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## ABSTRACT

Oligonucleotide probes and primers which exhibit *M. kansasii*-specificity in nucleic acid hybridization assays and in nucleic acid amplification reactions. The full-length *M. kansasii*-specific sequence, identified herein as clone MK7, is 493 base pairs in length and has a GC content of 63%. Several *M. kansasii*-specific subsequences of MK7 are also provided. The probes and primers are useful in assays for species-specific detection and identification of *M. kansasii*.

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