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## KALADRUG-R: Laboratory SOP#16

### *Leishmania donovani* diagnostic PCR on SSU rDNA

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**AIM:** this protocol is designed to amplify *Leishmania donovani* DNA from bone marrow/pellet/ blood samples.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** if you use a different polymerase enzyme then Qiagen HotStarTaq or a different PCR cycler, you need to retest the analytical sensitivity to check if you obtain comparative results. This can be done by testing a dilution series of extracted parasite spiked blood samples or even quantified genomic DNA as described for the *Leishmania* SSU PCR in Deborggraeve S et al *Journal of Infectious Diseases*: 198 p1565-1572, 2008

#### A. Reagents used

component	brand + type	catalogue no.	stock concentration*	concentration unit
PCR water	--	--	--	--
buffer	Qiagen Coraload	1032517	10	X
MgCl <sub>2</sub> solution	Qiagen	1005482	25	mM
dNTPs	Eurogentec	NU-0010-50	5	mM each
BSA	Promega	R396A	10	mg/mL
Polymerase	Qiagen HotStarTaq Plus	1032502	5	units/ $\mu$ L

\* this is the concentration in the tube used to make the mastermix

#### B. Primers

name	sequence	stock conc. ( $\mu$ M=pmol/ $\mu$ L)*
M18S-L-F	5' CGTAGTTGAAGTGGGCTGTGC 3'	100
M18S-L-R	5' ACTCCCGTGGTCTTGTCTTTGAA 3'	100

\* this is the concentration in the tube used to make the master mix

### C. PCR master mix

components	volume per PCR (µL)	unit	final PCR conc.
water	18,75	--	--
buffer	2,5	X	1
MgCl <sub>2</sub> solution	1	mM	1
dNTPs	1	mM each	0,2
BSA	0,25	mg/mL	0,1
M18S-L-F	0,2	pmol/µL	0,8
M18S-L-R	0,2	pmol/µL	0,8
polymerase	0,1	units/µL	0,02
template	1	--	--
<b>total</b>	25		

### D. Cyclor program

Temp (°C)	Time		Cycles
95	5	min	1
94	30	sec	40
60	30	sec	
72	30	sec	
72	5	min	
4	∞	min	1

*\*cycling parameters were optimised to work on Eppendorf Mastercycler or Biometra T3000*

### E. Control samples to include in each PCR

- 1) positive control 1 (0.4 ng/µL)
- 2) positive control 2 (0.04 pg/µL)
- 3) negative control N1 = add 1 µL MilliQ water instead as template
- 4) negative control N2 = add 1 µL of DNA extraction control as template

## F. Sample description and analysis

- 1) Prepare 2,5 % agarose gel and immerse in 0.5x TAE buffer for electrophoresis
- 2) Load 5  $\mu\text{L}$  (0.5  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$ ) of Fermentas gene ruler 100 bp or 100 bp + molecular weight marker
- 3) Load 12  $\mu\text{L}$  of each PCR sample on the gel, there is no need to add loading dye to the PCR product since the coralloid buffer already contains loading dye
- 4) Run the gel at 100 volt for 30 min
- 5) Stain the gel with Ethidium Bromide and visualise the results.
- 6) Evaluate the gel: check the signal of the positive and negative controls. The size of the expected amplicon should be 115 bp. Fill out the reporting form for all samples (see next page).

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Lane no. gel	Sample code	Gel result (positive/negative)		Lane no. gel	Sample code	Gel result (positive/negative)
1	pos. contr 1			1	pos. contr 1	
2	pos. contr 2			2	pos. contr 2	
3	neg. contr 1			3	neg. contr 1	
4	neg. contr 2			4	neg. contr 2	
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