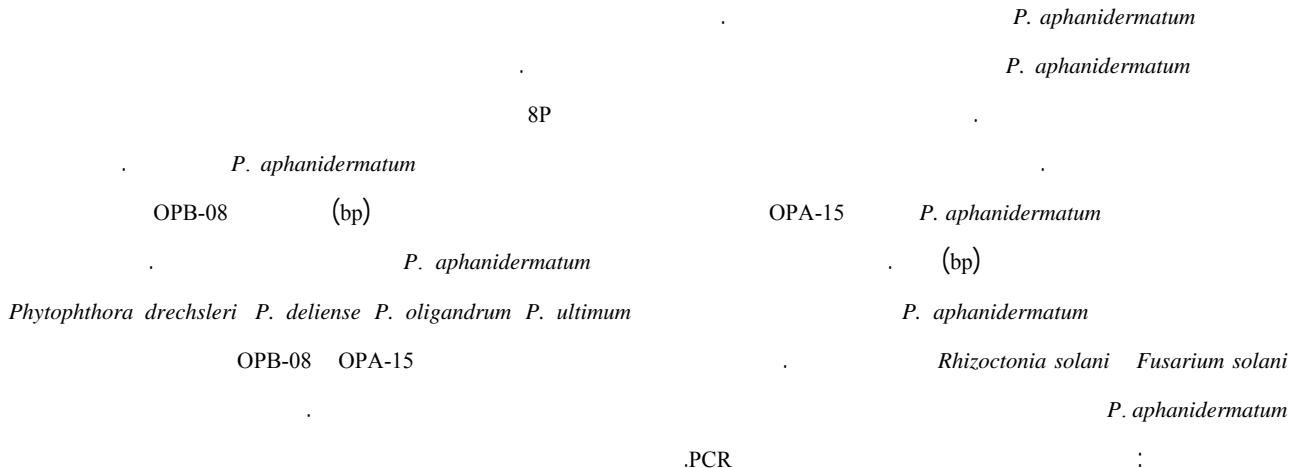


***Pythium aphanidermatum***

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**Pathogenic variability of *Pythium aphanidermatum* isolates the causal agent of sugar beet root rot in Iran**

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**Abstract**

During 2007-2010, diseased samples of sugar beet were collected from fields in major sugar beet production areas of Iran in different growth stages. From 71 diseased samples, 23 isolates of *Pythium aphanidermatum* were isolated. On the basis of pathogenic variability in seed, seedling and mature stages of sugar beet, the results showed that *P. aphanidermatum* isolates have significant differences in their pathogenicity. All of the tested isolates were classified in 3 groups with high, moderate and low pathogenicity. 8P isolate from West Azarbaijan province had the highest pathogenicity among investigated isolates in each 3 stages. PCR fingerprinting was used to confirm identification of *P. aphanidermatum* isolates. The results showed an individual band approximately 2000 bp using OPA-15 and two bands (1000 and 1850 bp) using OPB-08 decamer primers. The bands were observed through all *P. aphanidermatum* isolates. The banding patterns of *P. aphanidermatum* was not similar to other species including *P. ultimum*, *P. oligandrum*, *P. deliense*, *Phytophthora drechsleri*, *Fusarium solani* and *Rhizoctonia solani*. It seems that OPA-15 and OPB-08 primers are capable to identify *P. aphanidermatum* from other root rot agents of sugar beet as well as other *pythium* species.

**Key words:** sugar beet, root rot, pathogenic variability, PCR.

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*Pythium aphanidermatum*

*P.paroecandrum P. osteracodes P. oliganderum P. deliense*

*Pythium Pythium group "HS" P. ultimum var ultimum*

group "T"

.(Gallian, 2001)

*P. deliense* Meurs

Mahmoudi and Soltani (2005) .(Behdad, 1996)

*P. aphanidermatum*

(Van der Plaasts-Niterink, 1981)

DNA

*P. aphanidermatum*

Ahmadinejad and Okhovat (1976)

Herreo and Klemsdal (1998) .(Olive and Bean, 1999)

OPB-08 OPA-15

*P. aphanidermatum*

*P. aphanidermatum*

(Fasihani, 1991)

(Abasi Moghadam et al., 1998; Afzali and Ershad, 2006)

(Mahmoudi et al., 2000; Arzanlou et al., 2000)

Irani and Ershad, 1995; )

Davoodee and Afzali, )

(Sheikholeslami et al., 2005

*P. deliense*

(2006

PCR- RAPD

*P. aphanidermatum*

*P. aphanidermatum*

*P.irregular P. ultimum P. deliense*

*P. paroecandrum*

*P. ultimum* var

.(Afzali and Banihashemi, 2000)

*ultimum*

.(Kashi et al., 2000)

*P. aphanidermatum*

Zamani Noor et al. (2004)

*P. ultimum Aphanomyces cochlioides*

*Pythium* group *P. aphanidermatum* :

*P. oliganderum P. deliense Pythium* group "F" "G"

*P. okanoganense P. tracheiphilum P. salinum*

Babai-Ahari et al. (2004) .

*P. aphanidermatum*

## CMA (Corn meal agar)

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.(Peever *et al.*, 2000)

Van der Plaasts-)

.(Niterink, 1981; Dick, 1990

Hecker and Ruppel, 1977; Scholten *et al.*, 2001; )

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(Büttner *et al.*, 2004

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( ) *P. oligandrum*

Cormarc and )

(Moffat, 1961)

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Büttner *et al.*, )

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.(Mahmoudi *et al.*, 2004)

(Carling *et al.*, 2002)

Area Under )

### (Disease Progress Curve

$$\sum_i^{n-1} [(y_i + y_{i+1})/2][t_{i+1} - t_i]$$

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PDA (potato dextrose agar)

PCR . Disease Index: DI = [ $\sum$ (  
 / )/ ]  $\times$

<i>P. aphanidermatum</i>	<i>P. ultimum</i>	<i>P. aphanidermatum</i>
( )	( )	<i>P. deliense</i>
		<i>P. oligandrum</i>
	<i>Phytophthora drechsleri</i>	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
		<i>Fusarium solani</i>
SAS	DNA	(Dillman et al., 1982)

UPGMA	SPSS	/	
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<b><i>P. aphanidermatum</i></b>			
<i>P. aphanidermatum</i>		OPA-15 (5' TTCCGAACCC-3') <i>P. aphanidermatum</i>	
:	( )	Herreoo and	OPB-08 (5'GTCCACACGG-3')
	CMA		Klemsdal (1998)
			<i>P. aphanidermatum</i>

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*Pythium aphanidermatum*

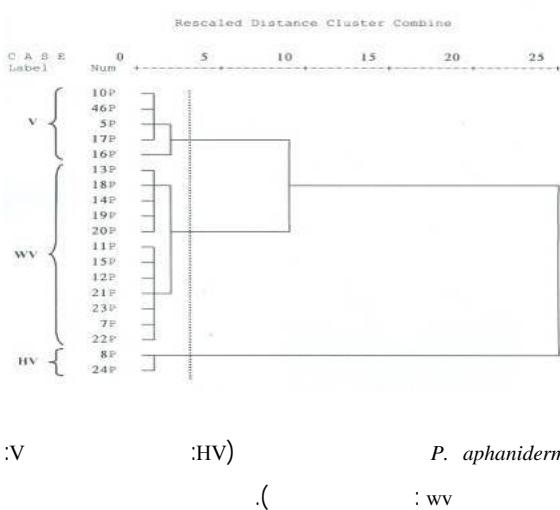
*Pythium aphanidermatum*

*P. aphanidermatum*

**Table 1.** *Pythium aphanidermatum* isolates used in this study

Geographic location	Isolate No		
	5P	24P	8P
	7P		
	8P		
	10P	<i>P. aphanidermatum</i>	
	11P		
	12P	(HV)	<i>P. aphanidermatum</i>
	13P	( )	(WV) (V)
	14P		24P 8P
	15P	46P 5P 10P 17P 16P	(HV)
	16P	11P 20P 19P 14P 18P 13P	(V)
	17P	(WV)	22P 7P 23P 21P 12P 15P
	18P		( )
	19P		<i>P. oligandrum</i>
	20P		8P
	21P		
	22P	<i>P. aphanidermatum</i>	
	23P		
	24P		<i>P. aphanidermatum</i>
	46P		
	64P		(8P, 24P)
	65P	(18P)	(46P)
	66P	<i>P. oligandrum</i>	
	69P	CMA	
	25P*		(25P)

\*: The *Pythium oligandrum* isolate was used as a non pathogenic check.



**Fig 1.** The dendrogram was generated using clusteral analysis *P. aphanidermatum* isolates in laboratory tests (HV: Highly virulent, V: Virulent, WV: Weakly virulent)



**Fig 2-** Disease severity of 8P isolate (A) in comparison with health check (B) in root inoculation after 10 days

#### *P. aphanidermatum*

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**Table 2.** Comparison of relative virulence of *P. aphanidermatum* on sugar beet root \* in laboratory with scale (1-9)

Second test 2	First test 1	Isolate No.
---***	5.33 bcd**	5P
---	4.00 cde	7P
8.50 a	8.50 a	8P
3.45 bcd	5.66 bcd	10P
---	3.33 de	11P
---	3.00 de	12P
---	2.00 e	13P
---	2.33 e	14P
---	3.33 de	15P
---	4.66 cde	16P
4.66 bc	6.00 bc	17P
1.91 d	2.00 e	18P
2.33 d	2.33 e	19P
---	2.66 e	20P
---	3.00 de	21P
---	3.66 cde	22P
---	3.16 de	23P
5.33 b	7.66 ab	24P
---	5.66 bcd	46P
2.58 cd		65P
4.58 bc		66P
3.16 bcd		69P
1	1	25P *** *
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*P. oligandrum*

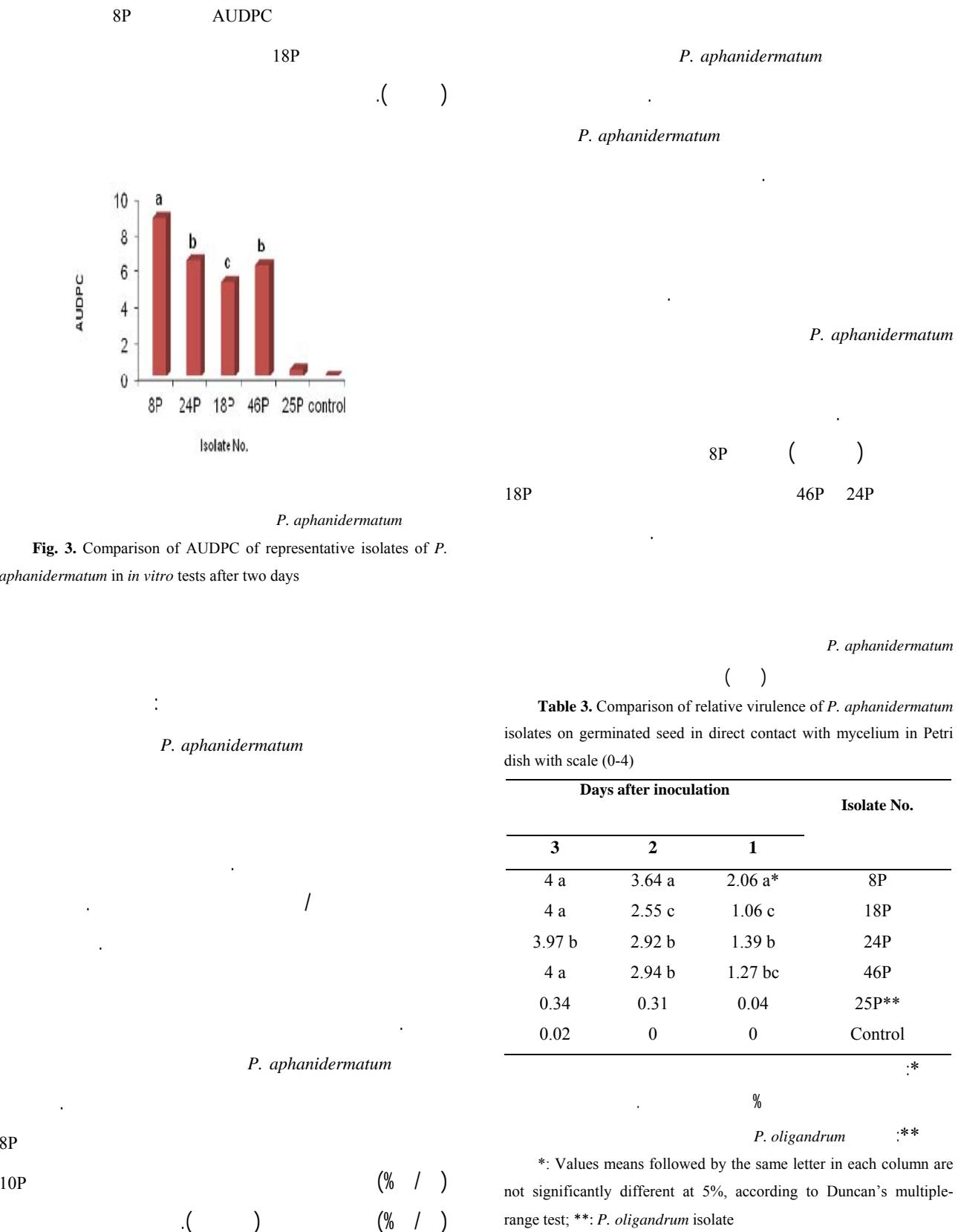
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\*: Approximate weight of used roots was 500-700 gram; \*\*: Values means followed by the same letter in each column are not significantly different at 5%, according to Duncan's multiple-range test; \*\*\*: Not Tested; \*\*\*\*: *P. oligandrum* isolate.

(*P. oligandrum*) 25P



**Fig. 3.** Comparison of AUDPC of representative isolates of *P. aphanidermatum* in *in vitro* tests after two days

*P. aphanidermatum*

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**Table 3.** Comparison of relative virulence of *P. aphanidermatum* isolates on germinated seed in direct contact with mycelium in Petri dish with scale (0-4)

	Days after inoculation			Isolate No.
	3	2	1	
8P	4 a	3.64 a	2.06 a*	8P
18P	4 a	2.55 c	1.06 c	18P
24P	3.97 b	2.92 b	1.39 b	24P
46P	4 a	2.94 b	1.27 bc	46P
25P**	0.34	0.31	0.04	25P**
Control	0.02	0	0	Control

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%

*P. oligandrum*

\*\*

\*: Values means followed by the same letter in each column are not significantly different at 5%, according to Duncan's multiple-range test; \*\*: *P. oligandrum* isolate

*P. aphanidermatum*

*P. aphanidermatum*

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*P. aphanidermatum*

**Table 4.** Comparison of relative virulence of *P. aphanidermatum* in seedling stage in greenhouse conditions

	Damping - off (%)	Isolate No.
	95.99 a*	8P
	43.77 b	10P
	85.94 a	15P
	47.79 b	17P
18P	/	22P
	/	46P
	0	Control

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%

\*: Values means followed by the same letter in each column are not significantly different at 5%, according to Duncan's multiple-range test.

OPA-15      *P. aphanidermatum*

OPB-08      (bp)

(bp)

*Phytophthora drechsleri*

OPB-08      (bp)

*P. ultimum*

*P. aphanidermatum*

*P. oligandrum*

(bp)

(bp)

*Fusarium solani*    *P. deliense*

/      8P

/      18P

OPA-15

*Phytophthora drechsleri*

*P. deliense*

(bp)

(bp)

*F. solani*    *P. ultimum*    *P. oligandrum*

20P    64P    14P    46P    22P    8P

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15P

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- Base pair

*Pythium aphanidermatum*

*P. aphanidermatum*

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**Table 5.** Comparison of relative virulence of *P. aphanidermatum* in mature plants in greenhouse conditions with scale (1-9)

	5 Months plants	3 months plants	2 months plants	Isolate No.
	---	8 abc	---	5P
	7.8 a	9 a	8.33 a	8P
	6 b	5 efg	5.25 bc	10P
	---	7.66 abcd	---	11P
	---	7.33 abcdef	---	13P
	---	8.83 a	---	14P
	---	3.5 g	---	15P
	---	8 abc	6 b	16P
	---	5.83 cdefg	5.5 bc	17P
	4.75 c	7.5 abcde	3.5 c	18P
	---	6.5 abcdef	---	19P
	---	8.5 ab	---	20P
	---	5.16 defg	---	21P
	---	9 a	---	22P
	---	6 bcdefg	---	23P
	6.7 b	8 abc	7.5 ab	24P
	6.16 b	9 a	5.25 bc	46P
	---	8.66 a	---	64P
	---	4.83 fg	---	65P
	---	2	---	25P**
	1	1	1	Control

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%

*P. oligandrum*

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\*: Values means followed by the same letter in each column are not significantly different at 5%, according to Duncan's multiple-range test; \*\*: *P. oligandrum* isolate

*P. aphanidermatum*

(Cormarc and Moffat, 1961)

*R. solani*

OPA-15

(bp)

*P. aphanidermatum*

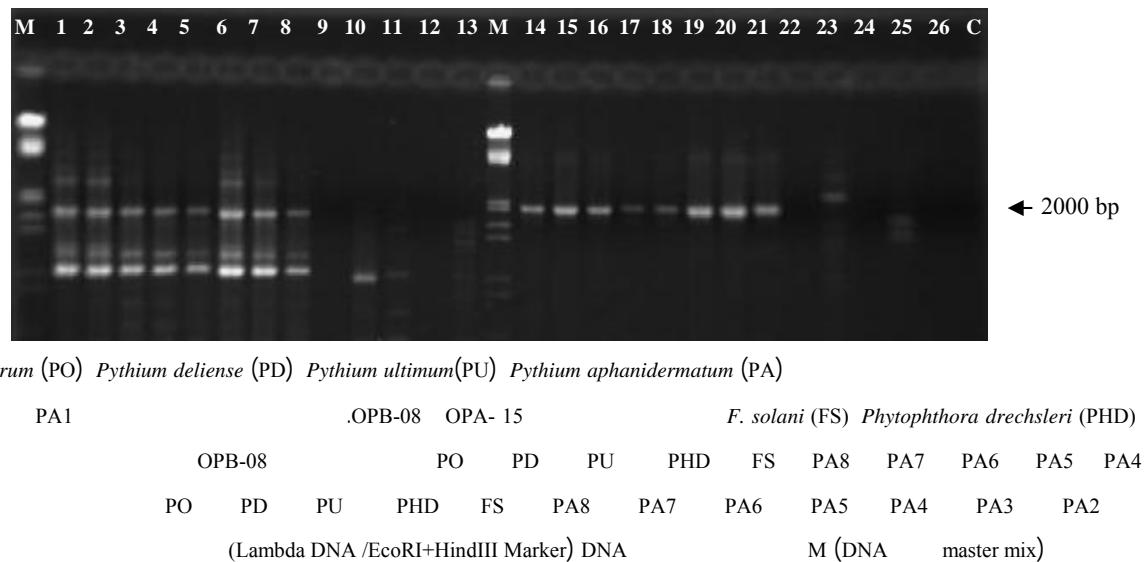
OPB-08

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*P. aphanidermatum*

*P. aphanidermatum*



**Fig 4.** Banding patterns of *P. aphanidermatum* (PA), *P. ultimum* (PU), *P. deliense* (PD), *Pythium oligandrum* (PO), *Phytophthora drechsleri* (PHD) and *F. solani* (FS) using primers OPA-15 and OPB-08; lanes 1-13, isolates, PA1, PA2, PA3, PA4, PA5, PA6, PA7, PA8, FS, PHD, PU, PD and PO using OPA-15; lanes 14-26, PA1, PA2, PA3, PA4, PA5, PA6, PA7, PA8, FS, PHD, PU, PD and PO using OPB-08; C: control reaction (Master mix without template DNA). Lanes M: ladder molecular size marker (Lambda DNA /EcoRI+HindIII Marker)

Zang and Yang (2000)

*Pythium*

*P. ultimum*

*P. ultimum*

8P

(Zentmayer and Erwin, 1970)

Mahmoudi et al. (2004).

*R. solani*

*P. aphanidermatum*

*P. aphanidermatum*

Al- sa'di et al., 2003; )

Herreo et al., 2003; Zang and Yang, 2000; Al- sa'di et al.,  
(2007)

(Ristaino and Duniway, 1989)

(bp)

Erwin and Robeiro (1996)

*P. aphanidermatum*

PCR-RAPD

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.(Herreo and Klemsdal, 1998)

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