acquired	Automatic Sequencer (Applied Biosystems); Chromas Lite 2.1; BioEdit 7.2.5
Data format	Analyzed
Experimental factors	DNA extracted from ancient bone samples
Experimental features	We extracted DNA from Bone samples and tested for <i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> with conventional PCR
Data source location	Justino Site, Sergipe, Brazil; Funerary Site São Gonçalo Garcia Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Lagoa dos Porcos Site, Piauí, Brazil. Data was analyzed at Fluminense Federal University, Niterói, Brazil.
Data accessibility	The data are available with this article

Value of the data

- Data will be useful to investigate differences in DNA sequence results
- This data allows the comparison with samples of similar archeological context.
- Data can be used to investigate methodologies and primers' design.

1. Data

We present data from bones of human remains from Brazil: Justino site, Sergipe ($n=7$), dated from 4380–3200 BP (Before Present); and Funerary Site São Gonçalo Garcia Church, Rio de Janeiro ($n=7$) dated from the end of the 18th century [1]. Some ($n=5$) bone fragments were also analyzed from an individual extinct giant ground sloth of the genus *Eremotherium* spp., from Lagoa dos Porcos site, Piauí, Brazil dated from 30.000 BC (Before Christ) [1]. Data include methodologies, primers' information and conditions (Table 1) and sequence alignment. (Figs. 1–3).

2. Experimental design, materials and methods

2.1. Pre-treatment and DNA extraction

Prior to DNA extraction, we macerated bone samples with a mortar and pestle in liquid nitrogen. Samples were re-suspended in a small amount of nuclease-free water for the sample to acquire adequate consistency for manipulation. The solution was incubated at 37 °C for 30 mi. This step was followed by DNA extraction using PureLink[®] Genomic DNA Kit (Invitrogen), according to the tissue sample protocol. We followed manufacturer's instructions, with the following modifications: samples were incubated with digestion buffers proteinase K and RNase for 2hs and the DNA was eluted in a final volume of 50 µL, previously incubated at room temperature for 3 min and centrifuged for 2 minutes.

2.2. Amplification of products

We conducted a reconstructive PCR on the samples, as the DNA was fragmented and this is recommended to increase amplification product. This step does not add primers in the mix. Protocol

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