

Case Report and Genetic Sequence Analysis of *Candidatus* *Borrelia kalaharica*, Southern Africa

Technical Appendix

Technical Appendix Table 1. Primers used for MLST of *Borrelia* spp. housekeeping loci *clpA*, *clpX*, *nifS*, *pepX*, *pyrG*, *recG*, *rplB*, and *uvrA**

Primer designation	Primer sequence 5' →3'	Used for	Result
clpAF1262	AAGCTTTTGAYYTATTAGATGGTC	PCR	No PCR product
clpAR2276	TCATATTTDATRGTDTCGTC	PCR	No PCR product
clpXF109	GCYATTTGTTTTGAATGTTCTAAAATATG	PCR/sequencing	Good sequence
clpXR1277	TAAAGTTCTTTGCCCAAGG	PCR/sequencing	Sequencing failed
nifSFm23	TAAAATAAAGAGTACTAAATAAATG	PCR/sequencing	Good sequence
nifSR899	CCAAGACCAATAATTCCTGC	PCR	Good PCR
nifS716	GGAGCAAGCATTTTTYTGTC	Sequencing	Sequencing failed
pepFX361	AGAGAYTTAAGYTTAKCAGG	PCR	Good PCR
pepXF364	GAYTTAAGYTTAKCAGGARTTG	Sequencing	Sequencing failed
pepXR1207	CYATAGTTTCTCTTAAAGAYTGC	PCR	Good PCR
pepXR1187	TGCATTCCCACATTGG	Sequencing	Good sequence
pyrGF379	TATTTAGGKAGAACTGTACAGC	PCR/sequencing	Sequencing failed
pyrGR1261	CAGCATCAAYTATRCCACAAAC	PCR	Good PCR
pyrG1252	TATRCCACAAACATTACGKGC	Sequencing	Good sequence
recGF898	GCKTTTCTMTCTAGYATTCC	PCR/sequencing	Good sequence
recGR1779	TTCRGTAAAGGTTCTTATAAAG	PCR/sequencing	Sequencing failed
rplBF3	GGAGAAAAATATGGGKATTAAGAC	PCR	Good PCR
rplBF18	ATTAAGACTTATARGCCAAAAAC	Sequencing	Good sequence
rplBR769	GRCCCAAGGWGATAC	PCR	Good PCR
rplBR759	GATACAGGATGWCAGCC	Sequencing	Sequencing failed
uvrAF1173	GCGTTATCTTWCAACTGAATC	Forward	Sequencing failed
uvrAR2153	CTAATCTCDGTAAAAAATCCAACATAAG	Reverse	Good sequence

*Source: <https://pubmlst.org/borrelia/>. F, forward primer; R, reverse primer; MLST, multilocus sequence typing..

Technical Appendix Table 2. Estimates of evolutionary divergence between 16S sequences in *Borrelia* spp. using the Kimura 2-parameter model*

No.	Sequence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	15-0335452																					
2	<i>Candidatus</i> <i>Borrelia</i> kalaharica M15-2747	0.002																				
3	AB113315.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>duttonii</i> VS4	0.002	0.004																			
4	CP005851.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>parkeri</i> SLO	0.004	0.007	0.007																		
5	NR 102961.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>crocidurae</i> Achema	0.004	0.007	0.007	0.004																	
6	CP000976.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>duttonii</i> Ly	0.004	0.007	0.007	0.004	0.000																
7	CP000049.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>turicatae</i> 91E135	0.004	0.007	0.007	0.000	0.004	0.004															
8	CP011060.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>hermsii</i> CC1	0.011	0.013	0.013	0.007	0.011	0.011	0.007														
9	CP005829.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>anserina</i> BA2	0.018	0.020	0.020	0.018	0.023	0.023	0.018	0.016													
10	NR 121718.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>coriaceae</i> Co53	0.016	0.018	0.018	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.018	0.030												
11	JF803950.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>microti</i> IR-1 16S	0.007	0.009	0.009	0.007	0.002	0.002	0.007	0.013	0.025	0.013											
12	U42294.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>hispanica</i>	0.007	0.009	0.009	0.007	0.002	0.002	0.007	0.013	0.025	0.013	0.004										
13	U42300.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>recurrentis</i>	0.009	0.011	0.011	0.009	0.004	0.004	0.009	0.016	0.027	0.016	0.007	0.007									
14	NR 024820.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>turcica</i> IST7	0.020	0.023	0.023	0.016	0.020	0.020	0.016	0.013	0.020	0.027	0.023	0.023	0.025								
15	AY682920.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>lonestari</i> MO2002-V1 1	0.023	0.025	0.025	0.018	0.023	0.023	0.018	0.020	0.032	0.016	0.025	0.023	0.027	0.029							
16	KF569941.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>theileri</i> KAT	0.018	0.020	0.020	0.013	0.018	0.018	0.013	0.016	0.027	0.007	0.020	0.020	0.023	0.025	0.009						
17	gij890832120 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>miyamotoi</i> LB-2001	0.027	0.030	0.030	0.023	0.027	0.027	0.023	0.025	0.027	0.020	0.030	0.027	0.032	0.034	0.016	0.013					
18	CP009656.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>burgdorferi</i> ss B31	0.020	0.022	0.022	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.022	0.027	0.036	0.027	0.025	0.029	0.025	0.034	0.034	0.041				
19	CP009117.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>valaisiana</i> Tom4006	0.034	0.032	0.036	0.034	0.039	0.039	0.034	0.032	0.032	0.046	0.041	0.039	0.044	0.029	0.044	0.043	0.046	0.016			
20	CP002933.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>afzelii</i> PKo	0.034	0.032	0.036	0.034	0.039	0.039	0.034	0.032	0.027	0.046	0.041	0.039	0.044	0.034	0.044	0.043	0.041	0.016	0.009		
21	emb X85193.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>garinii</i> DK27	0.027	0.029	0.029	0.027	0.032	0.032	0.027	0.025	0.029	0.029	0.034	0.032	0.036	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.034	0.009	0.016	0.016	
22	emb X85199.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>bavariensis</i> PBi	0.034	0.036	0.036	0.034	0.039	0.039	0.034	0.032	0.036	0.036	0.041	0.039	0.044	0.034	0.034	0.034	0.041	0.016	0.018	0.018	0.007

*The number of base substitutions per site from between sequences are shown. The analysis involved 22 nt sequences. There were a total of 452 positions in the final dataset. Blank spaces indicate complete identity.

Technical Appendix Table 3. Estimates of evolutionary divergence between *Borrelia* spp. flagellin B (*flaB*) sequences*

No.	Sequence	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
2	15-335452																									
3	<i>Candidatus</i> <i>Borrelia</i> kalaharica M15-2747	0.00																								
4	AB057547.1 <i>Borrelia duttonii</i> TnB	0.00	0.0																							
5	AB105169.1 <i>Borrelia duttonii</i> EM14	0.01	0.0	0.0																						
6	CP005830.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>anserina</i> BA2	0.05	0.0	0.0	0.0																					
7	AB105119.1 <i>Borrelia duttonii</i> Tnf10	0.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0																				
8	CP000049.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>turicatae</i> 91E135	0.06	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0																			
9	CP005851.1 <i>Borrelia parkeri</i> SLO	0.06	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0																		
10	JN402326.1 Uncultured <i>Borrelia</i> sp. clone AP174	0.06	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0																	
11	CP000993.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>recurrentis</i> A1	0.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0																
12	CP000976.1 <i>Borrelia duttonii</i> Ly	0.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0															
13	CP003426.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>crocidurae</i> Achema	0.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0														
14	GU357612.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>hispanica</i> strain Sp3	0.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0													
15	JF708951.1 <i>Borrelia microti</i> Abyek	0.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0												
16	CP005745.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>coriaceae</i> Co53	0.09	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1											
17	CP011060.1 <i>Borrelia hermsii</i> CC1	0.09	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1										
18	KF569936.1 <i>Borrelia theileri</i> KAT	0.10	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1									
19	AY850063.1 <i>Borrelia lonestari</i> MO2002-V1	0.11	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1								
20	CP006647.2 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>miyamotoi</i> LB-2001	0.16	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1							
21	KF422815.1 <i>Borrelia turcica</i> IST7	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1						
22	CP002933.1 <i>Borrelia afzelii</i> PKo	0.14	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
23	AE000783.1 <i>Borrelia</i> <i>burgdorferi</i> ss B31	0.17	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	

No.	Sequence	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	CP009117.1 <i>Borrelia valaisiana</i> Tom4006	0.16	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0		
25	CP000013.1 <i>Borrelia bavariensis</i> PBi	0.18	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
26	L42885.1 <i>Borrelia garinii</i> lp90	0.17	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		4	74	73	68	89	04	78	89	78	04	04	94	99	09	09	09	36	53	47	99	71	85	63	24

*For a total of 252 positions. Blank spaces indicate complete identity.

Technical Appendix Table 4. Estimates of evolutionary divergence between *Borrelia* spp. *uvrA* sequences*

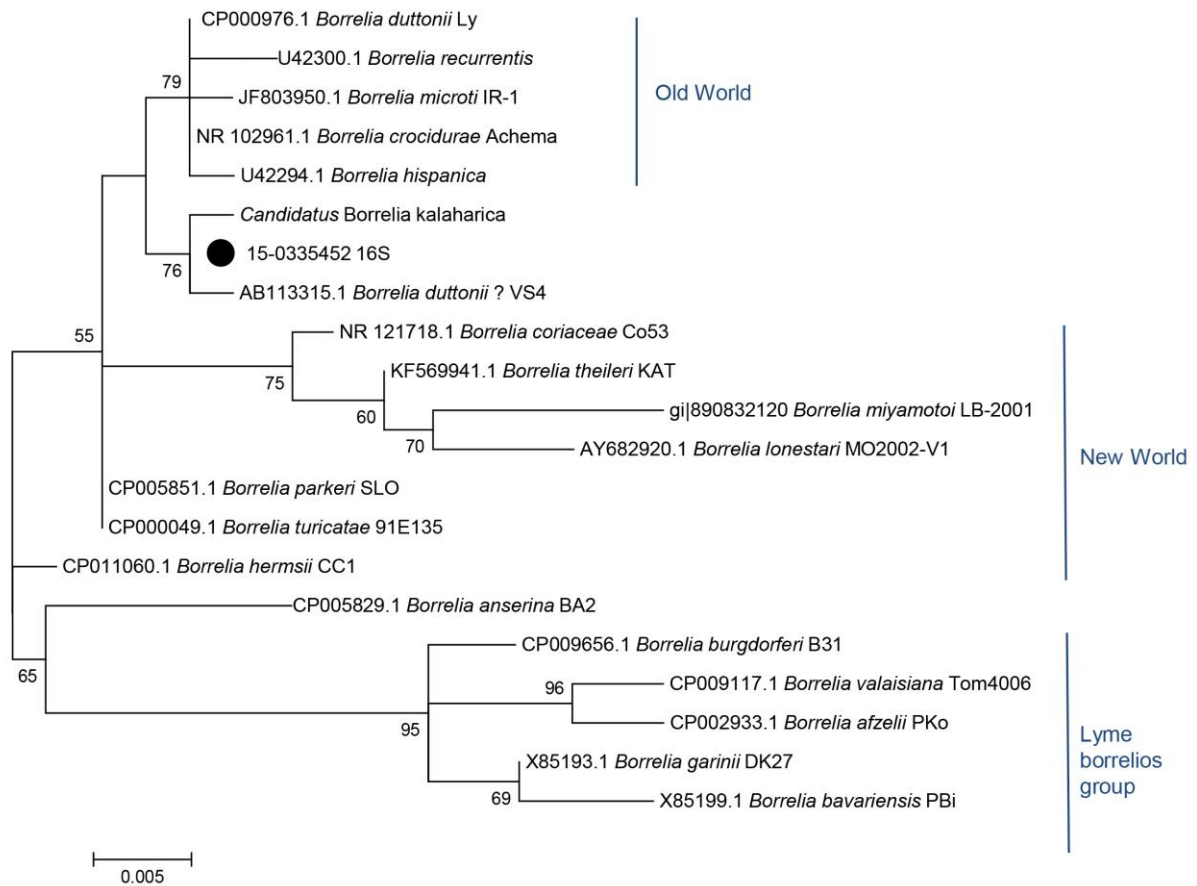
No.	Sequence	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
2	15-0335452																		
3	<i>Candidatus</i> <i>Borrelia kalaharica</i> M15-2747	0.002																	
4	CP011060.1 <i>Borrelia hermsii</i> CC1	0.088	0.086																
5	CP005829.1 <i>Borrelia anserina</i> BA2	0.111	0.108	0.100															
6	<i>Borrelia hispanica</i>	0.169	0.166	0.154	0.166														
7	gi 749302055 <i>Borrelia parkeri</i> HR1	0.112	0.109	0.091	0.128	0.159													
8	CP005851.1 <i>Borrelia parkeri</i> SLO	0.113	0.110	0.092	0.128	0.161	0.001												
9	CP000976.1 <i>Borrelia duttonii</i> Ly	0.171	0.168	0.155	0.160	0.046	0.156	0.157											
10	CP000993.1 <i>Borrelia recurrentis</i> A1	0.170	0.167	0.153	0.158	0.047	0.154	0.156	0.006										
11	gi 752506972 <i>Borrelia coriaceae</i> Co53	0.142	0.139	0.106	0.149	0.169	0.092	0.093	0.167	0.163									
12	gi 749307620 <i>Borrelia crocidurae</i> DOU	0.174	0.171	0.155	0.163	0.048	0.153	0.154	0.009	0.010	0.167								
13	CP003426.1 <i>Borrelia crocidurae</i> Achema	0.173	0.170	0.156	0.161	0.050	0.154	0.156	0.008	0.009	0.169	0.001							
14	CP000049.1 <i>Borrelia turicatae</i> 91E135	0.120	0.117	0.087	0.125	0.161	0.020	0.021	0.156	0.154	0.098	0.153	0.154						
15	CP009656.1 <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> sensu stricto B31	0.270	0.268	0.248	0.270	0.283	0.255	0.256	0.257	0.257	0.263	0.254	0.256	0.250					
16	CP009117.1 <i>Borrelia valaisiana</i> Tom4006	0.274	0.272	0.249	0.264	0.262	0.252	0.252	0.255	0.255	0.247	0.250	0.251	0.242	0.076				
17	CP002933.1 <i>Borrelia afzelii</i> PKo	0.262	0.260	0.249	0.269	0.268	0.248	0.250	0.261	0.261	0.255	0.256	0.258	0.245	0.082	0.070			
18	CP007564.1 <i>Borrelia garinii</i> SZ	0.279	0.277	0.257	0.273	0.277	0.257	0.258	0.259	0.258	0.267	0.256	0.258	0.253	0.077	0.061	0.066		
19	CP000013.1 <i>Borrelia bavariensis</i> PBi	0.272	0.270	0.257	0.267	0.270	0.253	0.255	0.254	0.253	0.265	0.251	0.253	0.245	0.081	0.059	0.067	0.017	

* Blank spaces indicate complete identity.

Technical Appendix Table 5. Estimates of evolutionary divergence in *Borrelia* spp. between 7 MLST gene sequences (*clpX*, *nifS*, *pepX*, *pyrG*, *recG*, *rplB*, *uvrA*)*

No.	Sequence	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	15-0335452											
3	<i>Borrelia anserina</i> BA2	0.101										
4	<i>Borrelia hermsii</i> DAH	0.110	0.114									
5	<i>Borrelia parkeri</i> SLO	0.112	0.124	0.088								
6	<i>Borrelia turicatae</i> 91E135	0.116	0.126	0.087	0.019							
7	<i>Borrelia coriaceae</i> Co53	0.140	0.146	0.111	0.102	0.101						
8	<i>Borrelia miyamotoi</i> LB2100	0.143	0.149	0.125	0.121	0.120	0.134					
9	<i>Borrelia crocidurae</i> Achema	0.173	0.166	0.147	0.148	0.148	0.160	0.170				
10	<i>Borrelia recurrentis</i> A1	0.173	0.165	0.147	0.147	0.146	0.159	0.168	0.006			
11	<i>Borrelia duttonii</i> Ly	0.174	0.165	0.148	0.147	0.146	0.160	0.169	0.007	0.003		
12	<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> B31	0.301	0.294	0.281	0.275	0.275	0.276	0.291	0.265	0.265	0.266	

*Blank spaces indicate complete identity.



Technical Appendix Figure 1. Molecular phylogenetic analysis by maximum-likelihood method of the 16S locus. The tree with the highest log likelihood (-967.4651) is shown. A discrete gamma distribution was used to model evolutionary rate differences among sites (4 categories (+G, parameter = 0.0651)). The rate variation model allowed for some sites to be evolutionarily invariable ([+I], 50.1953% sites). Scale bar indicates substitutions per site. The analysis involved 21 nt sequences. There were 462 positions in the final dataset. Bootstrap values >50 are shown. Black dot indicates the sample analyzed in the present study.

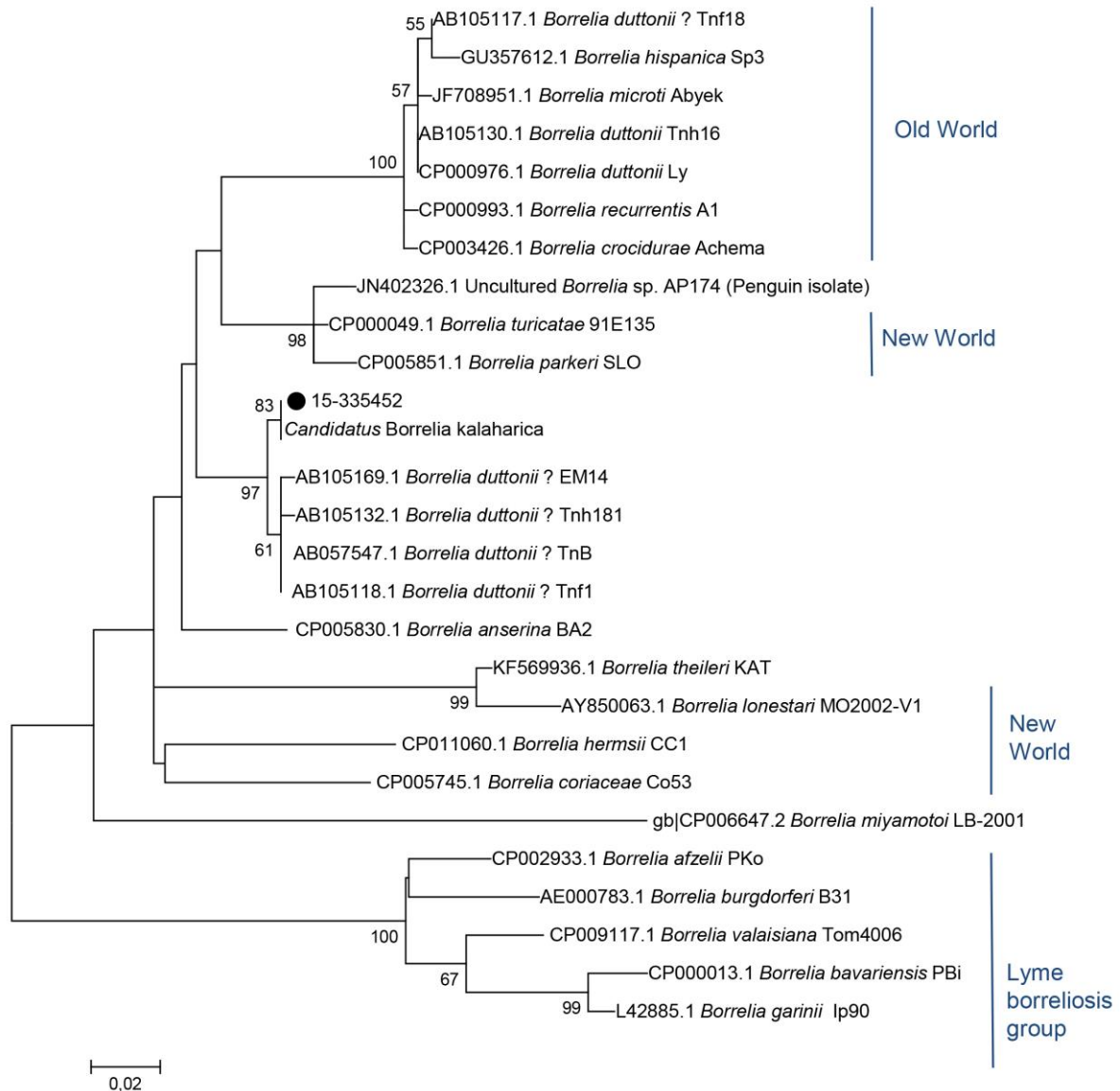


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Technical Appendix Figure 2. Molecular phylogenetic analysis by maximum-likelihood method of *flaB* sequences. The tree with the highest log likelihood (-1352,7361) is shown. A discrete gamma distribution was used to model evolutionary rate differences among sites (4 categories (+G, parameter = 0,5498)). The rate variation model allowed for some sites to be evolutionarily invariable ([+I], 0,0000% sites). The analysis involved 27 nt sequences. There were 252 positions in the final dataset. Scale bar indicates substitutions per site. Bootstrap values >50 are shown. Black dot indicates the sample analyzed in the present study.