**Table S1**

**PCR Primer information used in this study.**

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| **SET** | **PRIMER** | **Annealing temperature** | **PRODUCT SIZE** | **REFERENCE** |
| **1.** | 12S-F | 47°C | 4.1kb | Kocher et al., 1989 |
|  | BINTU-IR7638 | **This study\*** |
| **2.** | COX-1F | 51°C | 8.8kb | Folmer et al., 1994 |
|  | Mcb-R | Verma & Singh, 2003 |
| **3.** | Mcb-F | 48°C -51°C | 4.5kb | Verma & Singh, 2003 |
|  | 16S-R | Palumbi, 1996 |

**\*Sequence available on request**

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