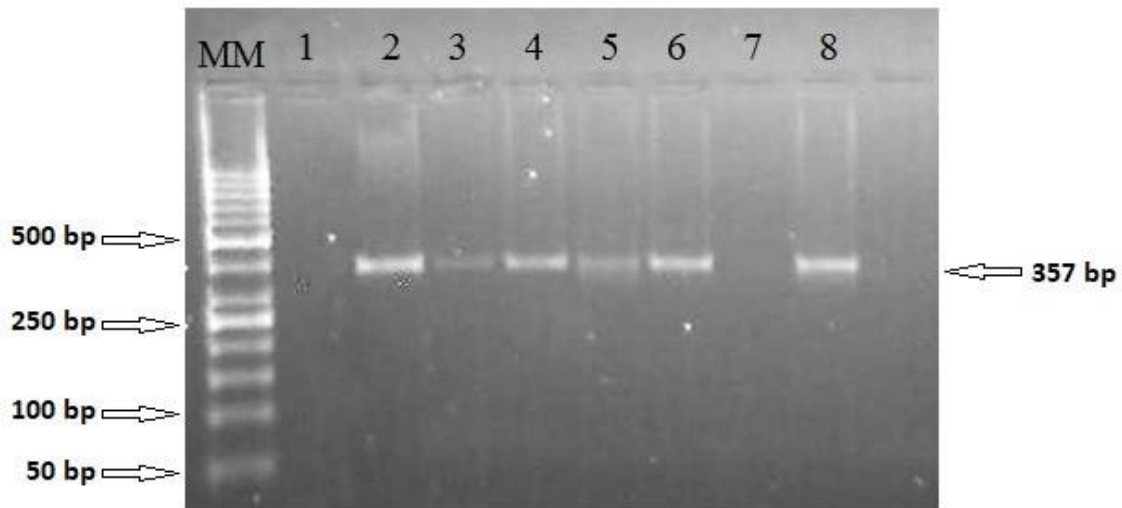


**Supplementary File 1:**



**Figure 1:** Representative samples of the PCR amplification of the 18S rRNA gene of *Leishmania* parasites. **MM:** molecular marker (100bp); **Lane 1:** negative control (Distilled water); **Lane 2:** Positive control (*L. donovani* DNA), **Lanes 3-6,** and **8:** positive individuals with VL; **Lane 7:** negative individual.