Supplementary Figure S1-S4: Individual figures of the Bayesian inference phylogenetic analyses of *R. afircae* for ompA, ompB, omp and gltA genes
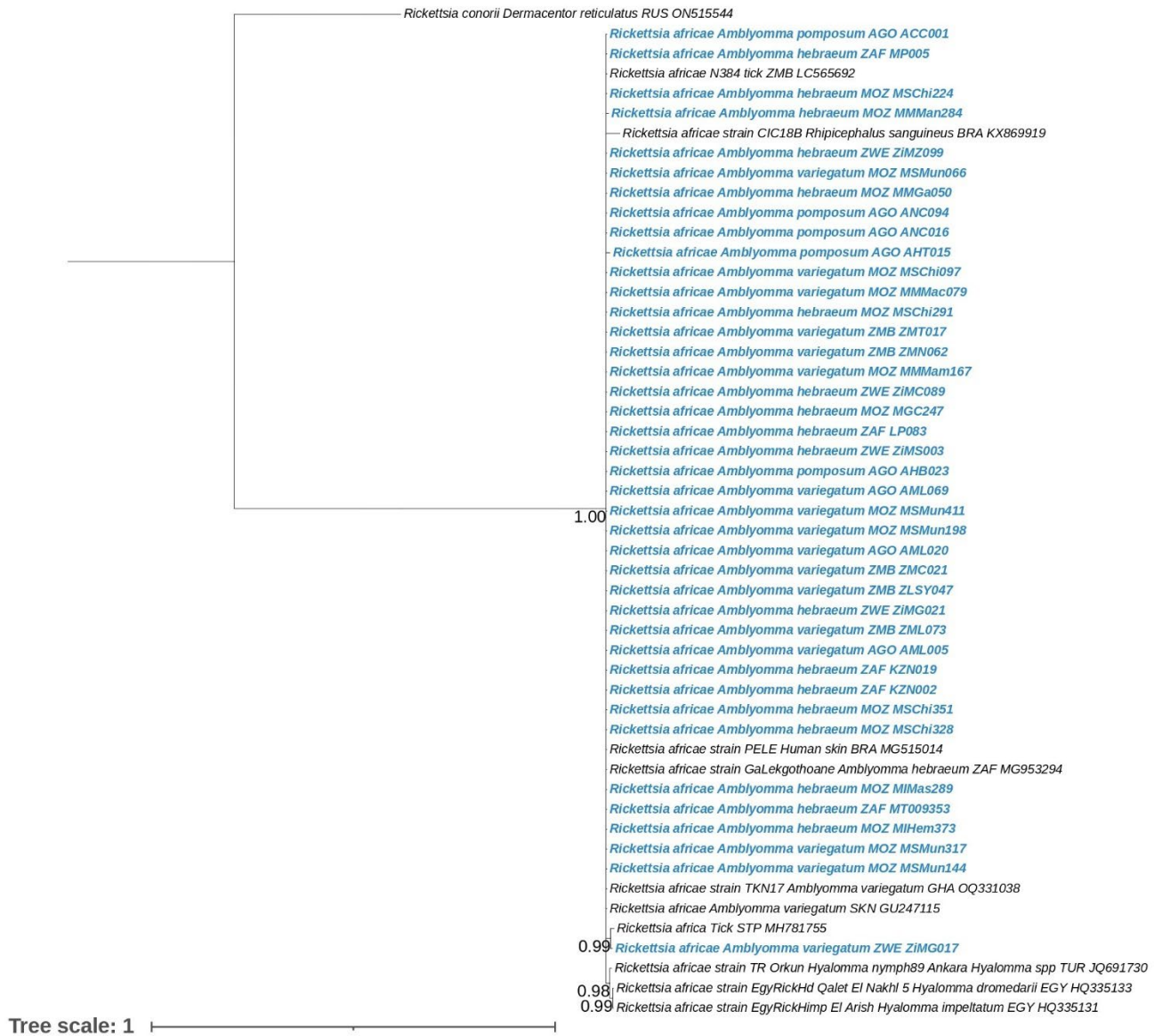

Figure S1: Bayesian inference analysis of the *ompA Rickettsia africae* gene. Analysis was done using the HKY model. Posterior probability is indicated at each branch node. Posterior probabilities < 0.85 have been removed. Sequences from this study are in blue. Country of origin is indicated in the sample ID as: AGO – Angola, BRA – Brazil, EGY - Egypt, GHA – Ghana, MOZ – Mozambique, RUS – Russia, SKN-Saint Kitts and Nevis, STP - Sao Tome and Principe, TUR – Turkey, ZAF – South Africa, ZMB – Zambia and ZWE – Zimbabwe.
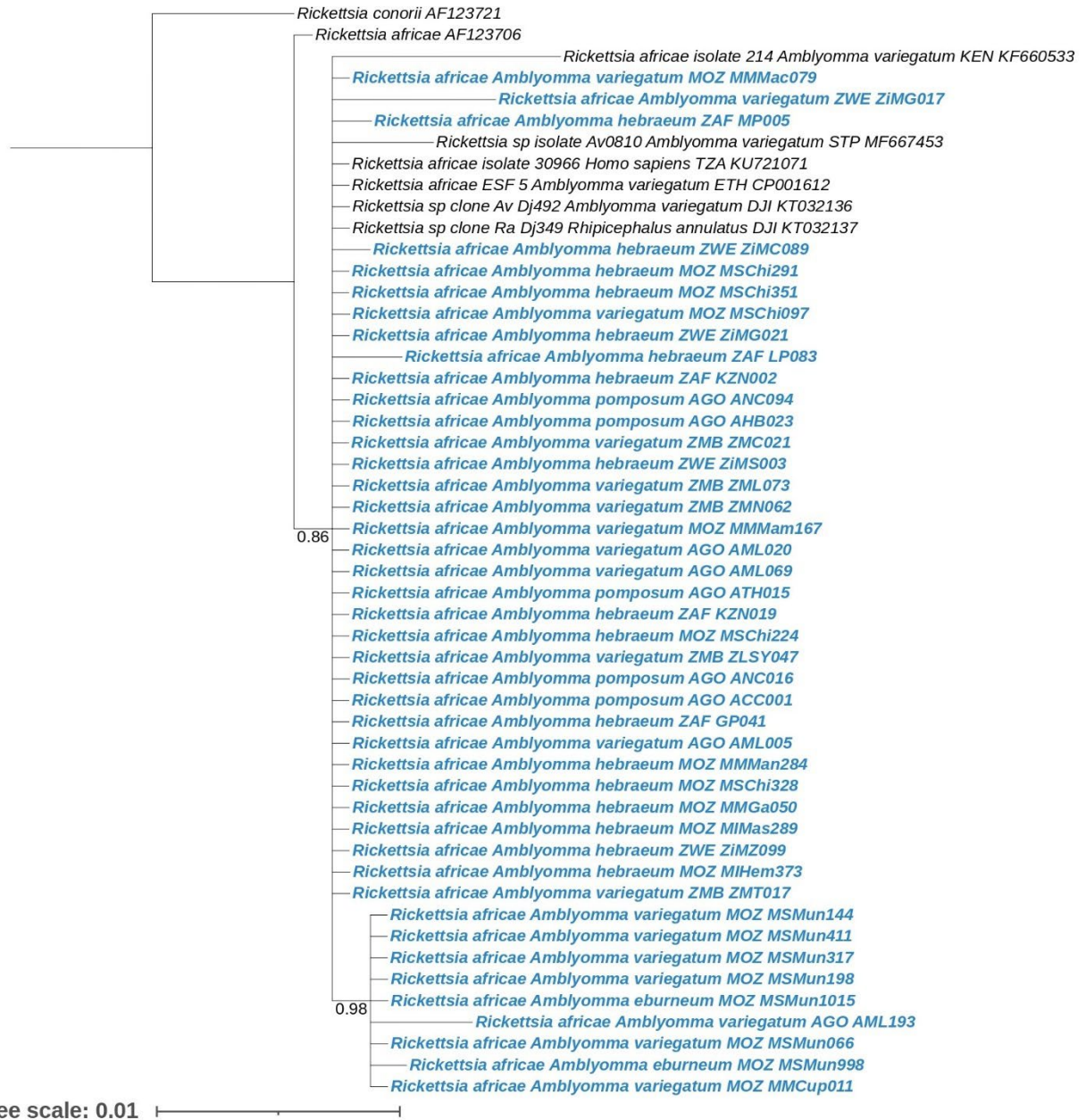
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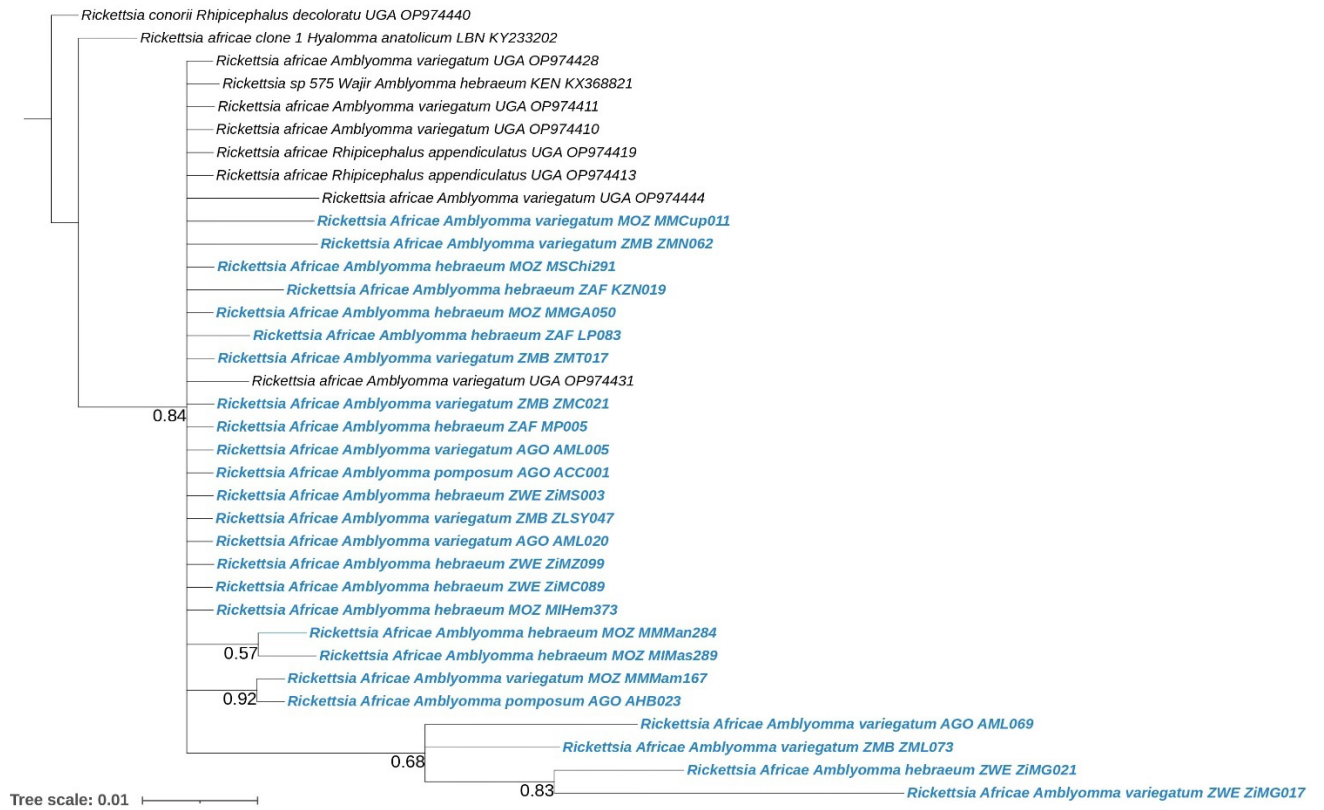
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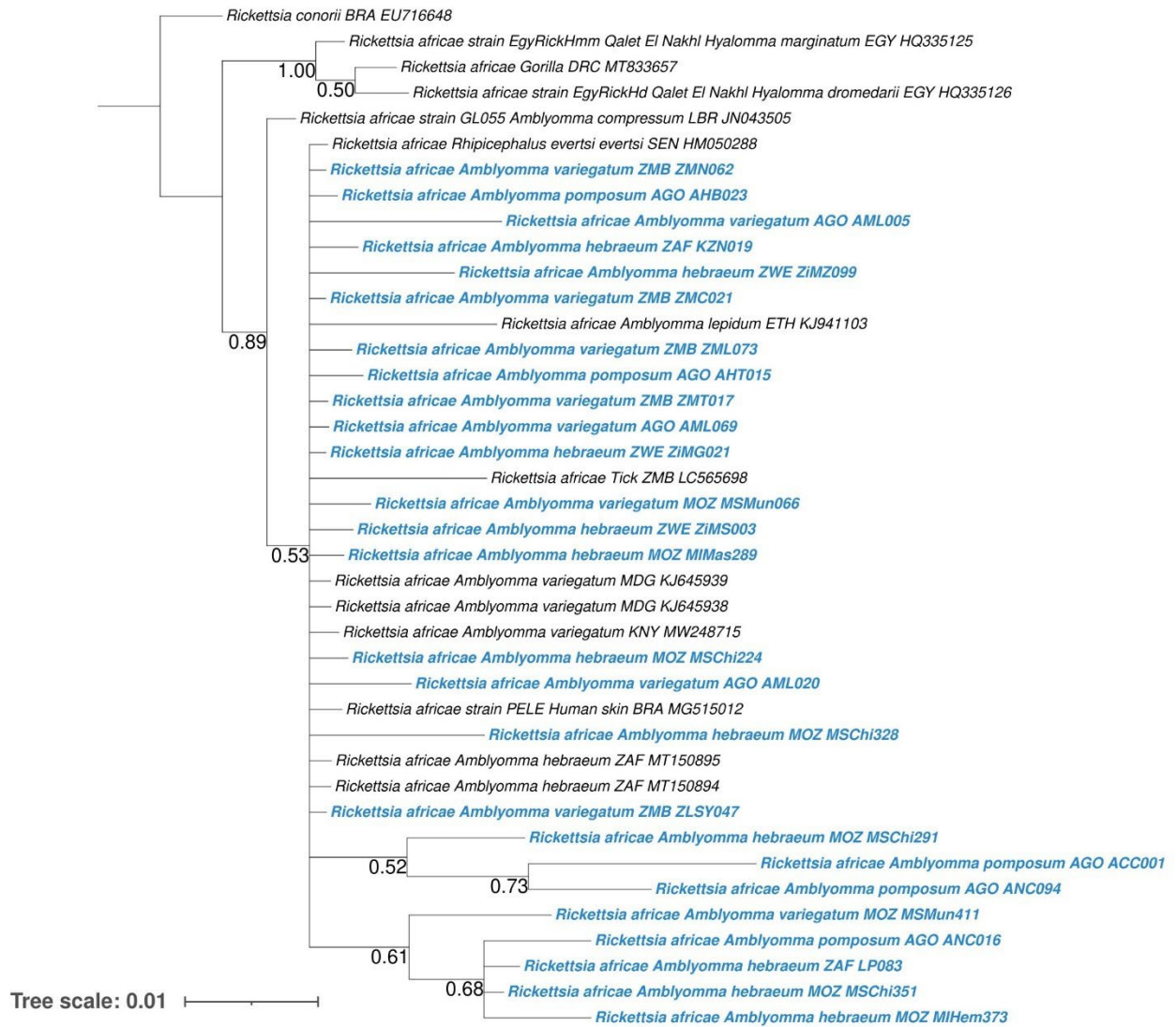
Figure S4: Bayesian inference analysis of the *gltA Rickettsia africae* gene. Analysis was done using the HKY model, with gamma rates. Posterior probability is indicated at each branch node. Posterior probabilities < 0.50 have been removed. Sequences from this study are in blue. Country of origin is indicated in the sample ID as: AGO – Angola, BRA – Brazil, DRC -Democratic Republic of the Congo, EGY - Egypt, ETH – Ethiopia, KEN – Kenya, KNY – Knysna, LBR - Liberia, MOZ – Mozambique, SEN – Senegal, ZAF – South Africa, ZMB – Zambia and ZWE – Zimbabwe