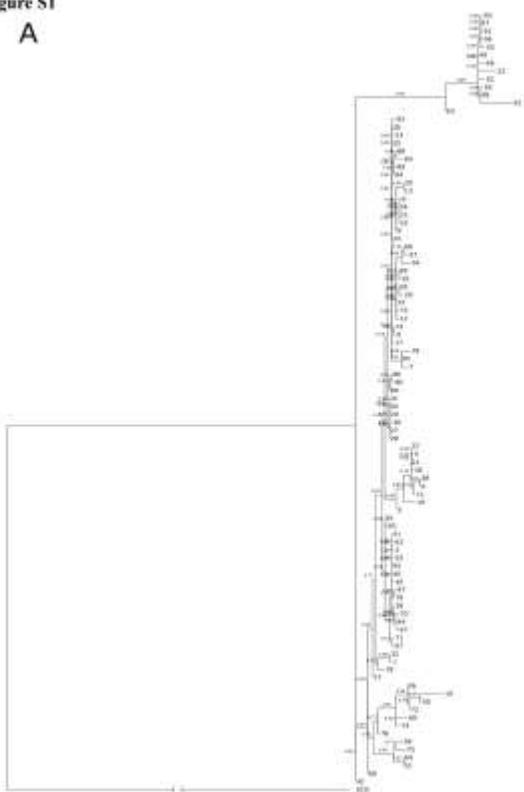


## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Figure S1

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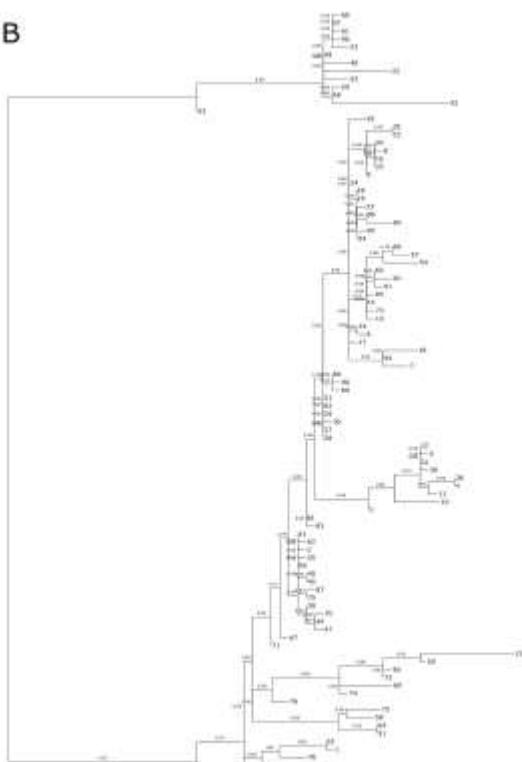
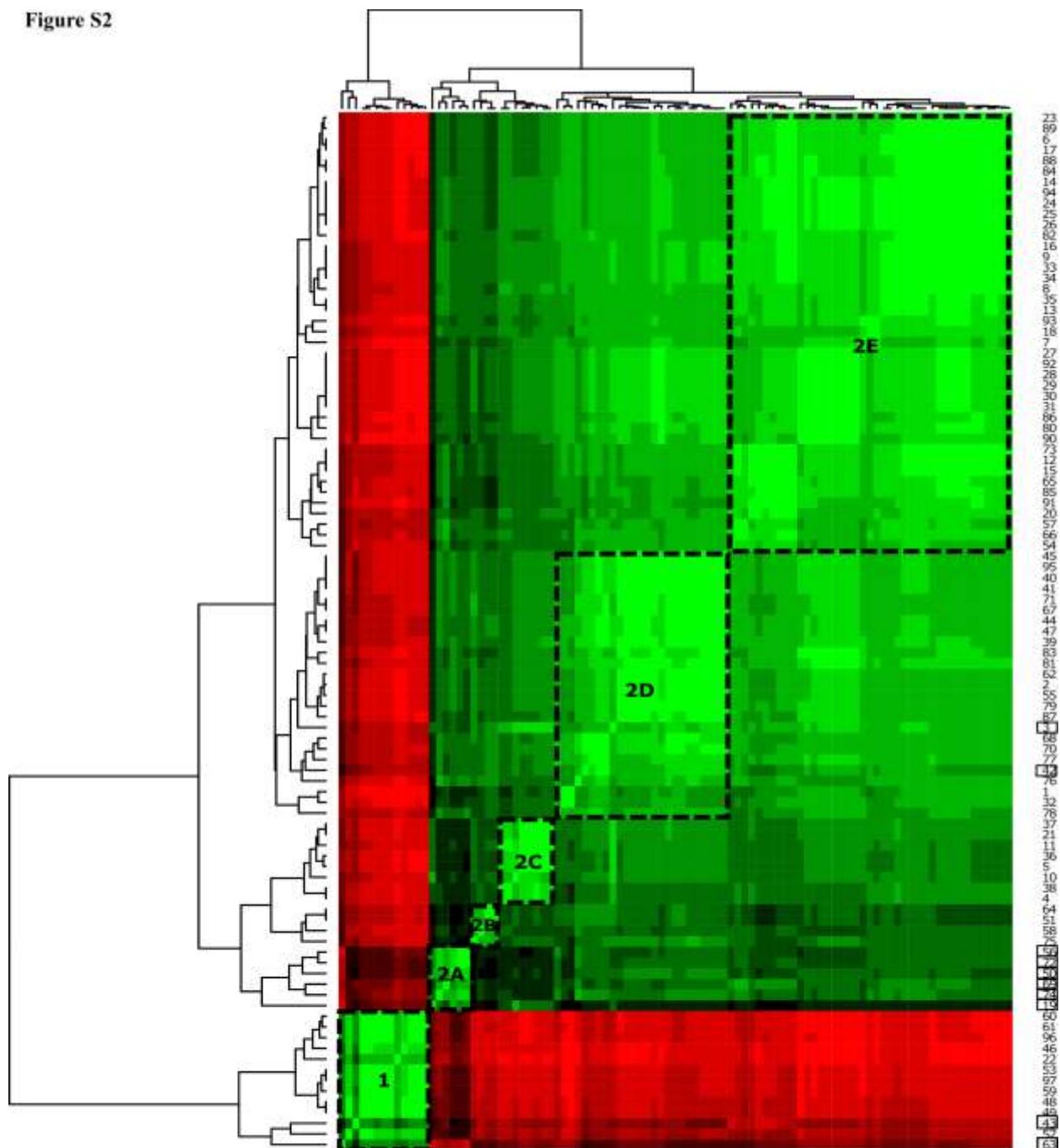


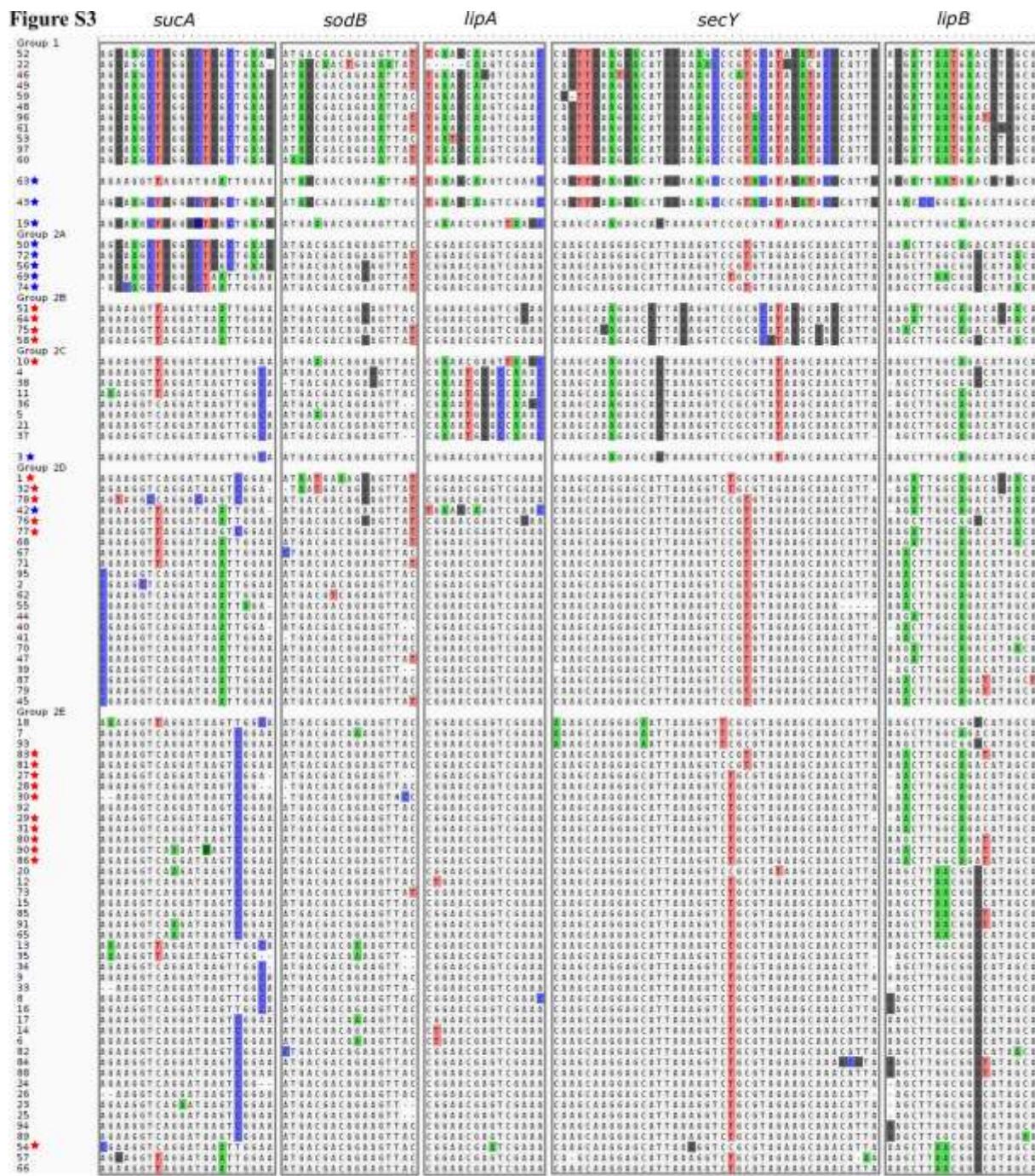
Figure S1 Maximum likelihood phylogeny constructed with PhyML under a GTR+G+I model of evolution with (a) and without (b) *E. chaffeensis* as an outgroup. Branch support was calculated using the aLRT method, and low support values are possible indicative of short branches or mixed phylogenetic signals in the data, potentially introduced by recombination or other forms of homoplasy. The outgroup branch is not to scale to allow legibility of the figure.

**Figure S2**



**Figure S2** Heat map of similarity and differences of 5 concatenated housekeeping genes among 97 unique *E. ruminantium* sequences. Hypothetical groups and subgroups 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2E are marked by dashes. Degree of relatedness is indicated by colours from white (different) to red (similar). The name of each isolate was labelled on the right side of the graphs and corresponds to the same strains on the bottom of the graph. Dendograms representing the clusters were placed on the left side and on top of the graphs. Strains 3, 19, 42, 43, 50, 56, 63, 69, 72 and 74 are marked with a square and represent recombinants.

Figure S3



**Figure S3** Multiple alignment of the different genotypes containing only variable positions. The subgroups clusters are separated by horizontal gaps, and the five different genes are boxed and separated by vertical gaps. Coloured residues represent non-consensus characters over the whole alignment. Blue stars indicate recombinant genotypes and red stars represent sequence types that are inferred to have less than 80% ancestry from a single population in STRUCTURE.

**Table S1** Number of *E. ruminantium* isolates/strains per geographic region and country

Geographic region	Country	Number of isolates	Total
North and Central Africa	Chad	1	
	Sudan	1	2
West Africa	Burkina Faso	<b>44</b>	
	Cameroon	1	
	Gambia	1	
	Ghana	2	
	Nigeria	2	
	São Tome and Principe	1	
	Senegal	4	55
East Africa	Kenya	1	
	Tanzania	1	
	Uganda	1	3
Southern Africa	Mozambique	<b>58</b>	
	South Africa	4	
	Zambia	1	
	Zimbabwe	1	64
Indian Ocean	Comoros	9	
	Madagascar	<b>13</b>	
	Mayotte	5	
	Reunion	2	29
Caribbean	Antigua	1	
	Guadeloupe	<b>40</b>	41
			<b>194</b>

**Table S2** Description of *E. ruminantium* isolates/strains based on the sequence type number, genetic group, geographic origin, country of isolation, isolate name, DNA origin, date of isolation and reference.

Sequence type number	Genetic group	Geographic origin	Country	Isolate/Strain name	DNA origin	Date of isolation	Isolate Reference
1	G2D	East Africa	Kenya	Kiswani	B	1985	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
2	G2D	Central Africa	Chad	TCH6	T	2008	Our study
3	No group	Southern Africa	South Africa	SAZeerust	CC	1979	Nakao et al. (2011)
4	G2C	Southern Africa	Mozambique	GAH1MH2	T	2012	Our study
4*	G2C			GAH4MH1	T	2012	Our study
5	G2C			CIT9MH1	T	2012	Our study
5*	G2C			GAH7MH1	T	2012	Our study
5*	G2C			MWAB11FH1	T	2012	Our study
5*	G2C			CIT28MH1	T	2012	Our study
5*	G2C			Umpala	B	1995	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
5*	G2C			MWAB11MH1	T	2012	Our study
5*	G2C			MAT14MH2	T	2012	Our study
5*	G2C			MAS13MH1	T	2012	Our study
6	G2E			CHIPO29MH1	T	2012	Our study
6*	G2E			ZIM15MH1	T	2012	Our study
7	G2E			CHIPO17MH1	T	2012	Our study
8	G2E			MAS27MH2	T	2012	Our study
8*	G2E			ZIM31MH1	T	2013	Our study
9	G2E			CHIPO12MH1	T	2012	Our study
10	G2C			MAH12MH1	T	2012	Our study
10*	G2C			VUL29MH1	T	2012	Our study
10*	G2C			MWAB3MH1	T	2012	Our study
10*	G2C			ZIM28MH1	T	2012	Our study
10*	G2C			Crystal Springs	CC	1990	Nakao et al. (2011)
11	G2C			MAT13MH2	T	2012	Our study
12	G2E			ZIM16MH2	T	2012	Our study
13	G2E			VUL17MH1	T	2012	Our study
14	G2E			CHIPO22MH1	T	2012	Our study
15	G2E			GAH5MH2	T	2012	Our study
16	G2E			CHIPO2MH1	T	2012	Our study
16*	G2E			CHIPA3MH1	T	2012	Our study
17	G2E			ZIM2MH1	T	2012	Our study
17*	G2E			ZIM4MH1	T	2012	Our study
18	G2E			GAH9MH1	T	2012	Our study
18*	G2E	Southern Africa	South Africa	SABall3	CC	1952	Nakao et al. (2011)
19	No group	Southern Africa	South Africa	Mara	CC	1998	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
20	G2E	Southern Africa	Mozambique	MAH6MH1	T	2012	Our study
21	G2C			MAS14MH1	T	2012	Our study
22	G1			303-GOV1-MV8	T	2012	Our study
23	G2E			335-MAMMV13	T	2013	Our study
24	G2E			445-MAP32MH1	T	2013	Our study
25	G2E			550-NHAMV12	T	2014	Our study
26	G2E			559-NHAMV21	T	2014	Our study
27	G2E			330-MAMMV8	T	2013	Our study
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44	G2D			Lamba194	B	2003	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
44*	G2D			<b>Banankeledaga</b>	CC	1998	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
44*	G2D			BF629	T	2009	Adakal et al. (2010)
44*	G2D			BF630	T	2009	Adakal et al. (2010)
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45	G2D			Banan455	B	2003	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
46	G1	West Africa	Senegal	M310	T	2002	Our study
47	G2D	West Africa	Burkina Faso	Banan033F1	T	2002	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
48	G1	West Africa	Ghana	Sankat430	CC	1996	Nakao et al. (2011)
48*	G1	West Africa	Burkina Faso	BF1210	T	2007	Adakal et al. (2010)
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49*	G1	West Africa	Senegal	M10T	T	2002	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
50	G2A			M16T	T	2002	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
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52	G1	West Africa	Nigeria	SK43M1	T	2010	Our study
53	G1	West Africa	Burkina Faso	BF331	T	2007	Adakal et al. (2010)
54	G2E	West Africa	São Tome and Principe	São Tome	CC	1981	Nakao et al. (2011)
55	G2D	West Africa	Burkina Faso	BF1042	T	2007	Adakal et al. (2010)
56	G2A			BF1062	T	2007	Adakal et al. (2010)
57	G2E			BF1232	T	2007	Adakal et al. (2010)
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93	G2E	Southern Africa	Mozambique	CHIPO26MH1	T	2012	Our study
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94*	G2E	Indian Ocean	Madagascar	Madamora3	T	2008	Our study
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94*	G2E	Indian Ocean	Mayotte	YTAVI001	T	2009	Our study
95	G2D	West Africa	Nigeria	NigeriaIfe	B	1983	Nakao et al. (2011)
95*	G2D	Caribbean	Guadeloupe	4-2007AS02	T	2010	Our study
95*	G2D	West Africa	Burkina Faso	BF2	T	2007	Adakal et al. (2010)
95*	G2D	Caribbean	Guadeloupe	37-0806FB01	T	2011	Our study
95*	G2D			21-2702VL01	T	2011	Our study
95*	G2D			41-0309FB01	T	2011	Our study
96	G1	East Africa	Tanzania	AB014TAN	T	2010	Our study
96*	G1	West Africa	Ghana	<b>Pokoase</b>	CC	1996	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
97	G1	West Africa	Burkina Faso	lamba479	T	2001	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
97*	G1	Caribbean	Guadeloupe	17-2701GM01	T	2011	Our study
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97*	G1	West Africa	Senegal	<b>Senegal</b>	CC	1994	Raliniaina et al. (2010)
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97*	G1			BF474	T	2008	Adakal et al. (2010)
97*	G1			BF476	T	2007	Adakal et al. (2010)
97*	G1			BF810	T	2007	Adakal et al. (2010)

\*Identical DNA sequence (clone). Reference strains are highlighted in bold. CC: Cell culture; T: Tick, B: Blood.

**Table S3** Number of *E. ruminantium* isolates per genetic group and country

<b>Group</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of samples</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Burkina Faso	<b>25</b>	
	Gambia	1	
	Ghana	2	
	Guadeloupe	1	
	Mozambique	1	
	Nigeria	1	
	Senegal	3	
	Tanzania	1	<b>35</b>
2A	Burkina Faso	1	
	Guadeloupe	<b>9</b>	
	Senegal	1	<b>11</b>
2B	Burkina Faso	3	
	Guadeloupe	3	<b>6</b>
2C	Mozambique	<b>19</b>	
	Zimbabwe	1	<b>20</b>
2D	Antigua	1	
	Burkina Faso	10	
	Chad	1	
	Comoros	2	
	Guadeloupe	<b>22</b>	
	Kenya	1	
	Madagascar	2	
	Mozambique	5	
	Nigeria	1	
	South Africa	1	<b>46</b>
2E	Burkina Faso	3	
	Cameroon	1	
	Comoros	7	
	Guadeloupe	5	
	Madagascar	11	
	Mayotte	5	
	Mozambique	<b>33</b>	
	Reunion	2	
	São Tome e Principe	1	
	South Africa	2	
	Sudan	1	
	Uganda	1	
	Zambia	1	<b>73</b>
No group	Burkina Faso	<b>2</b>	
	South Africa	1	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>194</b>

**Table S4 GeneBank accession number corresponding to each gene sequence (order *sucA-sodB-lipA-secY-lipB*) for 67 *E. ruminantium* sequence type**

Sequence type number	Accession number				
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3	KX821407	KX821341	KX889852	KX821472	KX821539
4	KX821408	KX821342	KX889853	KX821473	KX821540
5	KX821409	KX821343	KX889854	KX821474	KX821541
6	KX821410	KX821344	KX889855	KX821475	KX821542
7	KX821411	KX821345	KX889856	KX821476	KX821543
8	KX821412	KX821346	KX889857	KX821477	KX821544
9	KX821413	KX821347	KX889858	KX821478	KX821545
10	KX821414	KX821348	KX889859	KX821479	KX821546
11	KX821415	KX821349	KX889860	KX821480	KX821547
12	KX821416	KX821350	KX889861	KX821481	KX821548
13	KX821417	KX821351	KX889862	KX821482	KX821549
14	KX821418	KX821352	KX889863	KX821483	KX821550
15	KX821419	KX821353	KX889864	KX821484	KX821551
16	KX821420	KX821354	KX889865	KX821485	KX821552
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25	KX821429	KX821363	KX889874	KX821494	KX821561
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40	KX821444	KX821378	KX889889	KX821509	KX821576
41	KX821445	KX821379	KX889890	KX821510	KX821577
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<sup>a</sup>: Not possible to have accession number for this DNA sequences