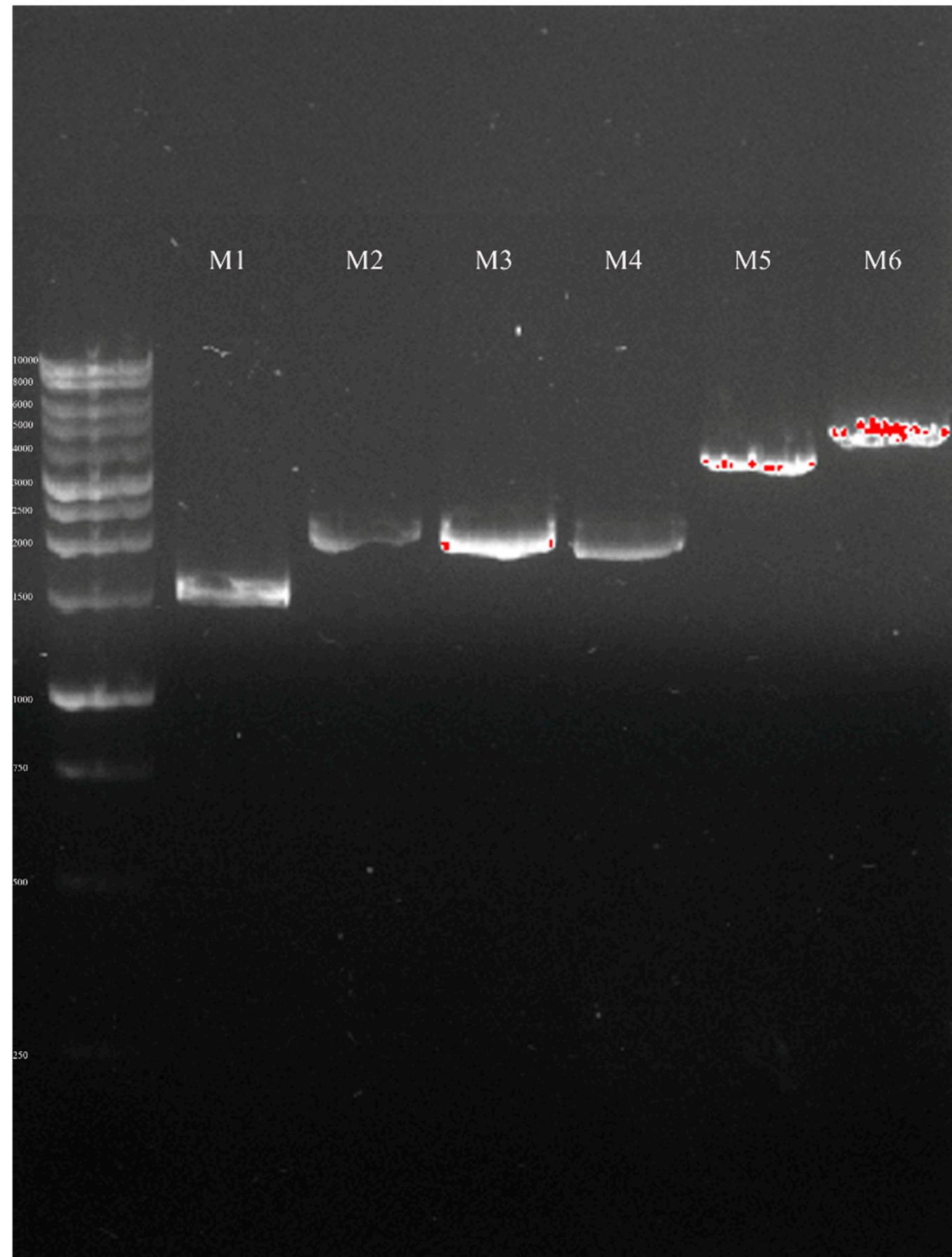
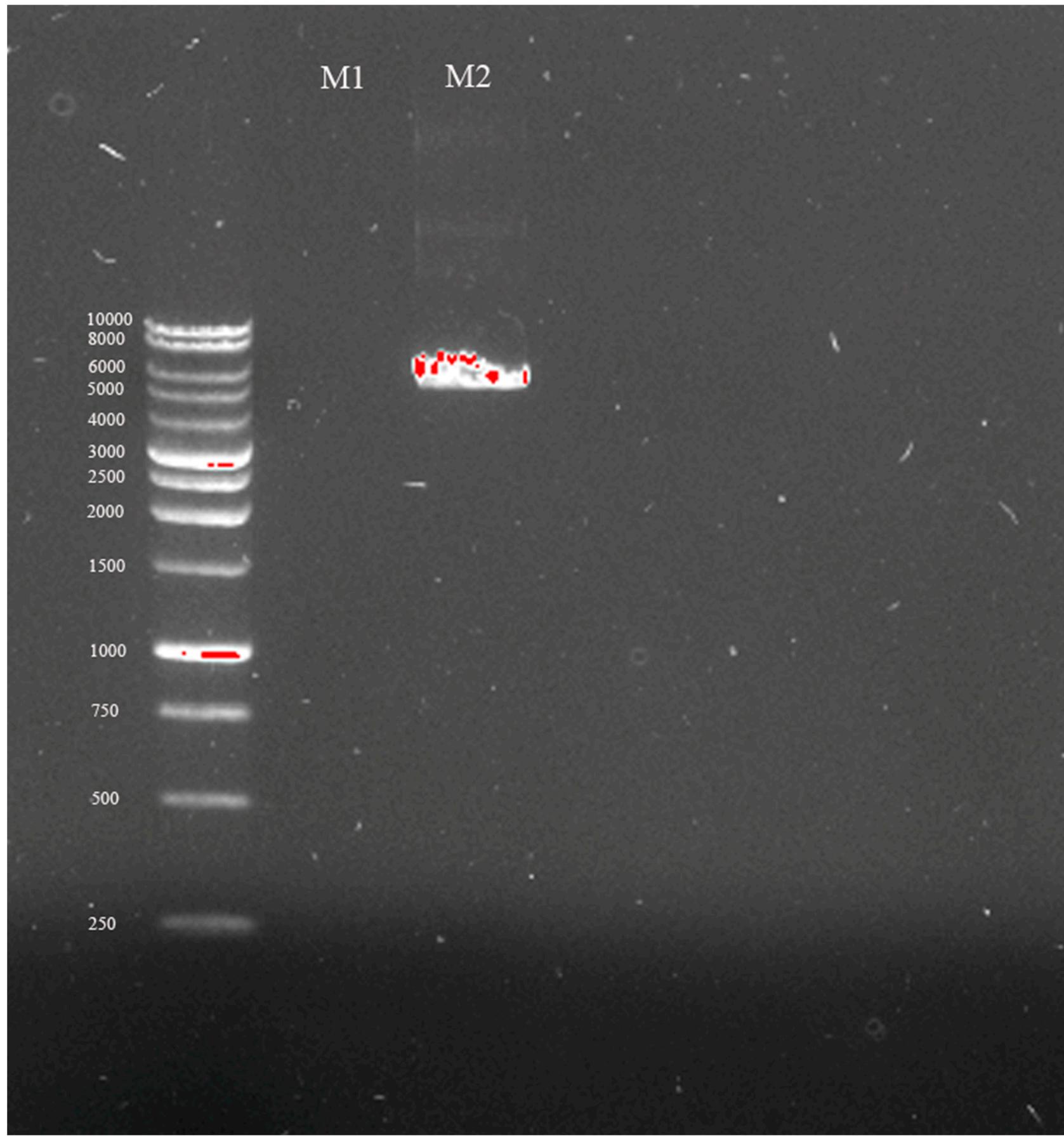


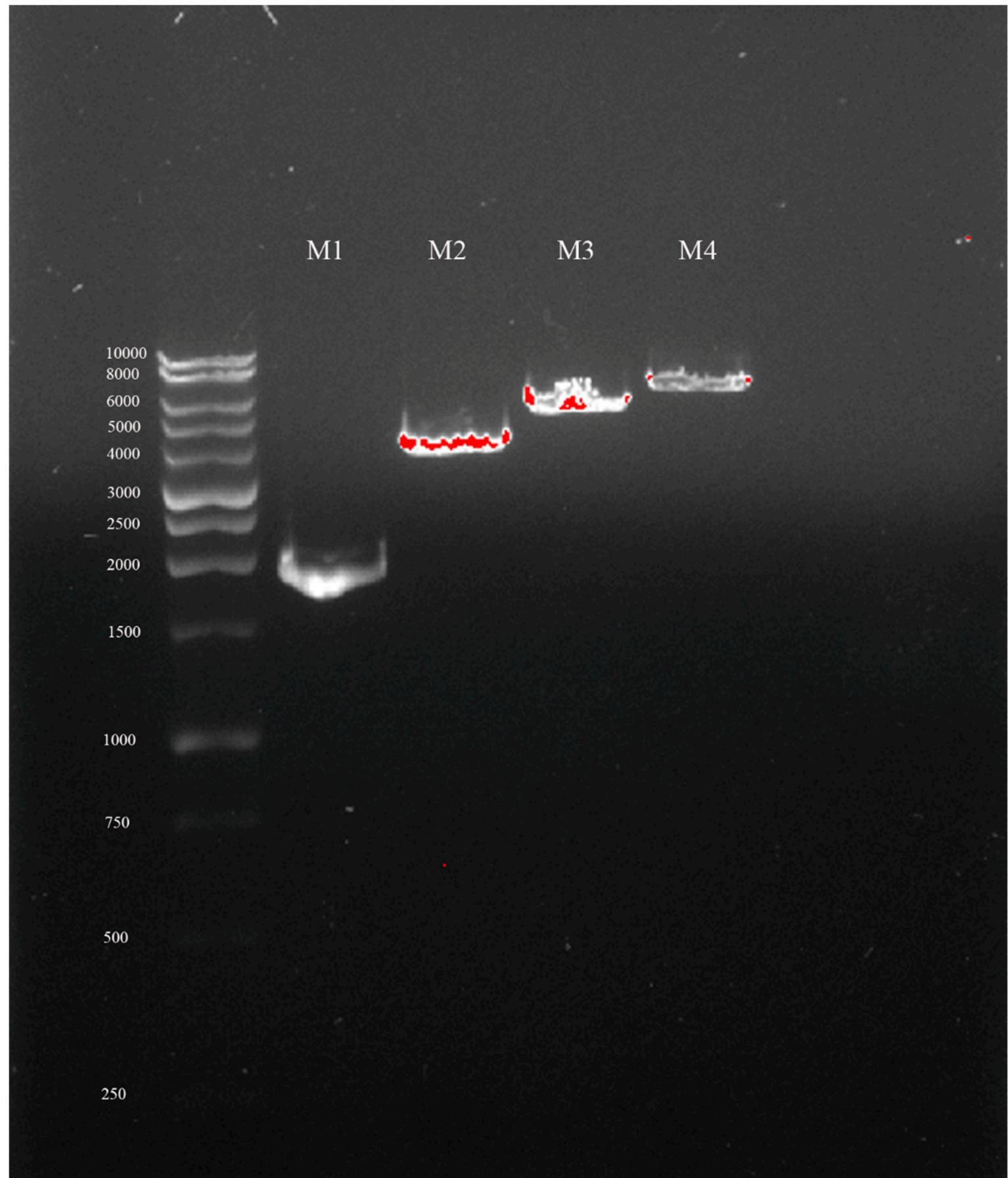
Supplementary Figure S2. PCR verification of the five mitochondrial minichromosomes (M1-M5) of *Actornithophilus* sp. 1 ex [pied oystercatcher]. Marker band sizes (bp) are indicated on the left side.



Supplementary Figure S3. PCR verification of the six mitochondrial minichromosomes (M1-M6) of *Actornithophilus* sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]. Marker band sizes (bp) are indicated on the left side.



Supplementary Figure S4. PCR verification of the two mitochondrial minichromosomes (M1 and M2) of *Austromenopon* sp. 2 ex [sooty tern and crested tern]. Marker band sizes (bp) are indicated on the left side.



Supplementary Figure S5. PCR verification of the four mitochondrial minichromosomes (M1-M4) of *Myrsidea* sp. 1 ex [satin bowerbird]. Marker band sizes (bp) are indicated on the left side.

Supplementary Table S1. Specific primers used for PCR verification of mitochondrial minichromosomes and the number of Illumina sequence reads obtained from each PCR amplicon

Minichromosome	Species	Forward prime	Reverse Prime	Number of reads
<i>E-nad4L-nad4</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 1 ex [pied oystercatcher]	AAGGGTTAGGGAGTTTACTAGGAATAAG	GAAGTTAACCATGAGAAATTATGAGGATC	19,380,282
<i>F-S_I-nad2-L_I-W-S₂-H-nad6</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 1 ex [pied oystercatcher]	CCGAGTGGAGGAAGGGAAGGAACCT	CAGAAAGGGTGGAGCTCGAGAAG	16,833,026
<i>V-K-cob-nad1-Q-A-nad3</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 1 ex [pied oystercatcher]	GATGATTCAAAACCACATTCAAAAGGAGAA	GATGATTCAAAACCACATTCAAAAGGAGAA	18,067,258
<i>rrnL-rrnS</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 1 ex [pied oystercatcher]	CTTCCTGTTAACCTTCATTCCATCAC	CTGATGGTAGACGAGAAGACCTATAGATC	16,228,942
<i>Y-atp8-atp6-N-nad5-M-D-T-L₂-G-I-cox2-cox1-C-cox3</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 1 ex [pied oystercatcher]	GTAGCAGGTTACATAATCCATTCTCTCC	ATCTACTTCTACTAACCTCTAGCCTAGC	20,100,600
<i>E-nad4L-nad4</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]	ATTTTGATTACCTAAAGCCCACGTTGAGG	GAAGCTCAATTGTTAGGTTGGTAAC	16,105,462
<i>V-K-cob-nad1</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]	ATCGAGTATGGGGGATTATGTACACTATG	CAATTGATCGAACCTTCCTAACATAGC	16,120,914
<i>nad3-A-W</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]	GGTATCCCTGTGGTGGTTATCTTATAG	CCTAAAATGGTCTTACTCATACCCCTCAG	16,461,668
<i>L_I-Q-rrnS-rrnL</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]	CCTTAGCCCTTCCTCCTTATTAACTTC	GGCAAACGCTTCCCTGACTGTTAGC	18,651,904
<i>F-S_I-nad2-L₂-D-nad5-S₂-H-nad6</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]	ATACAAACCTAACACAACCATCTCCTATG	GATATTGGTTGCTACTCTATGGGTTAGG	17,282,038
<i>Y-atp8-atp6-N-M-T-G-I-cox2-cox1-C-cox3</i>	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]	AATTCGAGTTGAGTTAGCTTCCAGGGAC	CCTAAAAGCCCAGACCAAATTCAAATAAC	17,162,222
<i>atp8-atp6-cox1-cox2-G-R-nad1-nad6-L₂-N-cob-cox3-H-I-nad5-nad2</i>	<i>Austromenopon</i> sp. 2 ex [sooty tern and crested tern]	GTCCCTCACATTATAAGAGACTGAGTC	GAGCTTCTTGGACTCAGGTAAACTTTC	N.A.
<i>K-Q-nad4L-nad4-E-T-V-A-C-W-nad3-Y-D-S_I-M-F-rrnL-rrnS-L_I-P</i>	<i>Austromenopon</i> sp. 2 ex [sooty tern and crested tern]	TCGTACTTGAGATATCTGGTTCTTAGG	ATTAGCCTTCTTCCATGGACCATTATGC	18,149,704
<i>rrnL</i>	<i>Myrsidea</i> sp. 1 ex [satin bowerbird]	AGTTCCGGCTTTAAAACCTCAGTGAG	CATGGTAGACGAGAAGACCTGTAGATC	16,316,178
<i>rrnS</i>	<i>Myrsidea</i> sp. 1 ex [satin bowerbird]	GCCCACCGCCGTATGTTAAGTCAGGAG	GTGTATCTCGTTACTGAGCAGTCCTC	18,548,112
<i>Y-nad5-L_I-nad3-S_I-cox2-cox1-cox3</i>	<i>Myrsidea</i> sp. 1 ex [satin bowerbird]	ATGGGAGCAATTAACTTATCTACCCCTC	GTAAAGAGAAAATGCCATATCCACGGAAG	17,422,022
<i>M-R-G-cob-Q-atp6-atp8-nad4L-nad4-nad6-nad1-V-nad2</i>	<i>Myrsidea</i> sp. 1 ex [satin bowerbird]	CTCCTGTGAAGATTAATTGTTTTTCG	TGGCTGATCCCACCCAAAATAGCAAGG	16,211,864

Supplementary Table S2. The mitochondrial minichromosomes of four bird louse species (family Menoponidae) identified by assembly of Illumina sequence reads (whole genomic DNA sequencing)

Louse species (bird host)	Minichromosome	Size (bp)	Number of sequence-reads	Mean coverage
<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 1 ex [pied oystercatcher]	<i>E-nad4L-nad4</i>	2,005	27,366	1,900
	<i>V-K-cob-nad1-Q-A-nad3</i>	3,950	77,869	2,956
	<i>rrnL-rrnS</i>	3,939	115,421	4,396
	<i>nad6-H-S2-W-L1-nad2-S1-F</i>	2,068	23,907	1,720
	<i>Y-atp8-atp6-N-nad5-M-D-T-L2-G-I-cox2-cox1-C-cox3</i>	6,112	21,714	2,023
<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]	<i>E-nad4L-nad4</i>	1,698	7,177	634
	<i>V-K-cob-nad1</i>	2,215	14,085	955
	<i>A-W-nad3</i>	2,102	19,763	1,406
	<i>rrnL-rrnS-Q-L1</i>	2,125	43,077	3,036
	<i>nad6-H-S2-nad5-D-L2-nad2-S1-F</i>	3,645	55,351	2,278
<i>Austromenopon</i> sp. 2 ex [sooty tern and crested tern]	<i>cox2-cox1-atp8-atp6-nad2-nad5-I-H-cox3-cob-N-L2-nad6-nad1-R-G</i>	9,499	99,206	1,567
	<i>nad4L-nad4-E-T-V-A-C-W-nad3-Y-D-S1-M-F-rrnL-rrnS-L1-P-K-S1-Q</i>	4,943	54,918	1,665
<i>Myrsidea</i> sp. 1 ex [satin bowerbird]	<i>rrnL</i>	1,969	5,551	422
	<i>rrnS</i>	3,194	41,381	1,595
	<i>Y-nad5-L1-nad3-S1-cox2-cox1-cox3</i>	5,167	58,205	1,690
	<i>M-R-G-cob-Q-atp8-atp6-nad4L-nad4-nad6-mad1-nad2</i>	6,185	68,633	1,665

Supplementary Table S3. Derived minichromosomes and gene clusters observed in Menoponidae and Laemobothriidae species

Supplementary Table S3 (continued)

Family	Species	<i>nad4L-nad4-E</i>	<i>P-K-S_I</i>	<i>Y-nad5-L_I-nad3-S_I-cox2-cox1-cox3</i> (as one minichromosome)	<i>G-cob-Q-atp6-atp8-nad4L-nad4-nad6-nad1</i>	<i>D-rnL-S₂</i>	<i>E-rnS-L₂</i>	<i>nad5-nad6-C-nad4L-nad4-Y-atp8-atp6</i>
Menoponidae	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 1 ex [pied oystercatcher]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Actornithophilus</i> sp. 2 ex [masked lapwing]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Amyrsidea (Argimenopon) minuta</i> (Emerson, 1961)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Austromenopon</i> sp. 2 ex [sooty tern and crested tern]	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Austromenopon</i> sp. 1 ex [sooty shearwater]	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Ciconiphilus</i> sp. ex [White-faced heron]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Colpocephalum</i> sp. 1 ex [Australian pelican]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Colpocephalum griffoneae</i> (Ansari, 1955)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Colpocephalum</i> sp. 2 ex [straw-necked ibis]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Eomenopon</i> sp. ex [scaly-breasted lorikeet]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Franciscoala</i> sp. 1 ex [yellow-tailed black cockatoo]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Franciscoala</i> sp. 2 ex [sulfur-crested cockatoo]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Franciscoala</i> sp. 3 ex [little corella, galah and pheasant coucal]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Menacanthus cornutus</i> (Schömmer, 1913)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Myrsidea</i> sp. 1 ex [satin bowerbird]	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
	<i>Myrsidea</i> sp. 2 ex [citrine warbler]	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
	<i>Osborniella crotophagae</i> (Stafford, 1943)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Piagetiella</i> sp. ex [Australian pelican]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Plegadiphilus</i> sp. ex [Australian white ibis]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laemobothriidae	<i>Laemobothrion</i> sp. 1 ex [Eurasian coot]	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
	<i>Laemobothrion</i> sp. 2 ex [black kite]	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
	<i>Laemobothrion</i> sp. 3 ex [Australian swamphen]	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
	<i>Laemobothrion (Laemobothrion) tinnunculi</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	-	-	-	-	+	+	+