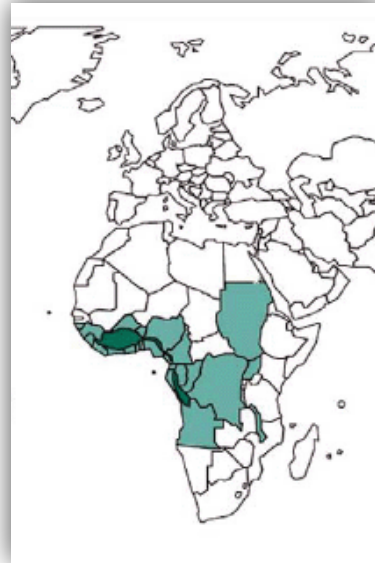
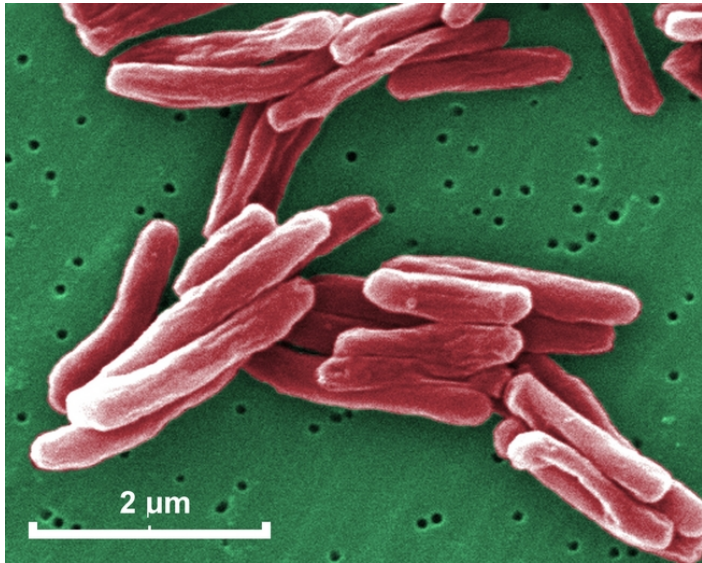


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- Virulence, diversity & evolution of *Mycobacterium ulcerans*.

- Neglected tropical disease: Buruli ulcer
 - Most patients are children under 15
 - Biggest burden of disease: central & western Africa
- Largest and best characterized panel of *M. ulcerans* available worldwide
- Evolutionary history, population structure and phylogeography