Supplementary Figure 1

**Supplementary Figure 1 legend**

The limit of detection of *polA* and *Tpp47* in plasma and urine by nPCR assay.

Different number of *T. pallidum* (Nichols strains) were diluted in plasma (A) and urine (B) and *polA* gene was detected by nPCR assay; Different number of *T. pallidum* (Nichols strains) were diluted in plasma (C) and urine (D) and *Tpp47* gene was detected by nPCR assay. M: marker; line 1, 3*10^4 T. pallidum/mL; line 2, 3*10^3 T. pallidum/mL; line 3, 3*10^2 T. pallidum/mL; line 4, 3*50 T. pallidum/mL; line 5, 3*10 T. pallidum/mL; line 6, 3*5 T. pallidum/mL; line 7, 3 T. pallidum/mL; line 8, 0.3 T. pallidum/mL; line 9, negative control (plasma or urine without *T. pallidum*).