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ABBREVIATIONS:

ACL	American cutaneous leishmaniasis
6-FAM	6-carboxy-fluorescein
TAMRA	6-carboxy-tetramethyl-rhodamine
6-PGDH	6-phospho-D-gluconate Dehydrogenase
AMG	Anterior midgut
BLAST	Basic Local Alignment Search Tool
CAE	cellulose acetate electrophoresis
CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
CL	cutaneous leishmaniasis
C_t	Cycler threshold
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
ELIZA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EF	Excreted factor
G.	*Gerbillus*
GPI	glucose phosphate isomerase
G-6-PDH	Glucose-**6**-phosphate Dehydrogenase
GOT	Glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
ITS-1	Internal transcribed spacer-1
IDH	Isocitrate Dehydrogenase
kDNA	Kinetoplastid deoxyribonucleic acid
L.	*Leishmania*
LST	Leishmanin skin test
LCL	Localized cutaneous leishmanisis
LON	London
Lu.	*Lutzomyia*
ME	Malic enzyme
MDH	Mannitol Dehydrogenase
M.	*Meriones*
MON	Montpellier
MFO	Multinational Force and Observers
HEPES	N-2-Hydroxyethylpiperazine-N'-2-ethanesulfonic acid
NNN	Novy-MacNeal-Nicolle
PHAR	Pharynx
P.	*Phlebotomus*

PBS	Phosphate buffer solution
PGM	Phosphoglucomutase
PGI	phosphoglucose Isomerase
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PMG	Posterior midgut
PROB	Proboscis
QT-NASBA	quantitative nucleic acid sequence based amplification
RFLPs	Restriction fragment length polymorphisms
rDNA	Ribosomal deoxyribonucleic acid
rRNA	ribosomal ribonucleic acid
RPMI	Roswell Park Memorial Institute
S.	*Sergentomyia*
SSU rRNA	Small- subunit ribosomal ribonucleic acid
SV	Stomodeal valve
SYBR	Synergy Brands
VL	visceral leishmaniasis
ZCL	zoonotic cutaneous leishmaniasis

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