

Table 1 PCR protocol and primers

	First PCR			Second PCR		
	Duration	Temperature	No. of cycles	Duration	Temperature	No. of cycles
Initial denaturation	5 min	95°C	1	2 min	95°C	1
Denaturation	30 s	95°C	35	15 s	95°C	25
Annealing	45 s	55°C		30 s	60°C	
Extension	45 s	72°C		30 s	72°C	
Final extension	5 min	72°C	1	5 min	72°C	1
External primers: from ITS-rDNA						
<i>Leishmania</i> out Forward (5'-AAA CTC CTC TCT GGT GCT TGC-3')						
<i>Leishmania</i> out Reverse (5'-AAA CAA AGG TTG TCG GGG G-3')						
Internal primers:						
<i>Leishmania</i> in Forward (5'-AAT TCA ACT TCGCGT TGG CC-3')						
<i>Leishmania</i> in Reverse (5'-CCT CTC TTT TTCTC TGT GC-3')						

ITS = internal transcribed spacer; PCR = polymerase chain reaction.