

# 16s rDNA

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16S rDNA

PCR

(PCR)

Nested PCR

(LEG448-JRP) (LEG225-LEG858) ; (LEG448-LEG858)

LEG448-JRP

LEG225-LEG858

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LEG225-LEG858

DNA

Nested PCR

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promega ,Wizard® Genomic DNA Purification Kit, Madison, USA (Promega

DNA PCR PCR

DNA mL

16s rRNA R<sub>1</sub> Eubac27F

DNA Nested PCR

PCR μL DNA

μM dNTP 1X<sub>i</sub>

Taq DNA / μM DNA μL polymerase

$$n=z^2s^2/d^2$$

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(PBS)

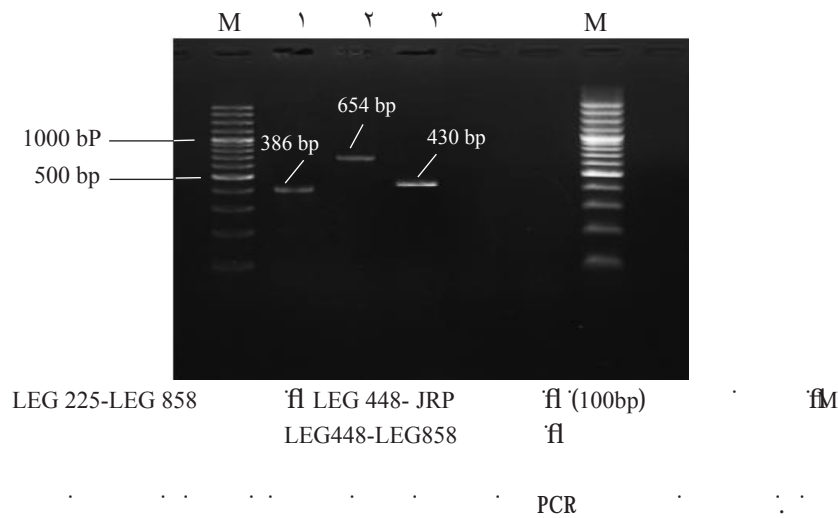
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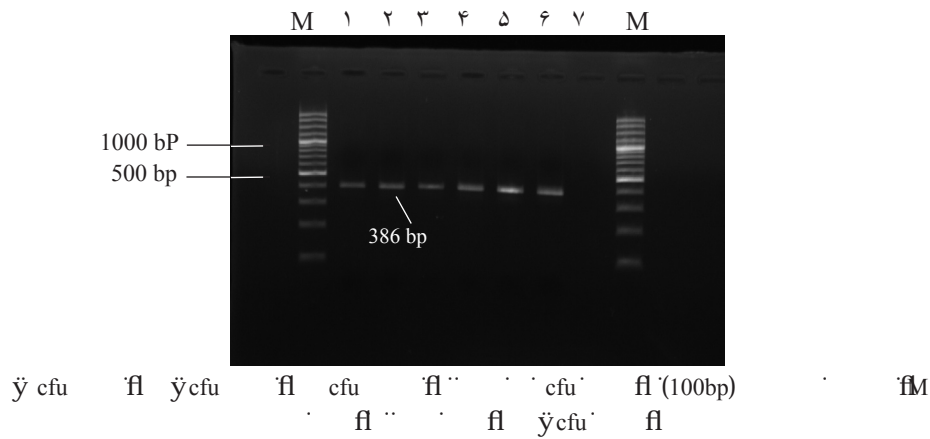
سایز محصولات (bp) PCR	ژن شناسایی	توالی پرایمرها	پرایمرها
حدود ۱۴۲۰ bp	16S rRNA	5'-AGA-GTT-TGA-TCC-TGG-CTC-A-<G>-3'	Eubac27 F 1429 R1
۶۵۴ bp	16S rRNA	5'-AAG-ATT-AGC-CTG-CGT-CCG-A-<T>-3'	LEG 225 LEG 858
۴۳۰ bp	16S rRNA	5'- AGG-GGT-TGA-TAG-GTT-AAG-AG-<C> -3'	LEG 448 LEG 858
۳۸۶bp	16S rRNA	5'- AGG-GGT-TGA-TAG-GTT-AAG-AG-<C> -3'	LEG 448 LEG JRP

PCR

تعداد مرحله و سیکل ها	تقسیمات فرعی هر مرحله	درجه حرارت	زمان
مرحله اول (۱ سیکل)	Pre- Denaturation	۹۵°C	۵min
	Denaturation	۹۴°C	۴۵s
مرحله دوم (۳۰ سیکل)	Annealing	۵۵°C	۱min
	Extention	۷۲°C	۱/ ۳۰min
مرحله سوم (۱ سیکل)	Final Extention	۷۲°C	۵min
مرحله چهارم (۱ سیکل)	Cooling	۴ °C	۳min

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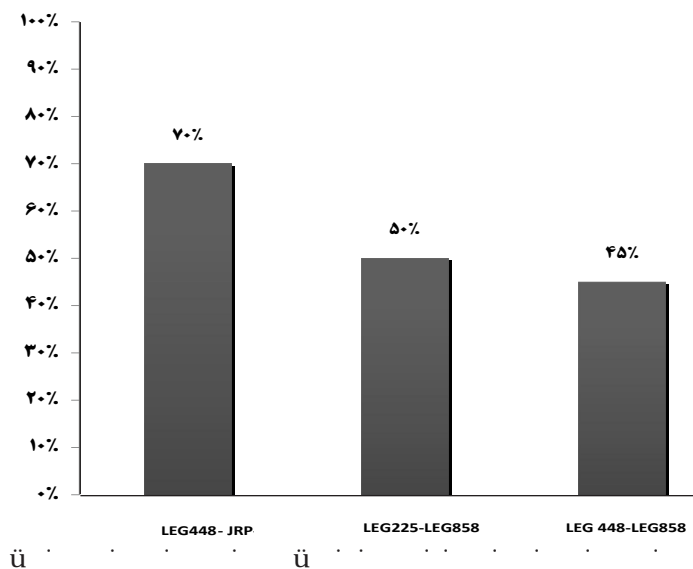
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$P < 0.05$

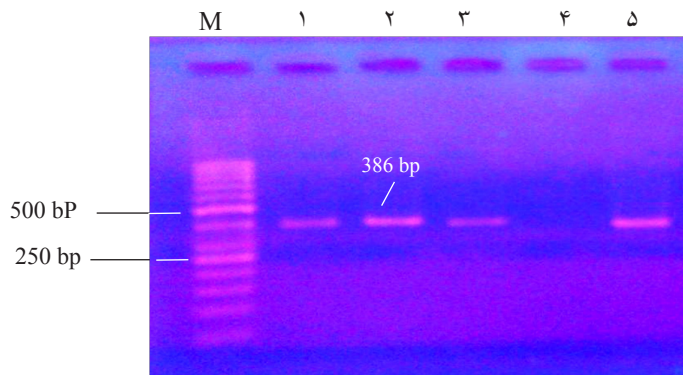
LEG448 -JRP

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درصد فراوانی نمونه های مثبت با استفاده از پرایمرهای مختلف جهت بررسی لژیونلا







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## **Sensitivity Comparison of Different 16s rDNA- Specific Primers for Detection of Legionella Species in Aquatic Samples**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**Background and Objectives:** Legionella are gram-negative bacteria widely dispersed in natural and man-made water sources. Some Legionella species are pathogenic and could cause respiratory infections. Cultivation technique is the conventional method for the detection of Legionella spp. in aquatic samples. However, the method has low sensitivity and require prolonged incubation period. Therefore, Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) as a rapid method with extreme sensitivity is used. The present study was designed to evaluate the feasibility and sensitivity of PCR method for detection of Legionellas pp. in aquatic samples using three sets of primers.

**Materials and Methods:** In this study, 60 water samples were investigated for the presence of Legionella species using Nested- PCR technique. The sensitivity of this technique was evaluated for the detection of Legionella species in aquatic samples using three primer sets, including (LEG225-LEG858), (LEG448-LEG858), and (LEG448-JRP).

**Results:** The nested PCR assay revealed that detection percentage of Legionella in samples was 70 when LEG448-JRP primers were used, whereas this percentage reduced to 50 and 45 when we applied prime sets of LEG225-LEG858 and LEG448 - LEG858, respectively.

**Conclusion:** The results of the study showed that contamination of aquatic samples to the Legionella spp. could be easily and rapidly detected by nested PCR. However, selecting appropriate method for DNA extraction and choosing the primers are important factors in efficiency and sensitivity of detection method.

**Keywords:** PCR, Water, Detection, Legionella

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