

## Supplementary Materials

Concatenated ScaA and TSA56 Surface Antigen Sequences Reflect Genome-Scale Phylogeny of  
*Orientia tsutsugamushi*: An Analysis Including Two Genomes from Taiwan

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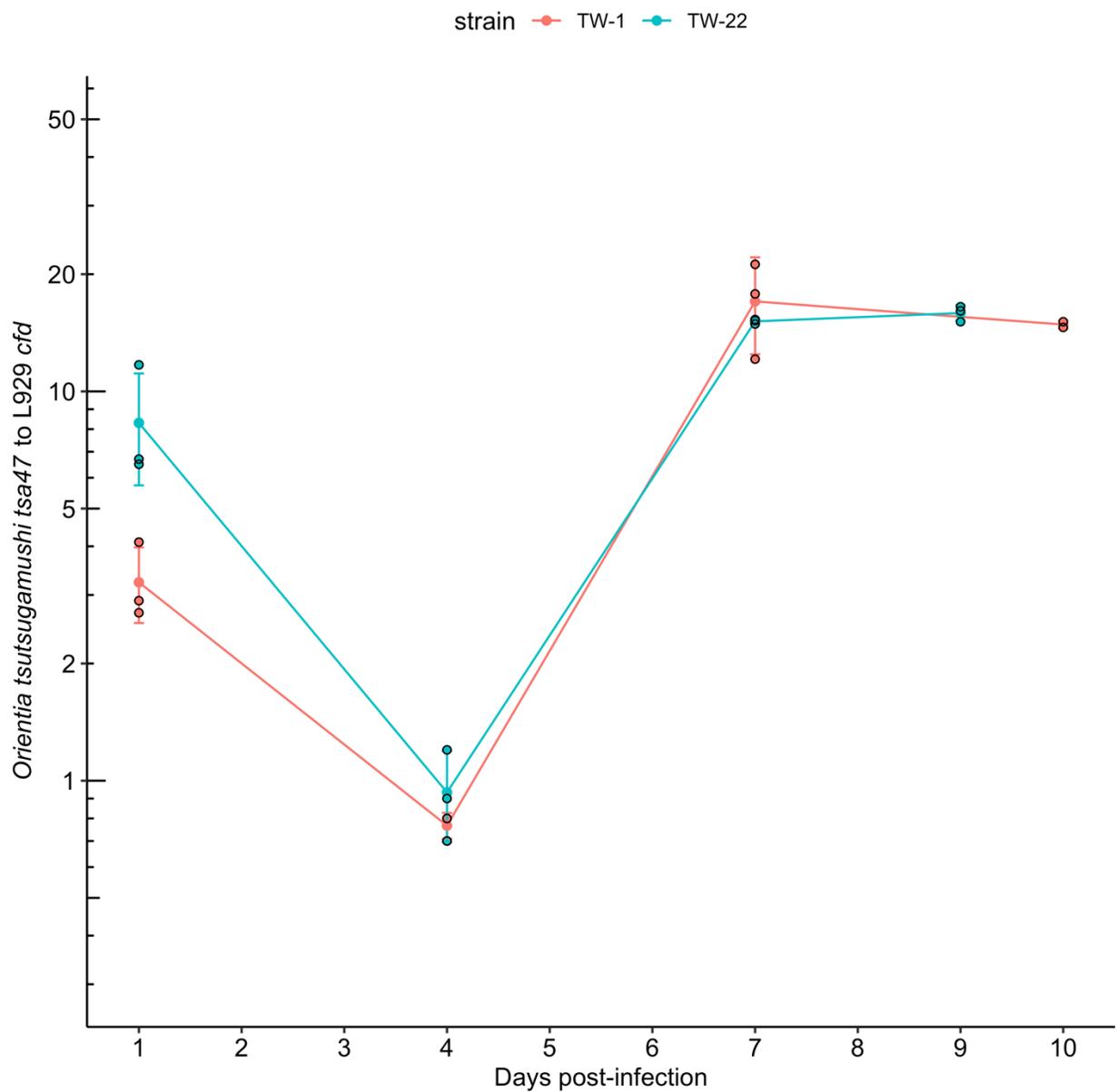
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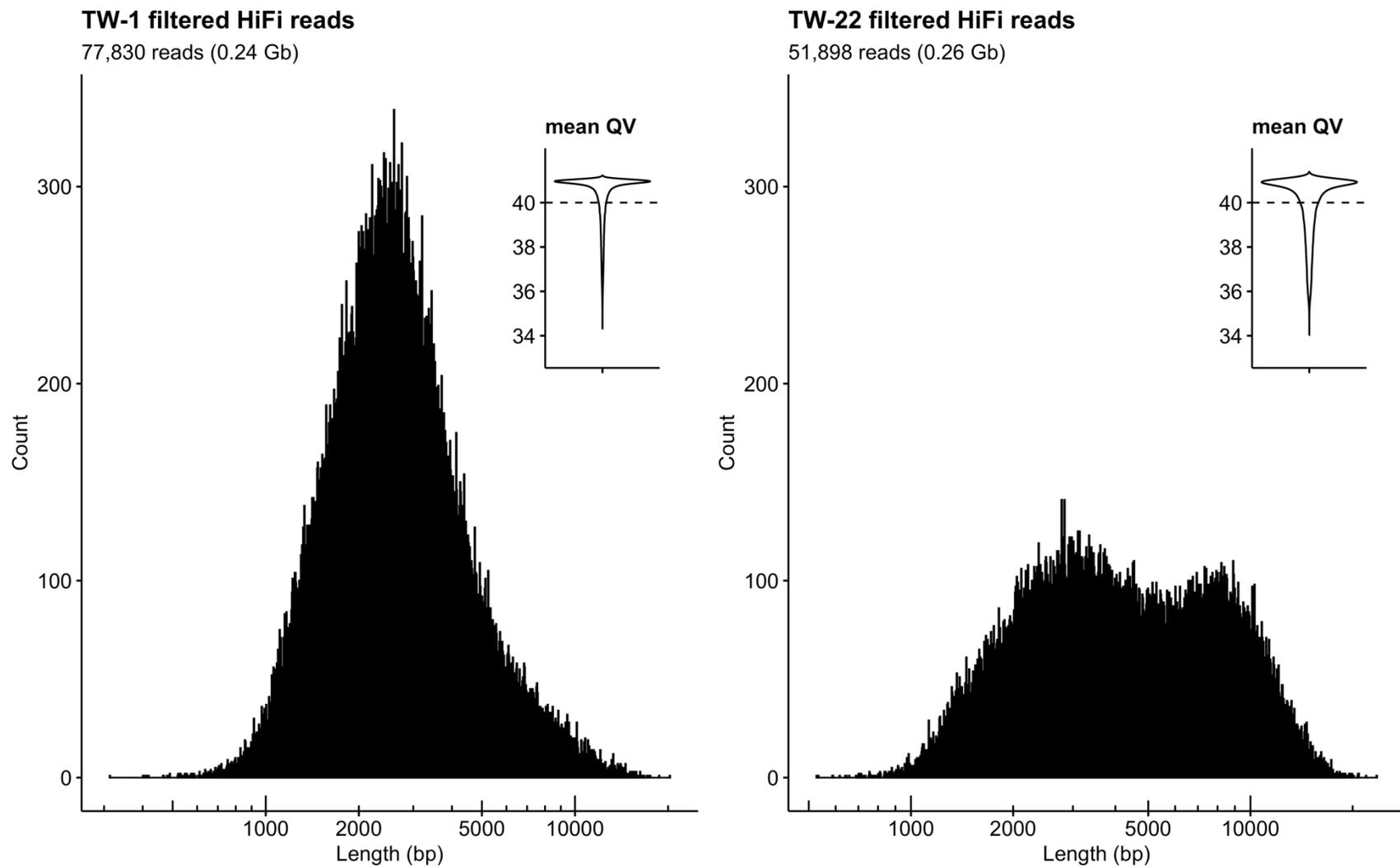
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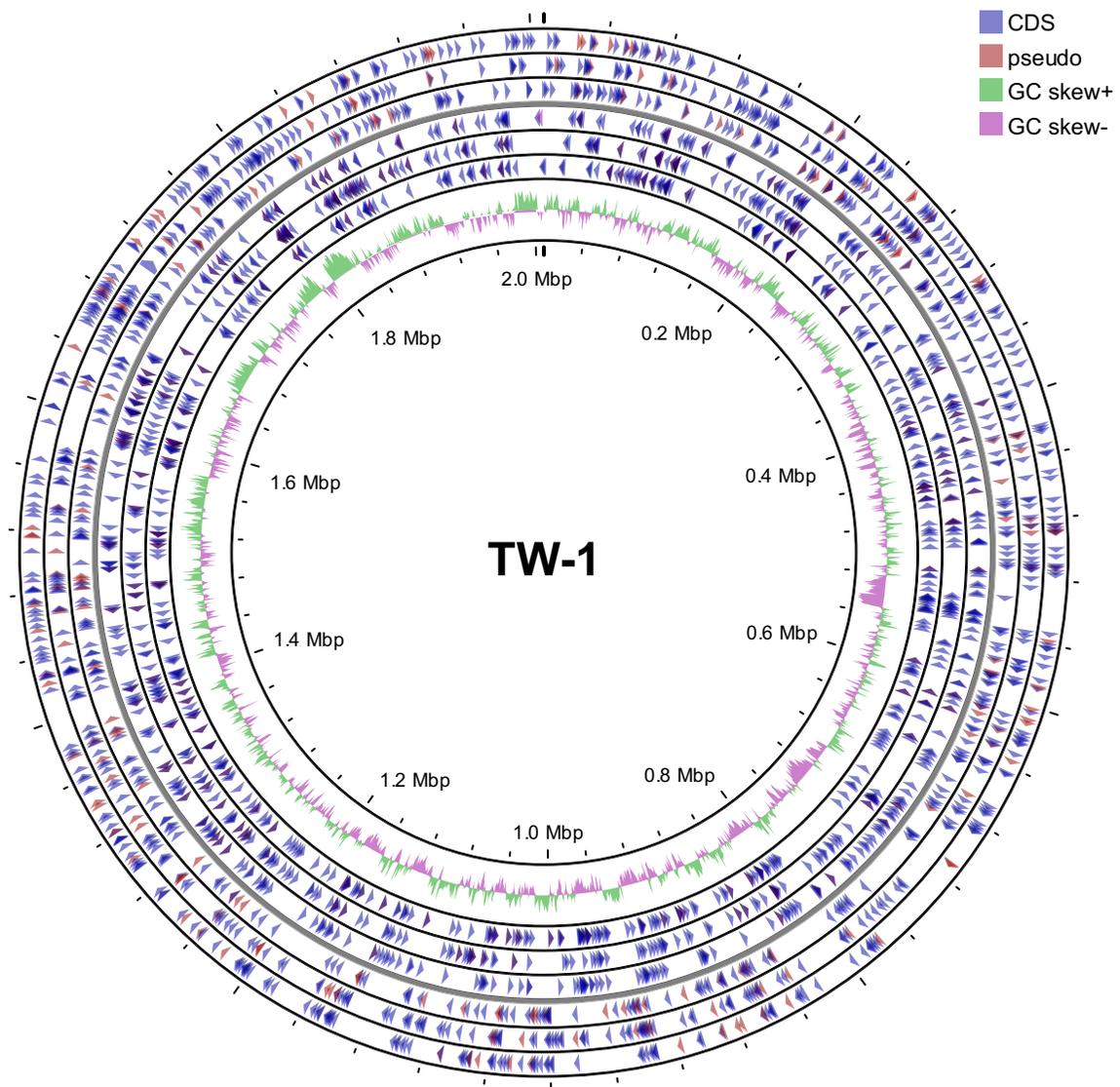
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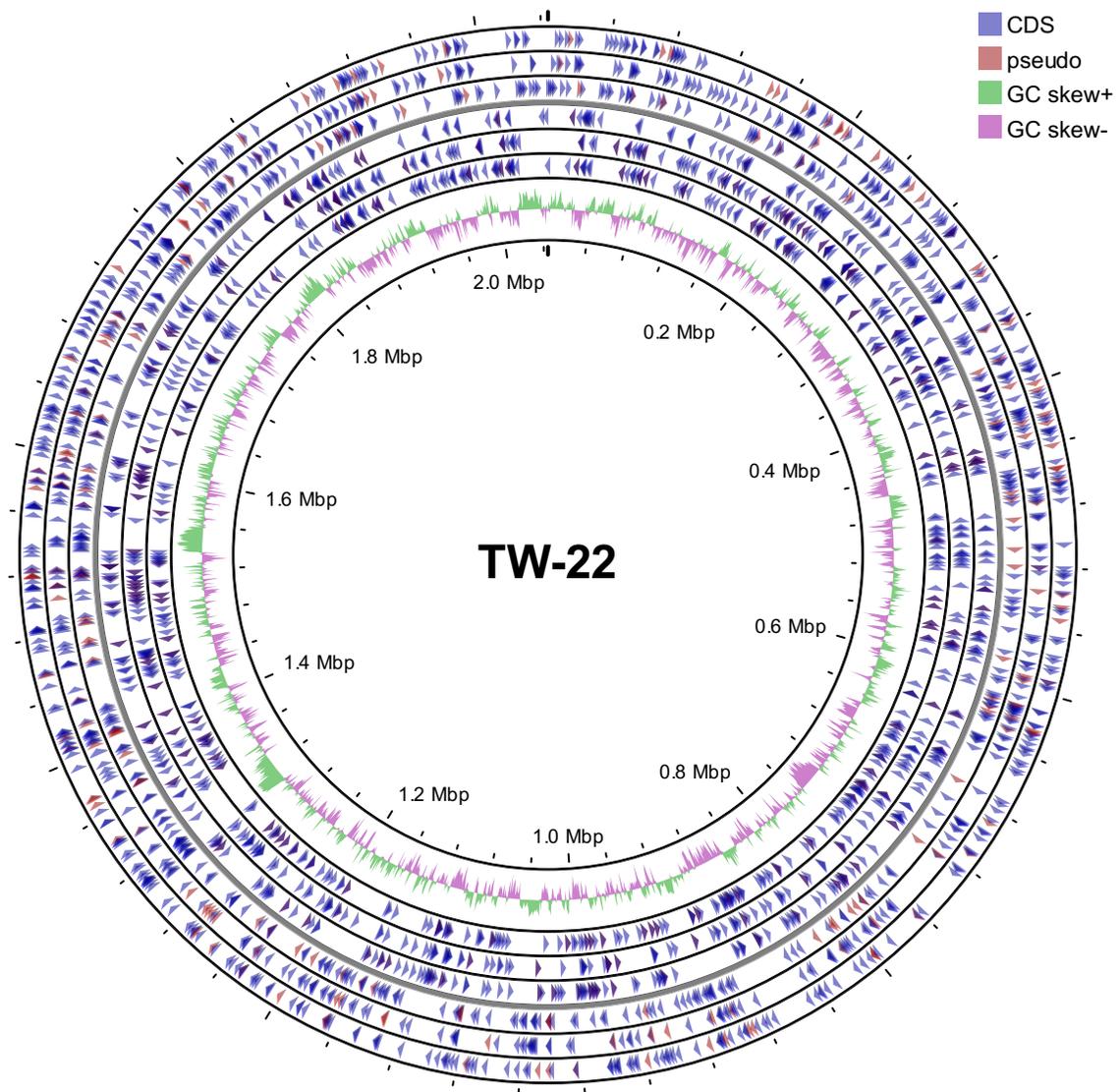
**Figure S1. Growth curves.** Mean ratio of *Orientia tsutsugamushi* (OT) to L929 cells in the supernatant of cultures (passage 8) of strains TW-1 and TW-22 based on single-copy targets. Each point represents mean values of triplicate measurements for an individual 75 cm<sup>2</sup> (T75) flask. Colored dots represent mean values, and error bars represent standard deviation.



**Figure S2. Summary of filtered HiFi reads used for de novo assembly.** Quality values (QVs) were capped at 41 (representing <math><1</math> in 10,000 probability of error) using Biopython 1.81, and mean QVs were calculated using qckitfastq 1.16.0.



**Figure S3. Circular chromosome of *Orientia tsutsugamushi* strain TW-1.** CDS = protein-coding sequence; pseudo = pseudogene.



**Figure S4. Circular chromosome of *Orientia tsutsugamushi* strain TW-22.** CDS = protein-coding sequence; pseudo = pseudogene.

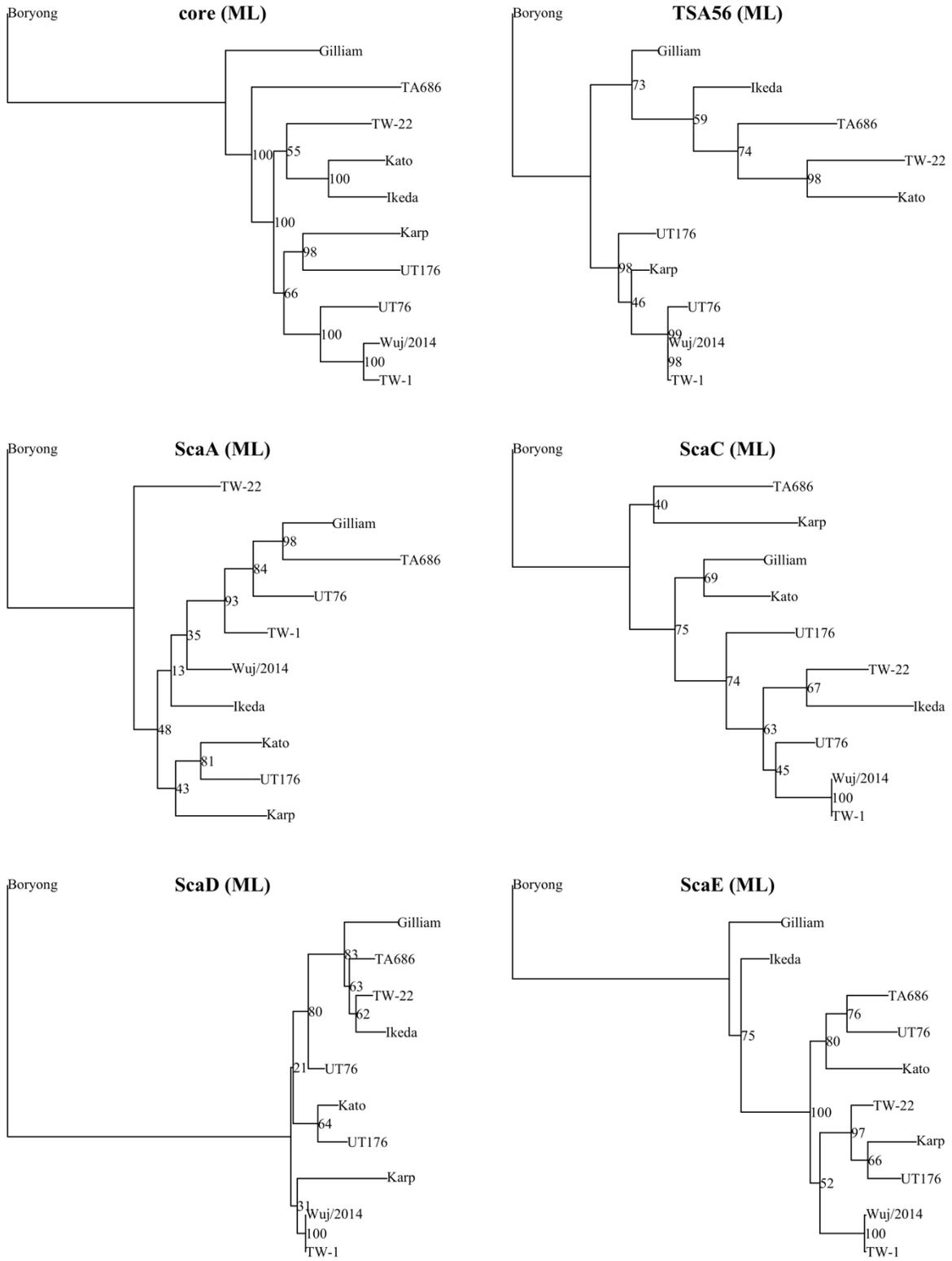
**Table S1. Pairwise amino acid alignments of *Orientia tsutsugamushi* surface antigens.**

Strain	TSA56	ScaA	ScaB	ScaC	ScaD	ScaE	ScaF
Boryong	<b>532 aa (reference)</b> 516 aa	<b>1461 aa (reference)</b> 1508 aa	649 aa; <b>2 copies</b>	<b>526 aa (reference)</b> 520 aa	<b>998 aa (reference)</b> 834 aa	<b>760 aa (reference)</b> 753 aa	<b>absent</b>
Ikeda	(532 aa; 18,540 bits; 72.74% id) 524 aa	(1532 aa; 57,020 bits; 75.52% id) 1518 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,620 bits; 88.21% id) 517 aa	(998 aa; 30,700 bits; 69.34% id) 745 aa	(778 aa; 28,200 bits; 77.25% id) 757 aa	<b>absent</b>
Gilliam	(532 aa; 21,860 bits; 82.89% id) 532 aa	(1529 aa; 58,610 bits; 77.17% id) 1514 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,590 bits; 88.78% id) 517 aa	(998 aa; 26,620 bits; 63.53% id) 988 aa	(774 aa; 28,280 bits; 76.74% id) 755 aa	<b>absent</b>
Karp	(534 aa; 22,650 bits; 84.08% id) 529 aa	(1529 aa; 56,810 bits; 75.67% id) 1447 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,380 bits; 87.83% id) 520 aa	(1000 aa; 35,330 bits; 73.70% id) 872 aa	(772 aa; 26,510 bits; 72.54% id) 747 aa	645 aa (645 aa; 32,750 bits; 99.38% id)
Kato	(544 aa; 17,630 bits; 68.93% id) 532 aa	(1470 aa; 59,320 bits; 79.52% id) 1446 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,780 bits; 89.54% id) 517 aa	(998 aa; 34,060 bits; 73.35% id) 777 aa	(775 aa; 25,470 bits; 71.10% id) 756 aa	<b>absent</b>
TA686	(536 aa; 19,540 bits; 75.37% id) 536 aa	(1464 aa; 57,020 bits; 77.66% id) 1526 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,570 bits; 88.78% id) 517 aa	(998 aa; 28,500 bits; 66.03% id) 1035 aa	(774 aa; 26,720 bits; 73.00% id) 751 aa	<b>645 aa (reference)</b>
UT76	(543 aa; 21,380 bits; 81.22% id) 533 aa	(1531 aa; 57,350 bits; 75.11% id) 1508 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,360 bits; 87.26% id) 520 aa	(1036 aa; 37,150 bits; 74.90% id) 872 aa	(772 aa; 26,600 bits; 72.80% id) 747 aa	<b>absent</b>
UT176	(534 aa; 22,630 bits; 83.52% id) 535 aa	(1533 aa; 56,530 bits; 75.21% id) 1524 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,830 bits; 88.97% id) 523 aa <sup>†</sup>	(998 aa; 33,260 bits; 71.94% id) 988 aa	(765 aa; 26,690 bits; 73.33% id) 749 aa	<b>absent</b>
Wuj/2014	(542 aa; 21,570 bits; 81.00% id) 535 aa	(1544 aa; 58,630 bits; 77.07% id) 1531 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,630 bits; 88.02% id) 523 aa <sup>†</sup>	(1002 aa; 37,420 bits; 77.15% id) 941 aa	(774 aa; 26,480 bits; 73.51% id) 749 aa	<b>absent</b>
TW-1	(542 aa; 21,480 bits; 80.63% id) 524 aa	(1547 aa; 56,330 bits; 74.53% id) 1507 aa	<b>absent</b>	(526 aa; 23,630 bits; 88.02% id) 520 aa	(999 aa; 36,700 bits; 76.38% id) 807 aa	(774 aa; 26,420 bits; 73.39% id) 748 aa	<b>absent</b>
TW-22	(539 aa; 18,160 bits; 71.24% id) 68.93-99.63% identity	(1525 aa; 57,870 bits; 79.38% id) 71.32-89.16% identity	<b>absent</b> NA	(526 aa; 23,900 bits; 89.16% id) 86.35-100% identity	(998 aa; 29,650 bits; 68.04% id) 63.53-95.41% identity	(772 aa; 26,180 bits; 72.80% id) 71.10-99.73% identity	<b>absent</b> NA

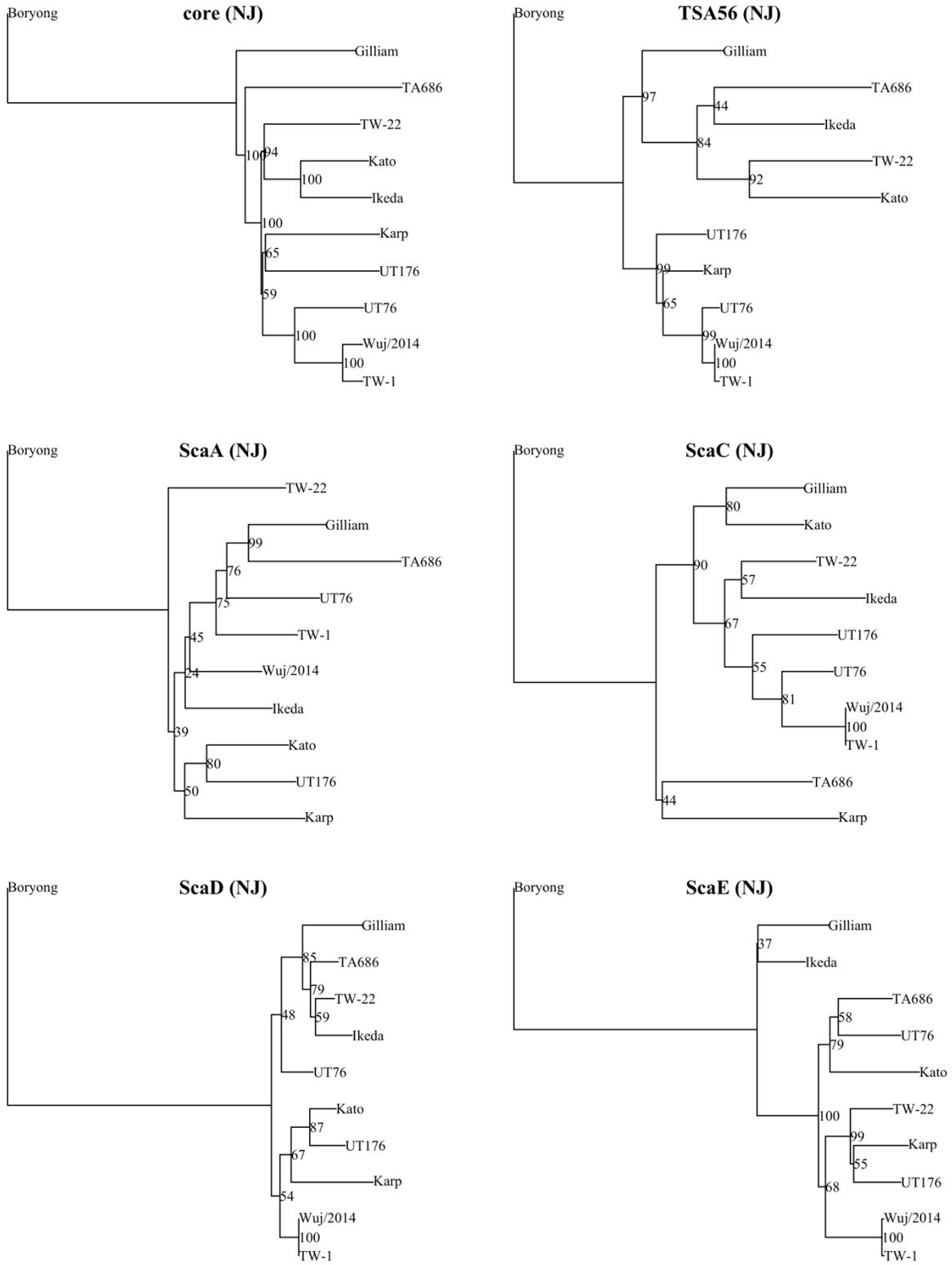
aa = amino acids; id = identity; <sup>†</sup> = identical

**Table S2. Summary of NCBI locus tags for surface antigens.**

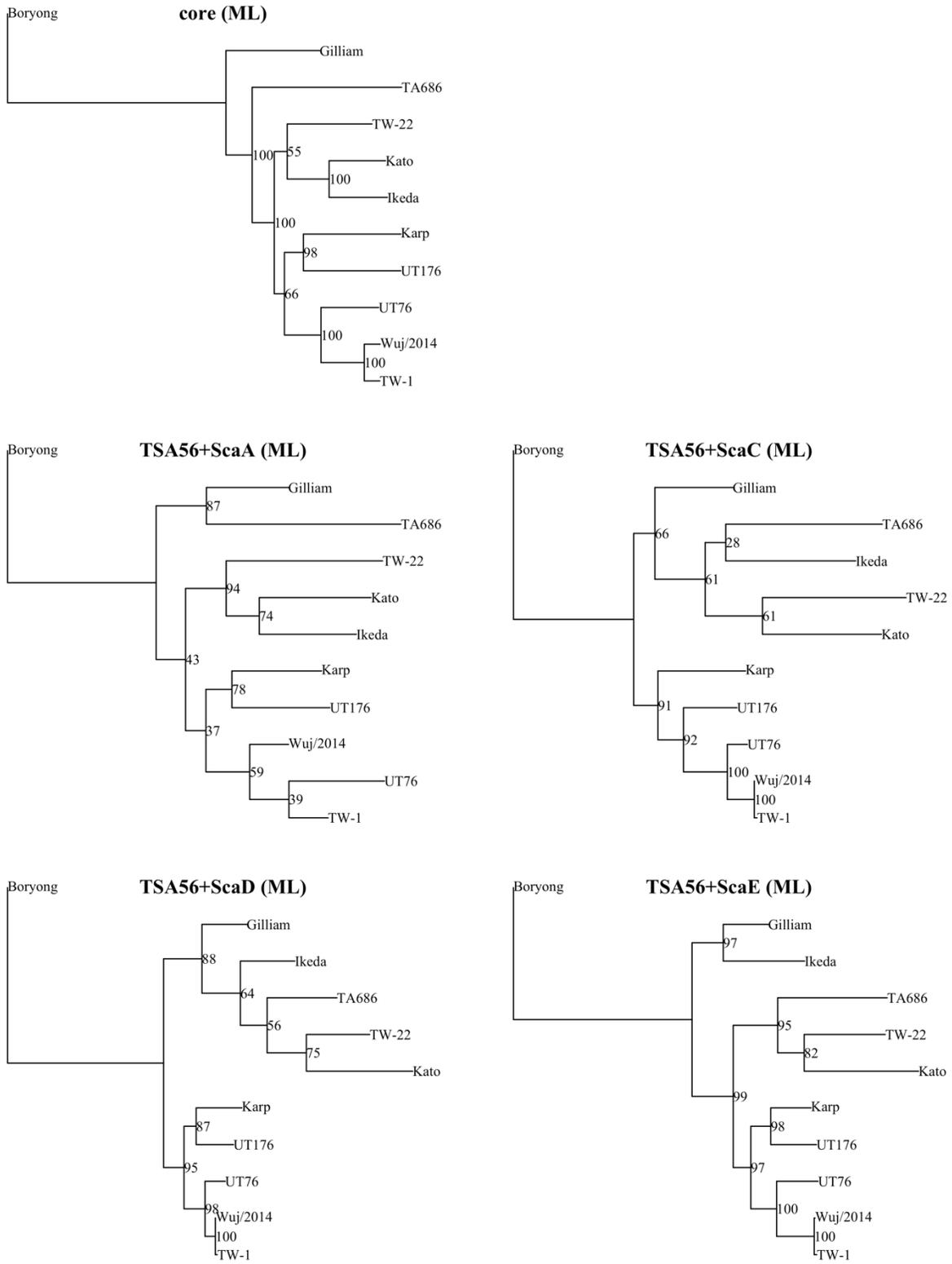
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<b>TSA56</b>	OTBS_0602	OTT_0945	GILLIAM_02257	KARP_02001	KATO_00907	TA686_02342	UT76HP_01865	UT176_00941	F0363_02480	QU601_001572	QU600_000493
<b>ScaA</b>	OTBS_0102	OTT_1215	GILLIAM_01513	KARP_00798	KATO_00211	TA686_00130	UT76HP_00328	UT176_00529	F0363_06280	QU601_000243	QU600_001479
<b>ScaB</b>	OTBS_0864 OTBS_2137										
<b>ScaC</b>	OTBS_1686	OTT_0460	GILLIAM_01556	KARP_01628	KATO_01770	TA686_01405	UT76HP_01782	UT176_01268	F0363_02065	QU601_001499	QU600_000816
<b>ScaD</b>	OTBS_1913	OTT_1741	GILLIAM_01380	KARP_00576	KATO_00608	TA686_00458	UT76HP_02170	UT176_00383	F0363_04340	QU601_001941	QU600_001734
<b>ScaE</b>	OTBS_2126	OTT_1766	GILLIAM_00783	KARP_00606	KATO_00640	TA686_00866	UT76HP_02139	UT176_00408	F0363_04165	QU601_001910	QU600_001689
<b>ScaF</b>				KARP_01610		TA686_01679					



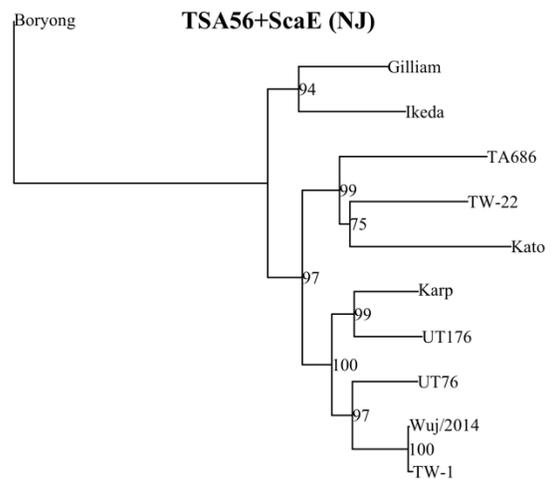
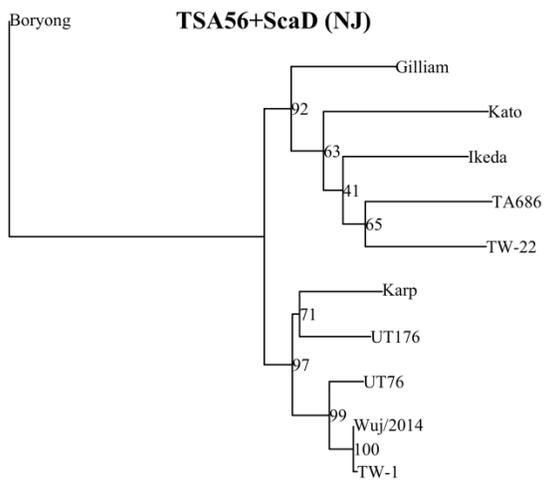
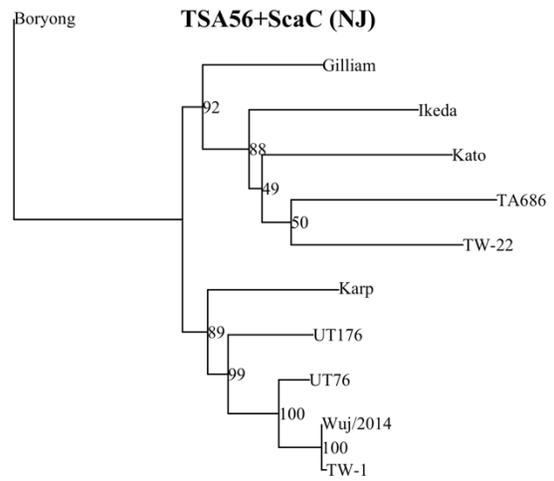
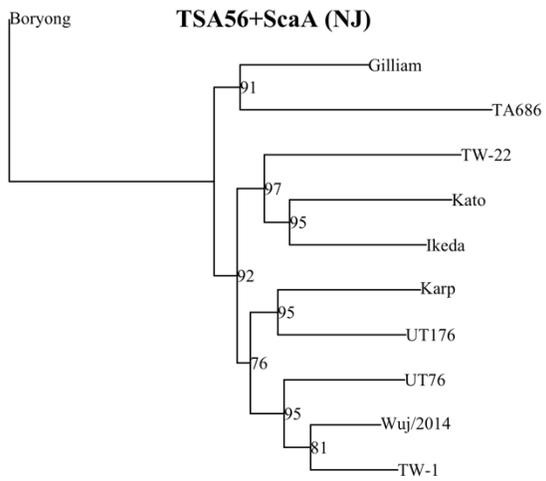
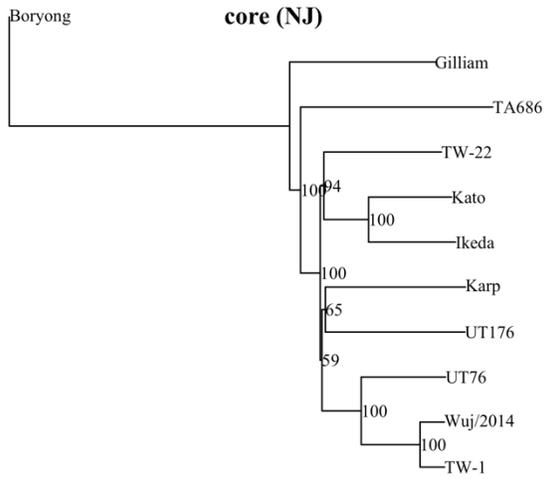
**Figure S5. Maximum likelihood phylogenetic trees based on individual amino acid sequences.**



**Figure S6. Neighbor-joining phylogenetic trees based on individual amino acid sequences.**



**Figure S7. Maximum likelihood phylogenetic trees based on concatenated amino acid sequences.**



**Figure S8. Neighbor-joining phylogenetic trees based on concatenated amino acid sequences.**