

FishDNAIDs: DNA barcoding as a tool in the development of a detection system to four species of Characiformes of commercial importance in the Brazilian Amazon

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DNA extraction protocols, amplification, sequencing and data analysis for the construction of the DNA barcode sequences database

The genomic DNA of fish specimens was extracted from muscle tissue using the commercial Wizard® Genomic DNA Purification (Promega Corporation, USA) extraction kit. Reagent conditions and final concentrations used in the approximately 650 bp PCR of the COI were as follows: 1X of the buffer, 0.2 mM dNTPs (Thermo Scientific), 2.0 mM MgCl₂, 0.33 µM of each primer (Ward et al., 2005), 0.067U Taq DNA polymerase (Invitrogen) and 6.0 ng of DNA and ultrapure water qsp 15 µL [1]. Thermocycling was performed as follows: 68 °C for 60 sec, (93 °C for 10 sec, 50 °C for 35 sec, 68 °C for 45 sec) for 35 cycles and a final hold at 68 °C for 7 minutes.

Amplicon were purified using the EXOSAP-IT (Thermo Scientific™). Bilateral nucleotide reaction sequencing was performed, using the BigDye Terminator v3.1 Cycle Kit® Sequencing (ThermoFisher), followed by the elimination of unincorporated reagents during thermocycling (EDTA/Ethanol precipitation). The product of such reaction was electroinjected into the Genetic Analyzer (ABI 3130xL ThermoFisher). All steps using kits since DNA extraction to sequencing followed the manufacturer’s recommendations for each kit.

The DNA sequences were compiled using Geneious 8.0.5 (<https://www.geneious.com>). The Specimen DNA barcode identification was carried out by similarity analyzes with sequences in publicly-available nucleotide (INSDC) databases using nucleotide BLAST [2] and BOLDSystems IDS Tools (<http://v4.boldsystems.org/>) [3] until March 10, 2023. DNA barcode sequences from 111 specimens belonging to 18 species were downloaded from GENBANK (Table S1) and added to the DNA database used to design the primers and probes. This method was adopted in order to increase intraspecific diversity for the design of the DNA minibarcode flanking primers.

Primer validation protocol in Sanger sequencing

No template control (NTC) was performed at least in triplicate for all the experiments. The reagent conditions used for the PCR were as follows: 1X PCR buffer, 0.3 mM dNTPs, 2.0 mM MgCl₂, 0.25 µM of each species-specific primer (PNIG-F and PNIG-R, PALT-F and PALT-R, TANG-F and TANG-R, and PRUT-F and PRUT-R), 0.067 U Taq DNA polymerase (Invitrogen) and 0.1 ng of DNA and ultrapure water qsp 10 µL. Thermocycling was performed as follows: 68 °C 60 sec, 35 cycles at 93 °C 10 sec, 60 °C 35 sec, 68 °C 60 sec and a final hold at 68 °C for 7 minutes.

The PCR result was checked on 1.8% agarose gel, stained with Diamond™ (Promega) and photo-documented with an imaging system (Alfa Mini System, ProteinSimple). The amplicon for each species samples (target and congenetic) was purified using EXOSAP-IT and the nucleotide sequencing was generated, with the forward primer of each designed set. DNA sequences were compared and aligned with the COI (minibarcodes) fragment obtained previously for each of the four species, and flanked by the primers designed to confirm it. This phase was performed using Geneious 8.0.5 (<https://www.geneious.com>).

Test the efficiency of the primers

2X PowerUp™ SYBR™ Green Master Mix (ThermoFisher), 0.2 µM of each primer and 0.1 ng of DNA and ultrapure water qsp 10 µL. The qPCR conditions were: 50 °C for 2 min, 95 °C for 2 min followed by 35 cycles of 15 sec at 95 °C and 60 °C for 1 min in a QuantStudio6 Flex Real-Time thermocycler (ThermoFisher).

Testing the efficiency of the probes

The reagents and thermocycling conditions used were 1X of TaqMan® Gene Expression Master Mix (ThermoFisher), 0.25 µM of each species-specific primers and probe (5'FAM/MGB-NFQ3'), 0.1 ng of DNA and ultrapure water qsp 10 µL. The qPCR conditions were: 50 °C for 2 min, 95 °C for 2 min followed by 35 cycles of 15 sec at 95 °C and 60 °C for 1 min. The reaction was carried out in a thermal cycler (QuantStudio6 Flex Real-Time, ThermoFisher).

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