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Evaluating and setting up a qPCR by high resolution melting method for definite discrimination of *Leishmania* species by targeting AAP 3 gene

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Leishmania as protozoan parasites causes major diseases of leishmaniasis in the people of tropical and subtropical regions. In Ldifferent hosts including humans, clinical samples, rodents and/or other mammals as reservoir hosts and sand flies as vectors, mixed infections, co-infections and different hybrids of *Leishmania* parasite with different aneuploidy in chromosomes were observed. To differentiate common old world parasite species and discriminate co-infection with different species the genetic variation analysis and SNP prediction was identified by using high resolution melting analysis as a powerful method. For each species, one standard sample was amplified and a recognized region was cloned. Three sets of primer were designed for nuclear gene of amino acid permeases (*AAP3*) gene and EvaGreen dye mechanism was used and the different temperature of HRM species was optimized. Temperature variation in HRM separated *L. major* and *L.* tropica co-infections and their sub-strains. The specific and common primers were separate species and strains by melting temperature analysis. To compare with variety of mitochondrial and nuclear genes, *AAP3* gene is more sensitive and specific than other genes for identification of *Leishmania* parasites. The setup HRM could separate common species of *Leishmania* parasite and useful in separations intra-stains. Efficiency and regression coefficient reactions for genus and species *Leishmania* were also validated.

Biography

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