

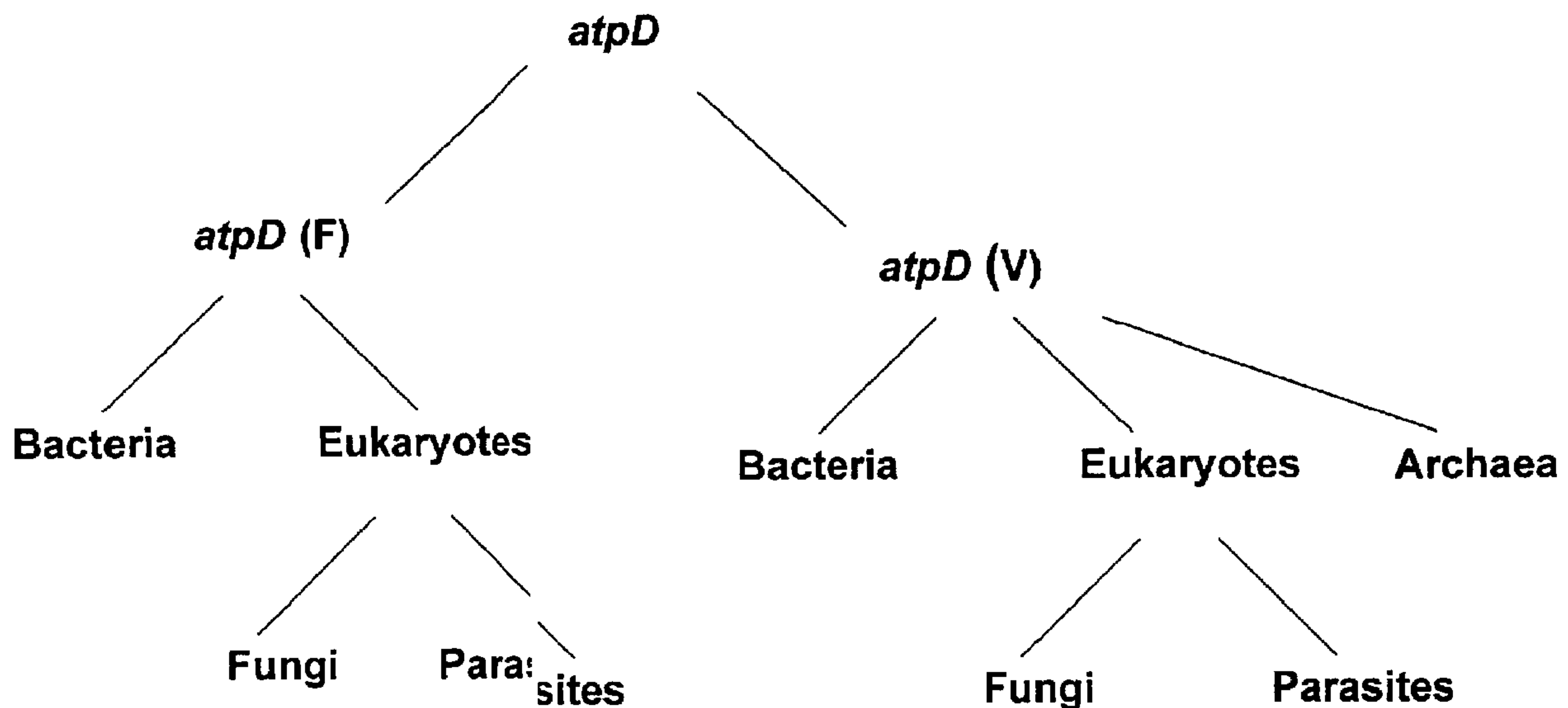


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Nucleic acids, methods and diagnostic kits for detecting in a sample at least one microorganism belonging to the *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Klebsiella planticola* or *Klebsiella ornithinolytica* bacterial species and/or *Klebsiella* genus are provided. The method comprises i) contacting the sample with at least one species-specific or genus-specific oligonucleotide selected to be sufficiently complementary to hybridize to at least one *tuf* nucleic acid specific to the species or genus; ii) Allowing the oligonucleotide and the *tuf* nucleic acid to hybridize under conditions such that the oligonucleotide hybridizes to the *tuf* nucleic acid, wherein the oligonucleotide hybridizes only to microorganisms belonging to the target *Klebsiella* species or genus and does not detectably hybridize to *tuf* nucleic acids from nontarget microorganisms; and iii) Testing for hybridization of the oligonucleotide to the *tuf* nucleic acid.

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ABSTRACT

Four highly conserved genes, encoding translation elongation factor Tu, translation elongation factor G, the catalytic subunit of proton-translocating ATPase and the RecA recombinase, are used to generate a sequence repertory or bank and species-specific, genus-specific, family-specific, group-specific and universal nucleic acid probes and amplification primers to rapidly detect and identify algal, archaeal, bacterial, fungal and parasitical microorganisms from specimens for diagnosis. The detection of associated antimicrobial agents resistance and toxin genes are also under the scope of the present invention.

CLAIMS

1. A method for detecting the presence or absence in a sample of at least one microorganism belonging to the *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Klebsiella planticola* or *Klebsiella ornithinolytica* bacterial species and/or *Klebsiella* genus comprising:
 - i) Contacting said sample with at least one species-specific or genus-specific oligonucleotide selected to be sufficiently complementary to hybridize to at least one *tuf* nucleic acid specific to said species or genus;
 - ii) Allowing said oligonucleotide and said *tuf* nucleic acid to hybridize under conditions such that said oligonucleotide hybridizes to said *tuf* nucleic acid, wherein said oligonucleotide hybridizes only to microorganisms belonging to the target *Klebsiella* species or *Klebsiella* genus and does not detectably hybridize to *tuf* nucleic acids from non-target microorganisms; and
 - iii) Testing for hybridization of said at least one species-specific or genus-specific oligonucleotide to said *tuf* nucleic acid,

wherein said at least one species-specific oligonucleotide is capable of hybridizing to the following target nucleic acid(s): (a) a *tuf* nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 99 or the complement thereof, for the detection of *K. ornithinolytica*; (b) *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 100 and 1839 or complements thereof, for the detection of *K. oxytoca*; (c) *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of (i) SEQ ID NOs: 102, 103 and 104 or complements thereof; or (ii) SEQ ID NO: 2261 or a complement thereof, for the detection of *K. pneumoniae*; or (d) a *tuf* nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 101 or a complement thereof for the detection of *K. Planticola*;

wherein said at least one genus-specific oligonucleotide is capable of hybridizing to each of the following target nucleic acids: (i) *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 99-104 and 1839, or complements thereof; or (ii) *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1839 and 2261, or complements thereof; and

wherein said oligonucleotide is capable of:

- (i) specifically amplifying its target nucleic acid(s) using PCR conditions comprising for each amplification cycle a denaturation step of 1 s at 95°C and an annealing-extension step of 30 s at 50-65°C ; or
 - (ii) specifically hybridizing to its target nucleic acid(s) under the following conditions:
 - hybridization at 55°C for 30 min in a solution comprising 1.5M NaCl and 10mM EDTA followed by the following post-hybridization washings:
 - aa) twice in 2X SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 55°C for 15 min; and
 - bb) four times in 0.1X SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 55°C for 15 min.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said method comprises hybridizing said sample with at least one species-specific oligonucleotide for the detection of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, wherein said at least one species-specific oligonucleotide comprises a probe or primer which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1329 or 1330 or a complement thereof.
 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises a first primer which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1329 and a second primer which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1330, for the detection of *K. pneumoniae*.
 4. The method of claim 2, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises a primer pair consisting of a first primer consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1329 and a second primer consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1330, for the detection of *K. pneumoniae*.
 5. The method of any one of claims 1-4, further comprising the detection of *K. pneumoniae* subs. *pneumoniae*, wherein said detection of *K. pneumoniae* subs. *pneumoniae* comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 103 or a complement thereof.

6. The method of any one of claims 1-5, further comprising the detection of *K. pneumoniae* subs. *ozaenae*, wherein said detection of *K. pneumoniae* subs. *ozaenae* comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 102 or a complement thereof.
7. The method of any one of claims 1-6, further comprising the detection of *K. pneumoniae* subs. *rhinoscleromatis*, wherein said detection of *K. pneumoniae* subs. *rhinoscleromatis* comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 104 or a complement thereof.
8. The method of any one of claims 1-7, wherein said *Klebsiella* genus consists of *K. oxytoca*, *K. ornithinolytica*, *K. planticola* and *K. pneumoniae*.
9. The method of any one of claims 1-8, further comprising detecting the presence or absence in said sample of a shv-type beta-lactamase conferring antibiotic resistance in *Klebsiella pneumoniae* comprising detecting the presence of one or more of the following amino acid substitutions in said shv-type beta-lactamase:
 - a. Ser 130 to Gly;
 - b. Asp 179 to Ala or Asn;
 - c. Gly 238 to Ser; and
 - d. Glu 240 to Lys.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein said method comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically hybridizes to a shv-type beta-lactamase polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1884, 1885, 1896 or a complement thereof.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises a first primer consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1884 and a second primer consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1885.
12. The method of any one of claims 9-11, wherein said method comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically

- hybridizes to a shv-type beta-lactamase polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1897 or 1898 or to a complement thereof.
13. The method of claim 12, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises a probe consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1897 or 1898.
 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises multiple probes consisting of the polynucleotides defined by SEQ ID NOs: 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1897 and 1898.
 15. The method of any one of claims 9-14, wherein said antibiotic resistance comprises a resistance to third generation cephalosporins and to beta-lactamase inhibitors.
 16. The method of any one of claims 1-15, further comprising detecting the presence or absence in said sample of one or more genes conferring antibiotic resistance to quinolone in *Klebsiella pneumoniae* comprising detecting the presence of one or more of the following amino acid substitutions:
 - i) a) Ser 83 to Tyr or Phe; and b) Asp-87 to Gly, Ala or Asn in the *gyrA* subunit of DNA gyrase encoded by the *gyrA* gene; and
 - ii) a) Ser 80 to Ile or Arg; and b) Glu 84 to Gly or Lys in the *parC* subunit of topoisomerase IV encoded by the *parC* gene.
 17. The method of claim 16, wherein said method comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically hybridizes to a *gyrA* polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1936, 1937 or 1942 or to a complement thereof.
 18. The method of claim 17, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises a first primer consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1936 and a second primer consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1937 or 1942, for detecting the *gyrA* gene.

19. The method of any one of claims 16-18, wherein said method comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 or 1949 or to a complement thereof, for the detection of a *gyrA* gene conferring antibiotic resistance.
20. The method of claim 19, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises a probe consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 or 1949 or to a complement thereof, for the detection of a *gyrA* gene conferring antibiotic resistance.
21. The method of claim 20, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises multiple probes consisting of the polynucleotides defined by SEQ ID NOs: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949.
22. The method of any one of claims 16 -21, wherein said method comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically hybridizes to a *parC* polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1934, 1935 or 1936 or to a complement thereof.
23. The method of claim 22, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises a first primer consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1935 and a second primer consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1934 or 1936, for detecting the *parC* gene.
24. The method of any one of claims 16-23, wherein said method comprises contacting said sample with at least one oligonucleotide which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1950, 1951, 1952 or 1953 or to a complement thereof, for the detection of a *parC* gene conferring antibiotic resistance.
25. The method of claim 24, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises a probe consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1950, 1951, 1952 or 1953 or to a complement thereof, for the detection of a *parC* gene conferring antibiotic resistance.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide comprises multiple probes consisting of the polynucleotides defined by SEQ ID NOs: 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953.
27. The method of any one of claims 1-26, wherein step (iii) is performed by using a nucleic acid target amplification method.
28. The method of any one of claims 1-26, wherein step (iii) is based on a signal amplification method.
29. The method of any one of claims 1-28, wherein a plurality of primers and/or probes is used in a multiplex PCR assay.
30. An isolated *tuf* oligonucleotide primer or probe for detecting the presence or absence in a sample of at least one microorganism belonging to *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Klebsiella planticola* or *Klebsiella ornithinolytica* bacterial species and/or *Klebsiella* genus, wherein said oligonucleotide hybridizes to the following target nucleic acid(s):
- (a) a *tuf* nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 99 or the complement thereof, for the detection of *K. ornithinolytica*;
 - (b) *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 100 and 1839 or complements thereof, for the detection of *K. oxytoca*;
 - (c) *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of (i) SEQ ID NOs: 102, 103, and 104 or complements thereof; or (ii) SEQ ID NO: 2261 or a complement thereof, for the detection of *K. pneumoniae*;
 - (d) a *tuf* nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 101 or a complement thereof, for the detection of *K. planticola*; or
 - (e) each of the *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of (i) SEQ ID NOs: 99-104 and 1839, or complements thereof; or (ii) SEQ ID NOs: 1839 and 2261 or complements thereof, for the detection of *Klebsiella* genus,
- for detecting the presence or absence in a sample of at least one microorganism belonging to *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Klebsiella planticola* or *Klebsiella ornithinolytica* bacterial species and/or *Klebsiella* genus, wherein said oligonucleotide is capable of:
- (i) specifically amplifying its target nucleic acid(s) using PCR conditions comprising for each amplification cycle a denaturation

step of 1 s at 95°C and an annealing-extension step of 30 s at 50-65°C ; or

(ii) specifically hybridizing to its target nucleic acid(s) under the following conditions:

- hybridization at 55°C for 30 min in a solution comprising 1.5M NaCl and 10mM EDTA followed by the following post-hybridization washings:

- aa) twice in 2X SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 55°C for 15 min; and
- bb) four times in 0.1X SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 55°C for 15 min.

31. An isolated *tuf* oligonucleotide consisting of the polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1329 or 1330 or the complement thereof.
32. An isolated *tuf* nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NOs: 99-104, 1839 or 2261 or a complement thereof.
33. The isolated oligonucleotide of claim 30, wherein said oligonucleotide consists of 12-30 nucleotides in length.
34. A kit for detecting the presence or absence in a sample of at least one microorganism belonging to the *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Klebsiella planticola* or *Klebsiella ornithinolytica* bacterial species and/or *Klebsiella* genus, said kit comprising oligonucleotide probes and/or primers, wherein at least one of said oligonucleotide probes and/or primers is capable of specifically hybridizing to the following target nucleic acid(s):
 - (a) a *tuf* nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 99 or the complement thereof, for the detection of *K. ornithinolytica*;
 - (b) *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 100 and 1839 or complements thereof, for the detection of *K. oxytoca*;
 - (c) *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of (i) SEQ ID NOs: 102, 103 and 104 or complements thereof; or (ii) SEQ ID NO: 2261 or a complement thereof, for the detection of *K. pneumoniae*;

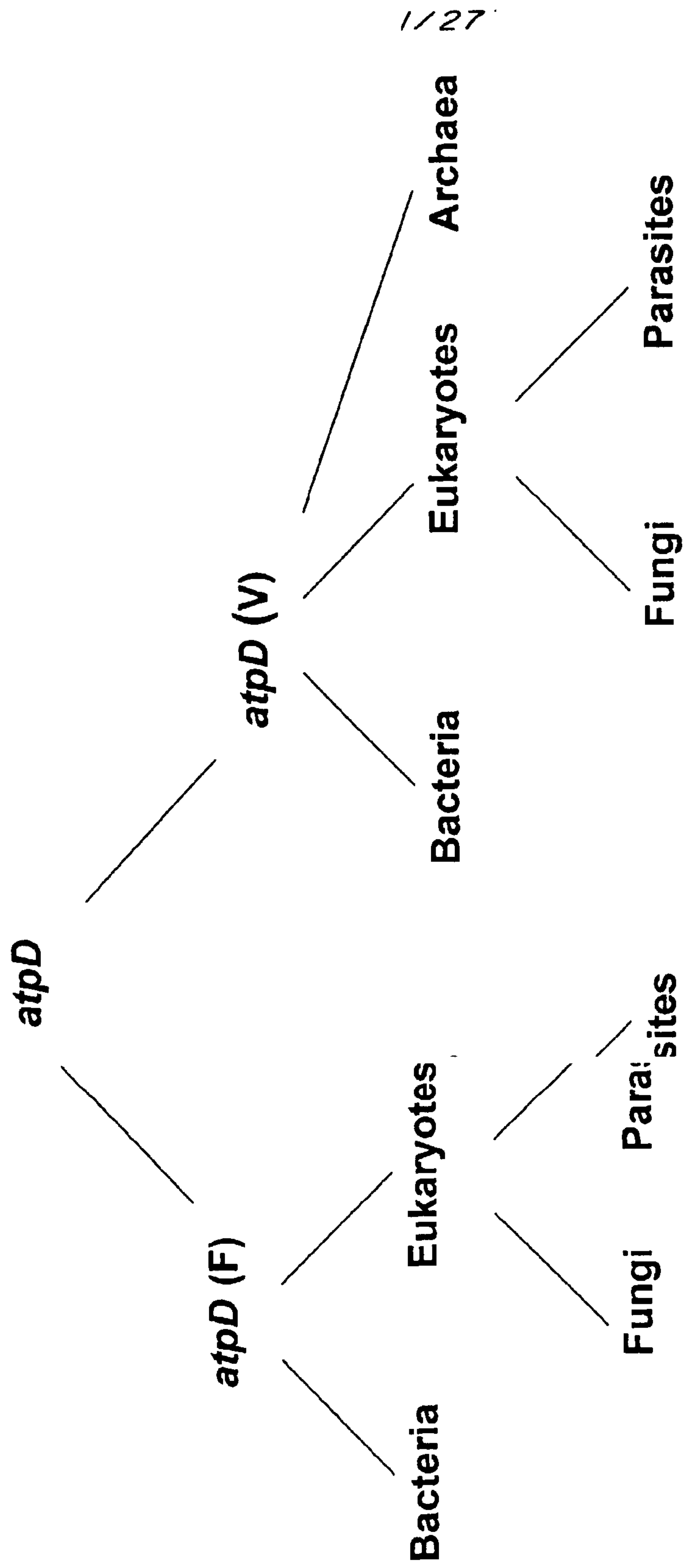
- (d) a *tuf* nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 101 or a complement thereof, for the detection of *K. planticola*; or
- (e) each of the *tuf* nucleic acids consisting of (i) SEQ ID NOs: 99-104, and 1839, or complements thereof; or (ii) SEQ ID NOs: 1839 and 2261 or complements thereof, for the detection of *Klebsiella* genus,

wherein said at least one of said oligonucleotides probes and/or primers is capable of:

- (i) specifically amplifying its target nucleic acid(s) using PCR conditions comprising for each amplification cycle a denaturation step of 1 s at 95°C and an annealing-extension step of 30 s at 50-65°C ; or
- (ii) specifically hybridizing to its target nucleic acid(s) under the following conditions:
 - hybridization at 55°C for 30 min in a solution comprising 1.5M NaCl and 10mM EDTA followed by the following post-hybridization washings:
 - aa) twice in 2X SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 55°C for 15 min; and
 - bb) four times in 0.1X SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 55°C for 15 min.

35. The kit of claim 34, wherein said kit comprises an oligonucleotide consisting of a polynucleotide defined by SEQ ID NO: 1329 or 1330 or a complement thereof.

36. A vector comprising the isolated oligonucleotide of any one of claims 30, 31 and 33 or the isolated nucleic acid of claim 32.



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FIG. 1

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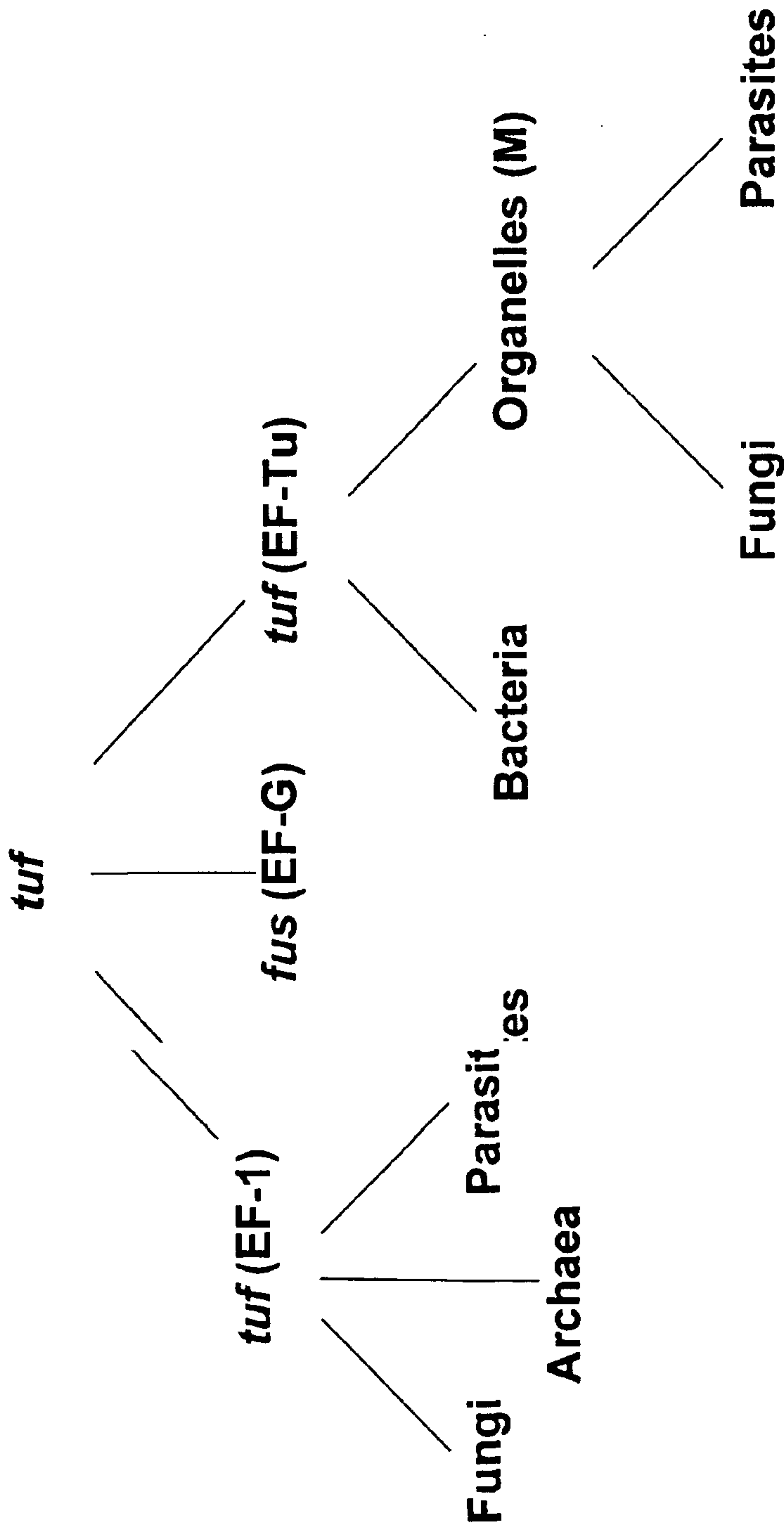


FIG. 2

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| S. | <i>aureus</i> | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | 120 | INKMVMVDDDEELLELVEMEVRLD | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 | 180 | 190 | 200 |
| S. | <i>epidermidis</i> | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAQYEEKILELMEAVD | TYIP |
| E. | <i>durans</i> (A) | REHLLSRQVGPYIWF | | LLSRQVGPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILDLMOAVD | DIIP |
| E. | <i>hiraе</i> (A) | REHLLSRQVGPYIWF | | LLSRQVGPYIWF | | | | LLTEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>mundtii</i> (A) | REHLLSRQVGPYIWF | | LLSRQVGPYIWF | | | | LLTEYDFPGDDVPVAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>faecium</i> (A) | REHLLSRQVGPYIWF | | LLSRQVGPYIWF | | | | LLTEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>cecorum</i> | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLTEYDFPGDDVPVAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>columbae</i> | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLTEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>cassel.flavus</i> (A) | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLTEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>gallinarum</i> (A) | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYVP |
| E. | <i>faecalis</i> | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYVP |
| E. | <i>avium</i> (A) | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>raffinosis</i> (A) | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLTEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>dispar</i> (A) | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLTEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>malodoratus</i> (A) | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>pseudoavium</i> (A) | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>sulfureus</i> | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>saccharolyticus</i> | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | EYIP |
| E. | <i>solitarius</i> | REHLLSRNVGVPYIWF | | LLSRNVGVPYIWF | | | | LLSEYDFPGDDVPVIAGSALKALE | | | GDAEYEQKILELMAAVD | DIIP |

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| S. | <i>aureus</i> | 210 | 220 | 230 | 240 | 250 | 260 | 270 | 280 | 290 |
| S. | <i>epidermidis</i> | TPERDSKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QIKVGEVEEIIGLH.DTSKTTVTG | EMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>durans</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QIKVGEVEEIIGMH.ETS | SKTTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>hiraе</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>mundtii</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>faecium</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>cecorum</i> | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>columbae</i> | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>cassel.flavus</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>gallinarum</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>faecalis</i> | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>avium</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>raffinosus</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>dispar</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>maiodoratus</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLS | | | |
| E. | <i>pseudoavium</i> (A) | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>sulfureus</i> | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>saccharolyticus</i> | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |
| E. | <i>solitarius</i> | TPERDNDKPFMPVEDVI | TSITGRGIVATGRVERG | QVRVGDVVDIVGIAEETAQ | TTVTGEMFRKLLDYAEAGDNI | GALLRGVAREDI | ORGQVLA | | | |

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| <i>L. monocytogenes</i> | REHLLSRQVGVPYIVV | FMNKC | MVDDEELLE | VEIR | DL | TEY | FF | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | A | L | Q | | GEADWEAKIDELMEAVDSYIP | | |
| <i>E. cassel. flavus (B)</i> | REHLLSRQVGKHLIV | FMNKT | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | TE | YD | FP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPDAEAAIITLMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. gallinarum (B)</i> | REHLLSRQVGKHLIV | FMNKI | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPDAEAAIMELMDTVDSYIP |
| <i>E. durans (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKI | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | Q | ..... | GDPDAEAAIMELTDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. faecium (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | Q | ..... | GDPDAEAAIMELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. hiraе (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKI | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | Q | ..... | GDPDAEAAIMELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. mundtii (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKI | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | Q | ..... | GDPDAEAAIMELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. avium (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | Q | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMETVDDYIP |
| <i>E. pseudoavium (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKHLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. malodoratus (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKHLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. raffinosus (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKHLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. dispar (B)</i> | REHLLSRQGVKHLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>S. pneumoniae</i> | REHLLSRQGVKHLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>S. suis</i> | REHLLSRQGVKHLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>S. pyogenes</i> | REHLLSRQGVKHLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>S. mutans</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>L. lactis</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>T. aquaticus</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | ..... | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |
| <i>E. coli</i> | REHLLSRQGVKYLIV | FMNKV | DVDDDEL | IDL | VE | ME | VR | ELL | SE | Y | NP | GG | DD | IP | VI | KG | S | A | K | A | L | E | | GDPEAEAAINELMDTVDEYIP |



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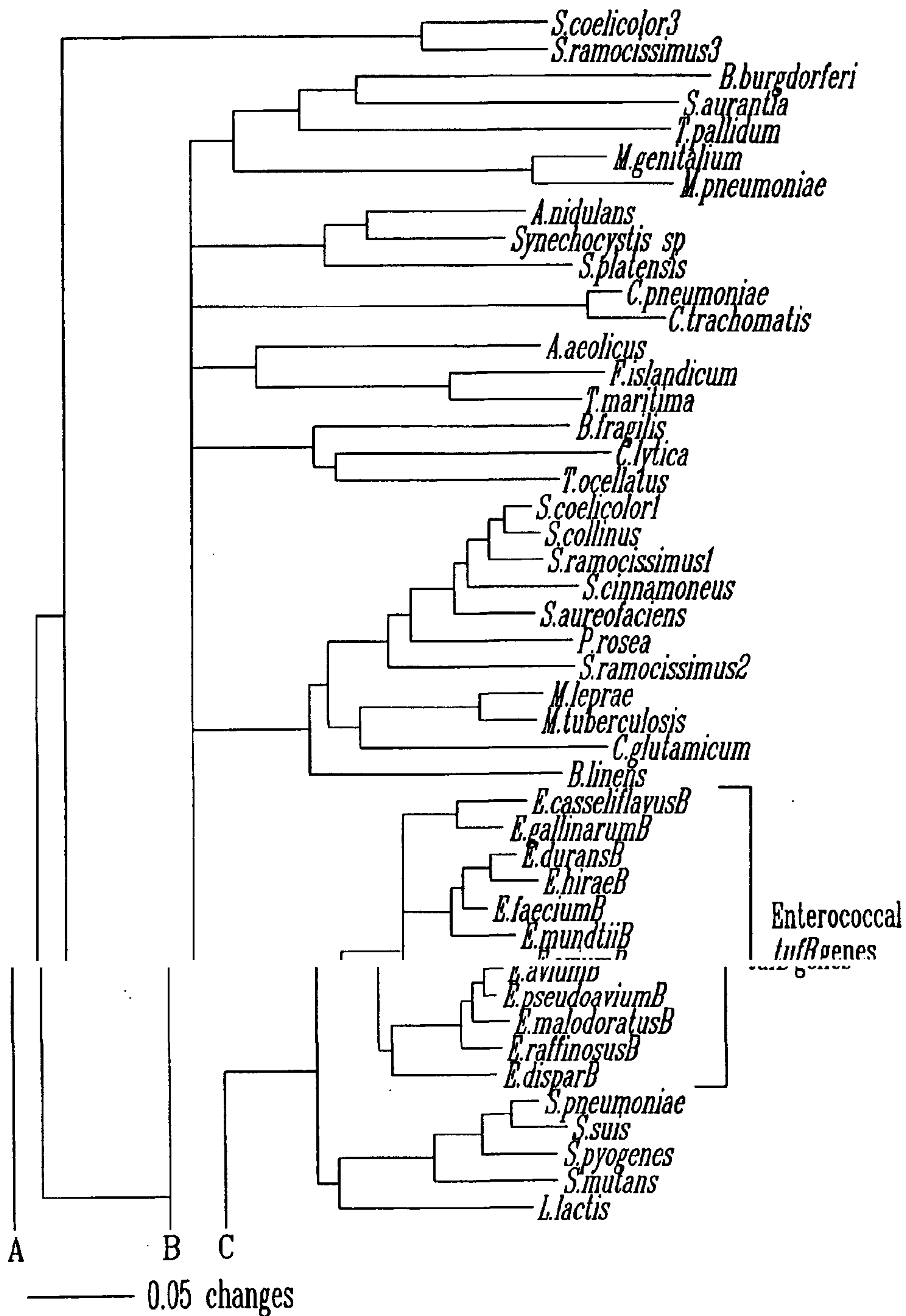


FIG. 5a

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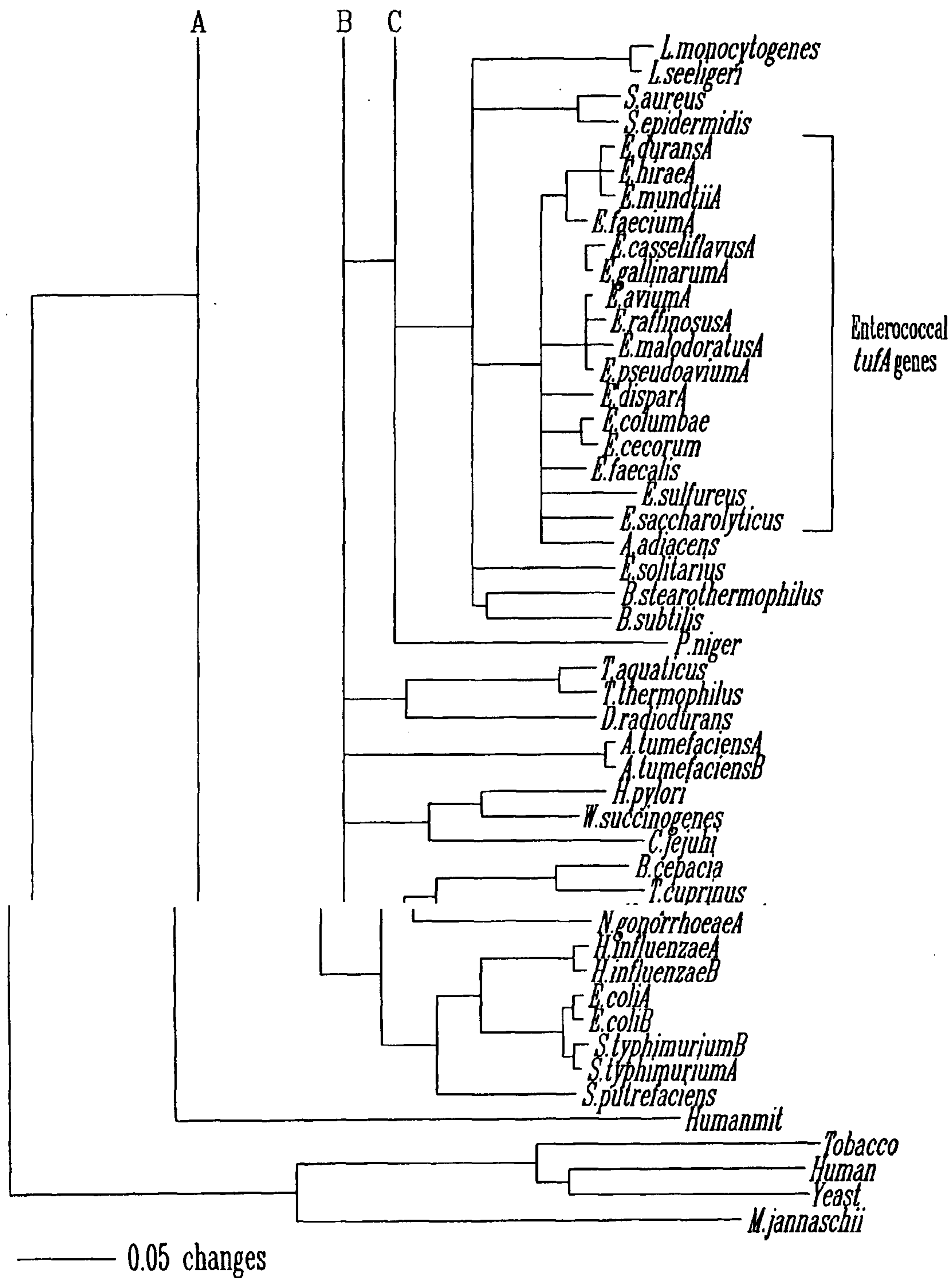
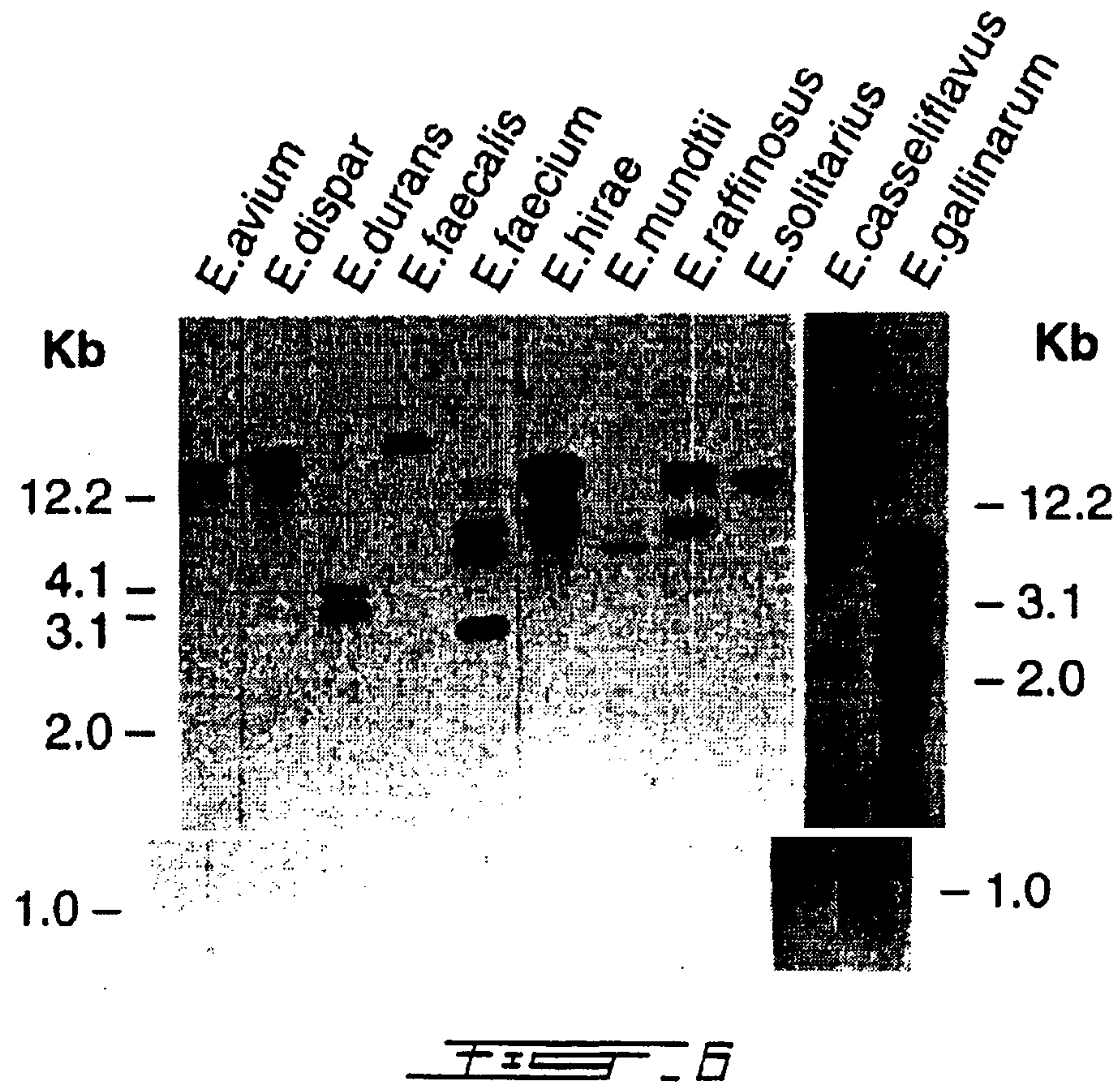


FIG. 5b

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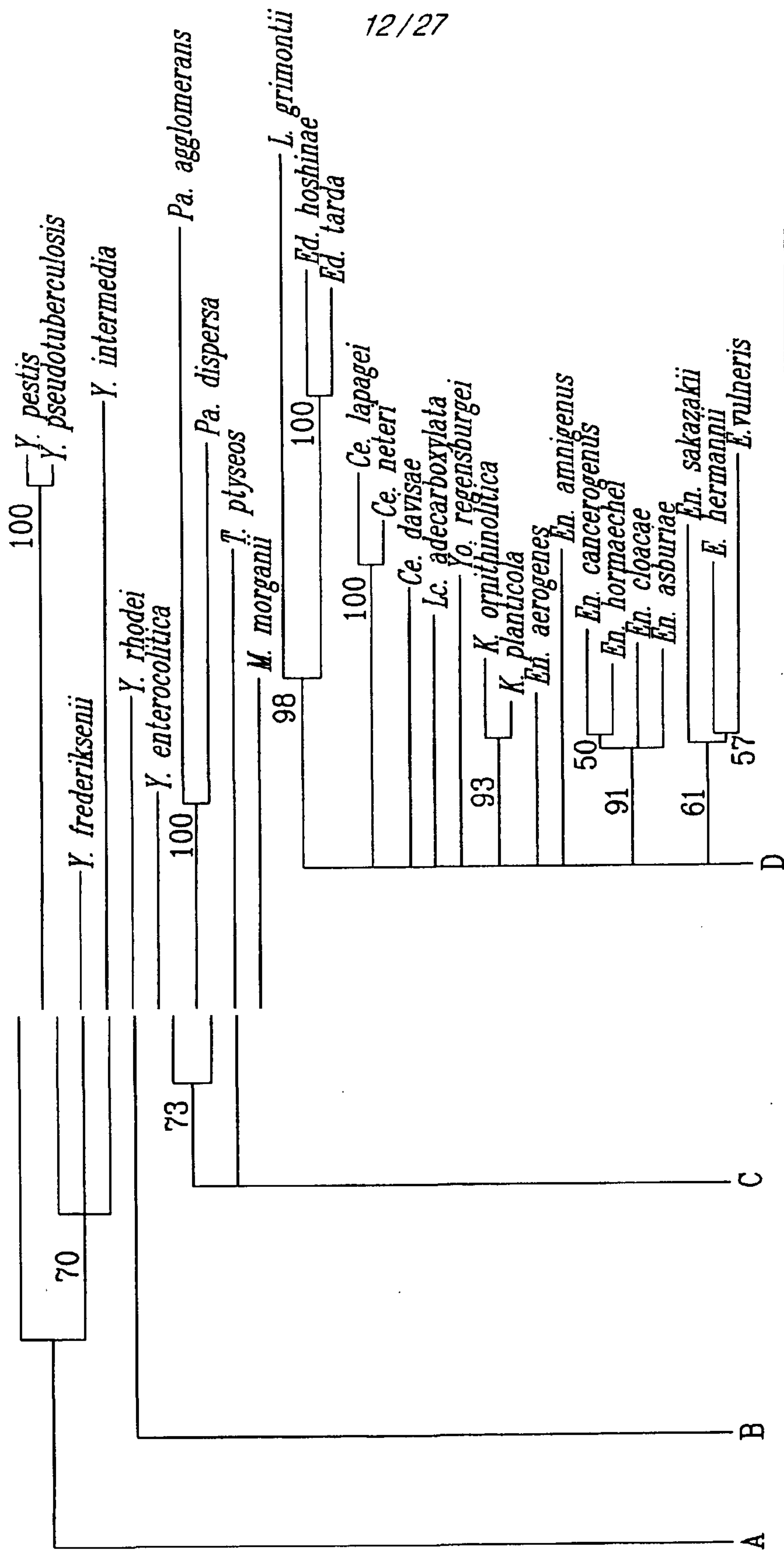


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| E. coli | GAGATCGGT | AAGAAGAGCG | TTGGG | CGATTCACCG |
| E. agglomerans | GACATCGGT | AAGAAGAGCG | TTGGG | CGATTCACCG |
| P. agglomerans | GAGCTGAAA | AAGAAGATGG | CAGGCAGTA | CTATTCACCG |
| P. dispersa | GACCTGAAA | AAGAAGACGG | CAGGCTGTA | CTATTCATCG |
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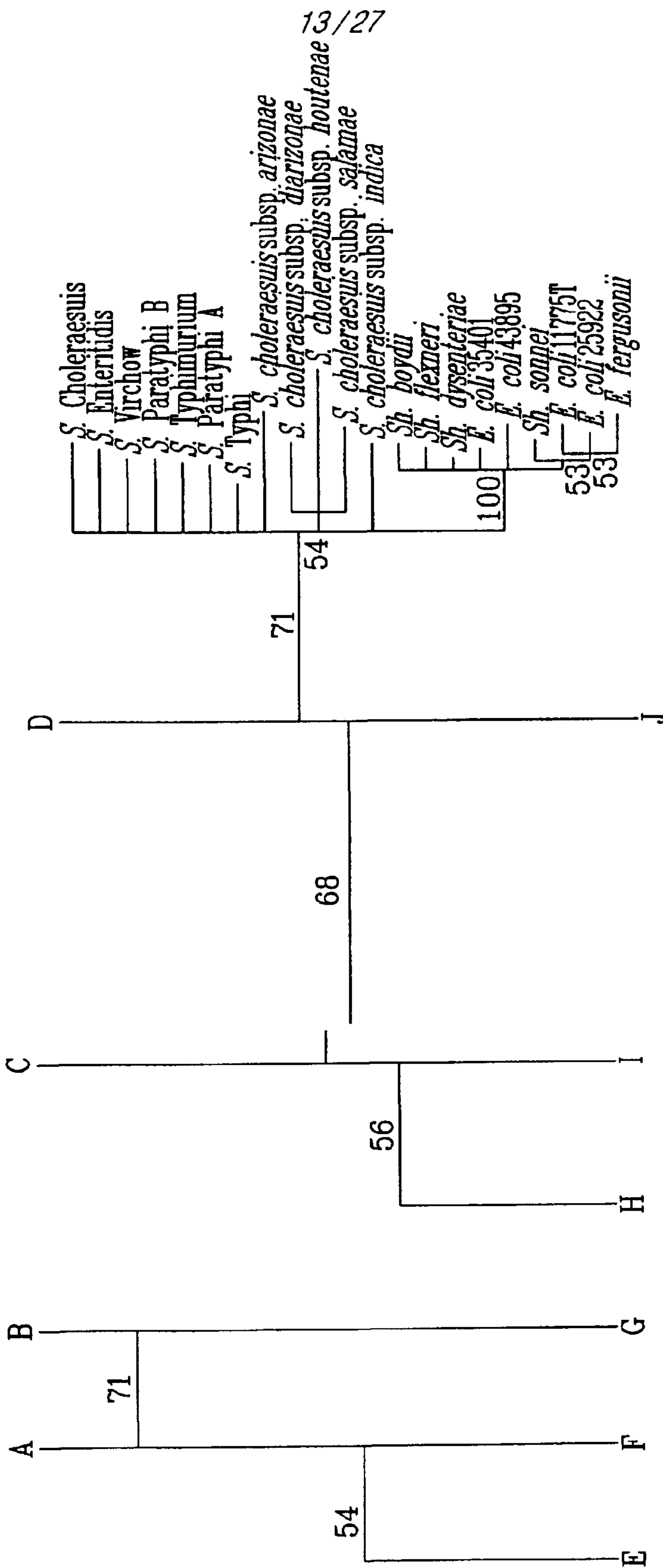
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| E. coli | ~I~G~E~ | E~E~R~W | ~A~ | I~H~R~ |
| E. agglomerans | ~I~G~E~ | E~E~R~W | ~A~ | I~H~R~ |
| P. agglomerans | ~L~K~E~ | E~D~G~S | ~A~V~E~ | I~H~R~ |
| P. dispersa | ~L~K~E~ | E~D~G~S | ~A~V~E~ | I~H~R~ |
| T. ptyseos | ~L~K~N~ | E~D~G~S | ~N~V~E~ | I~H~R~ |

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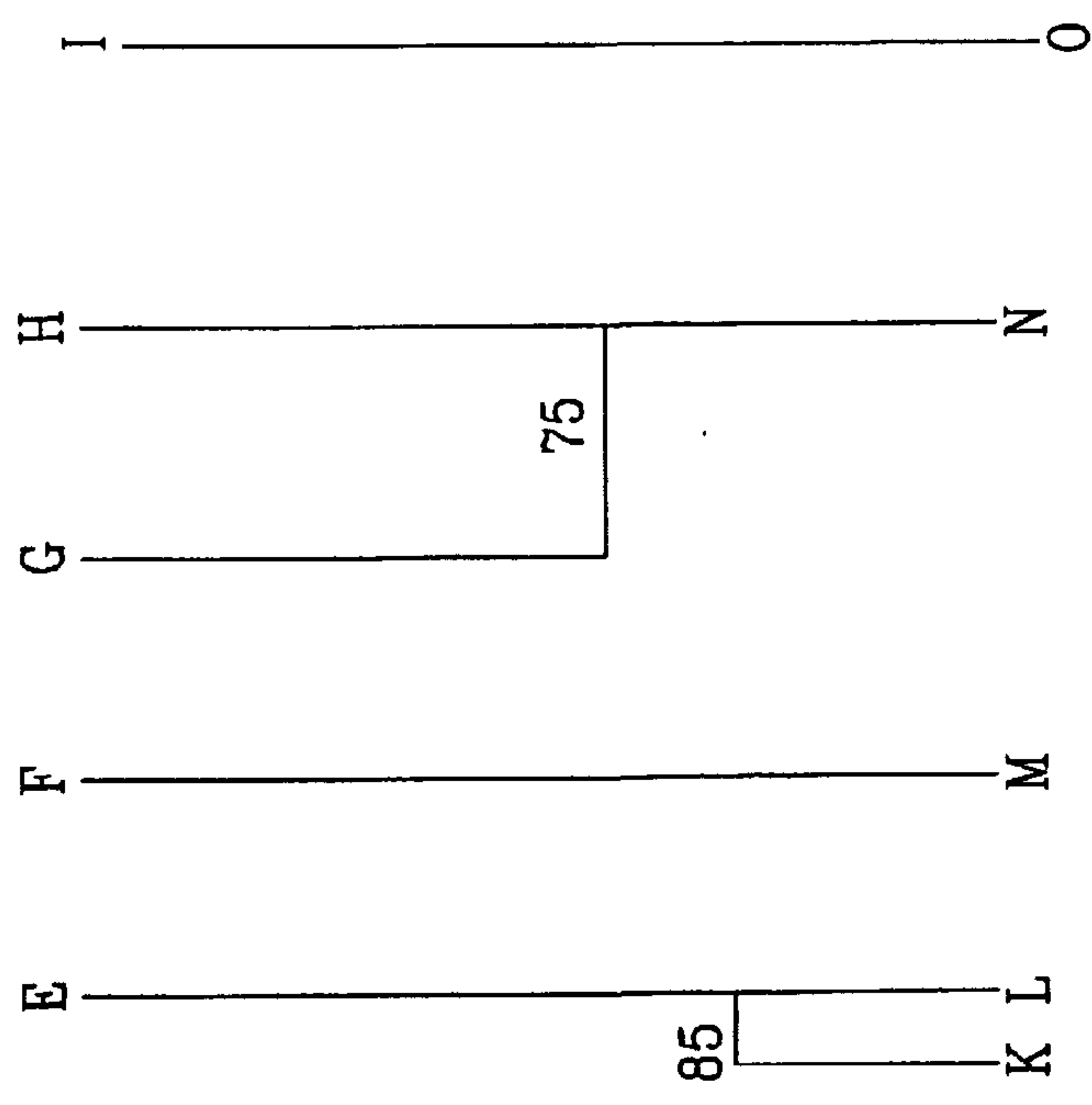
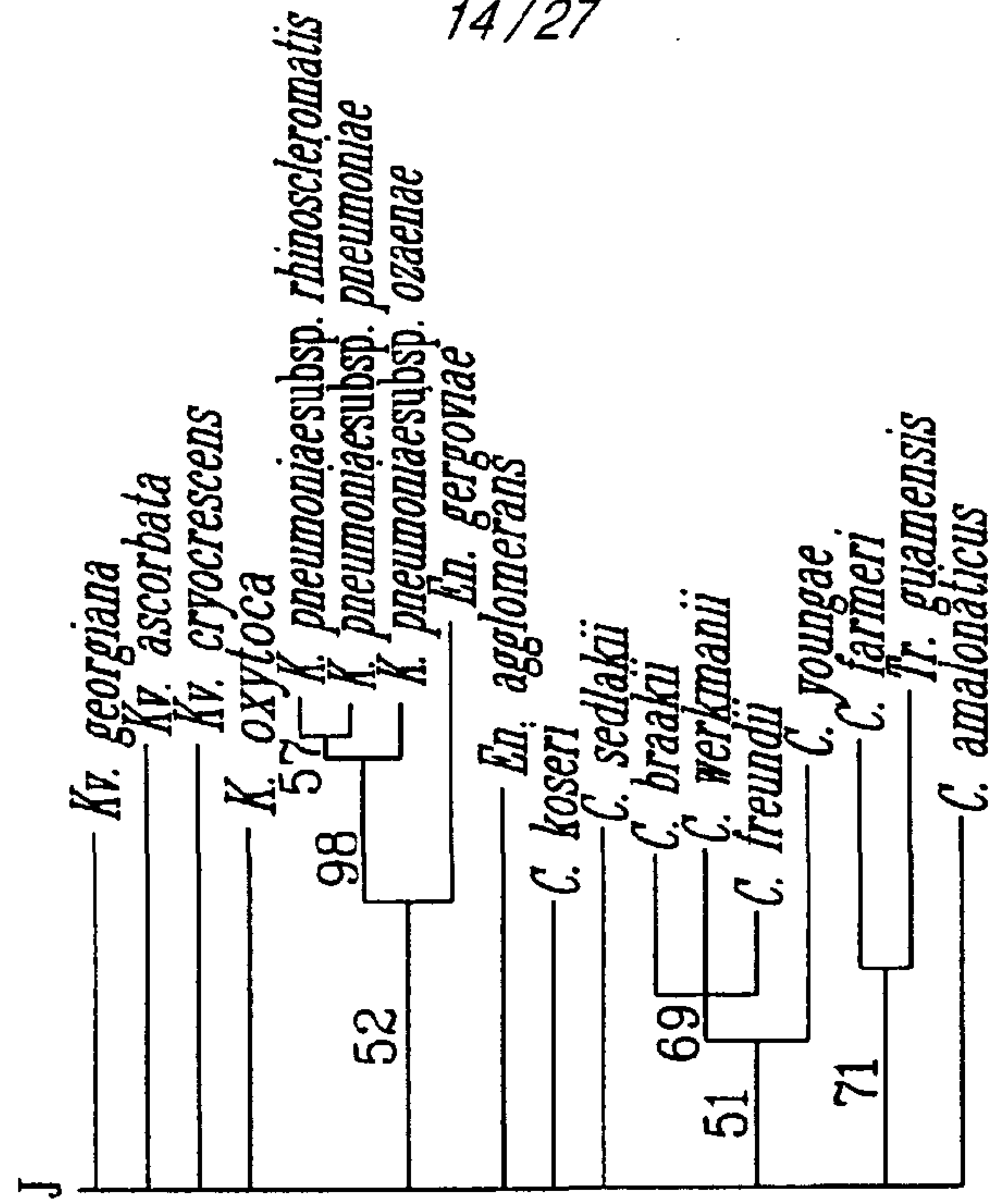
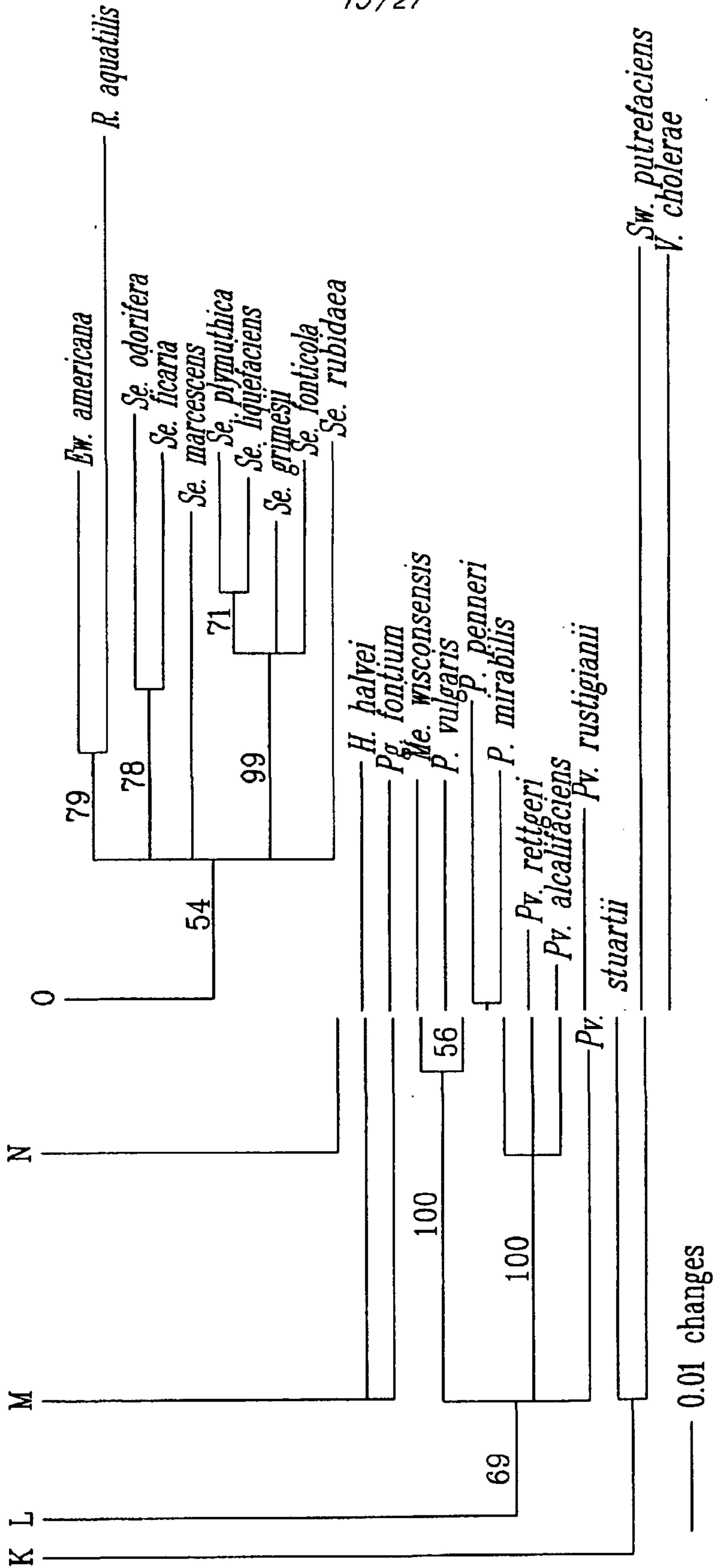
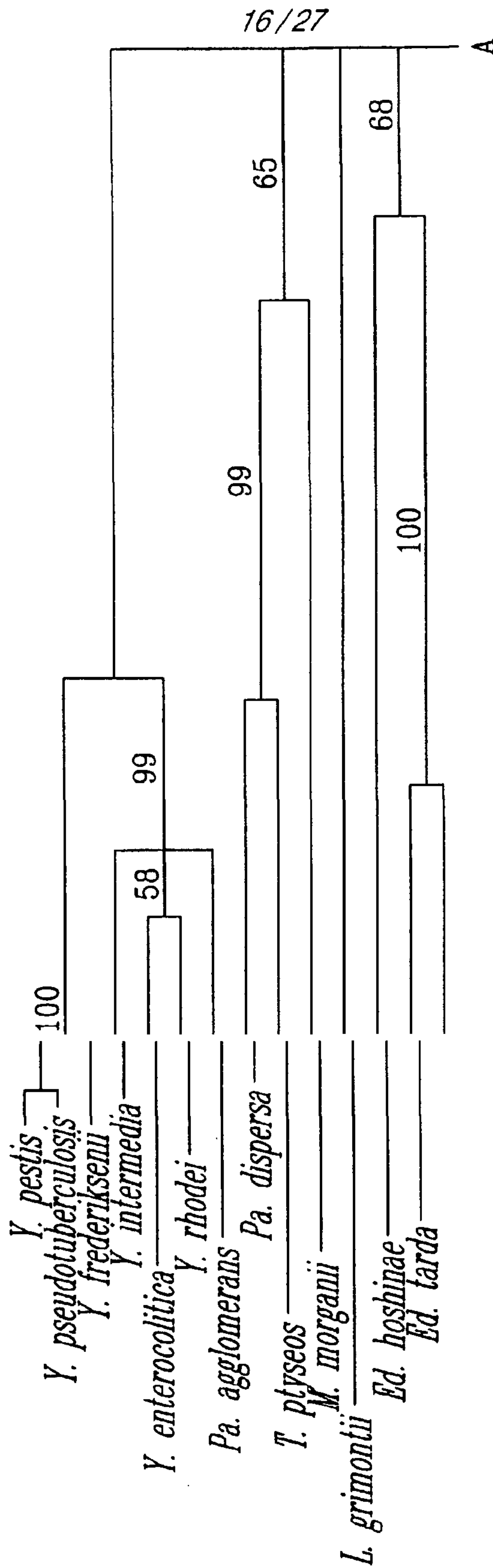


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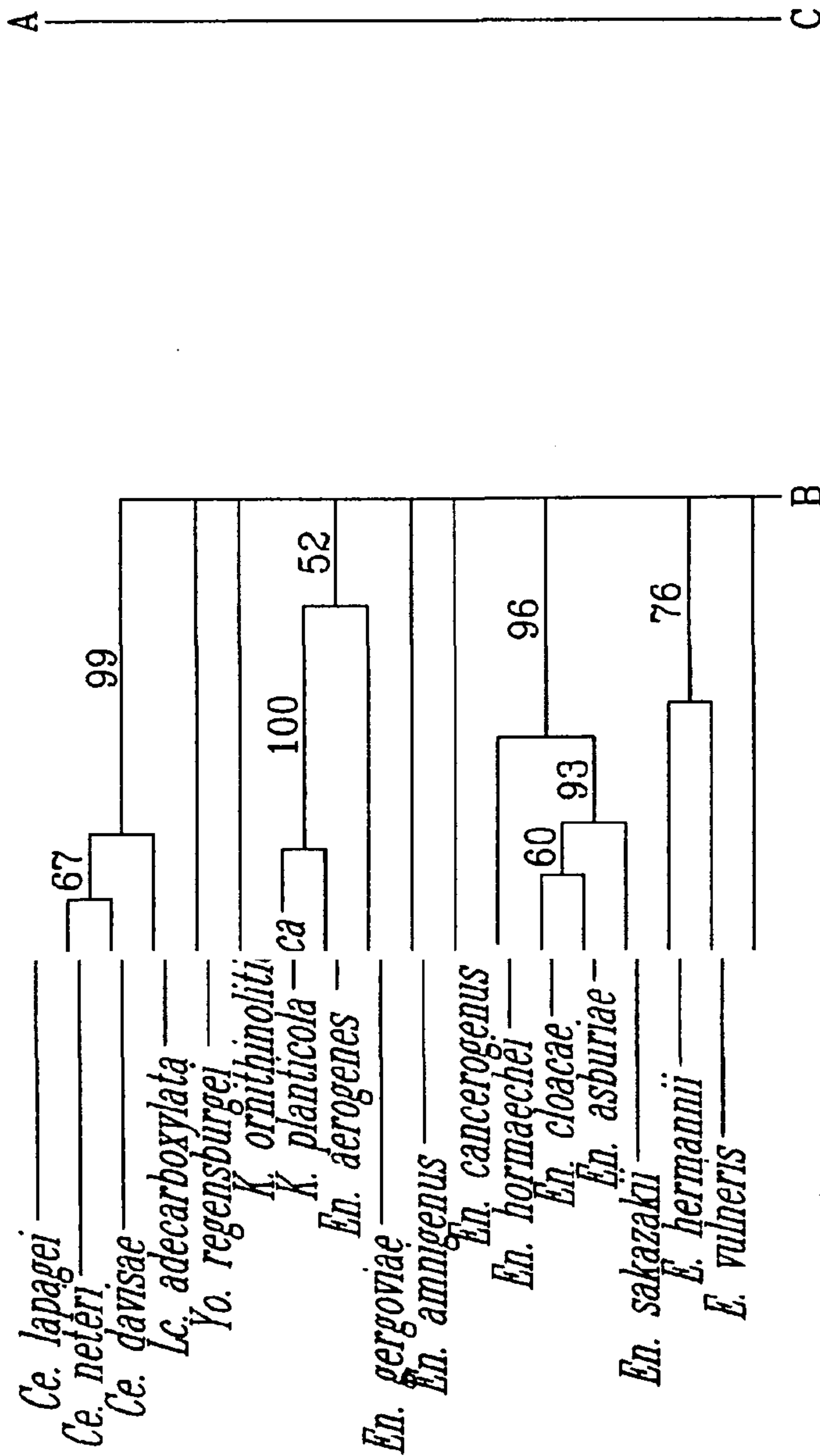
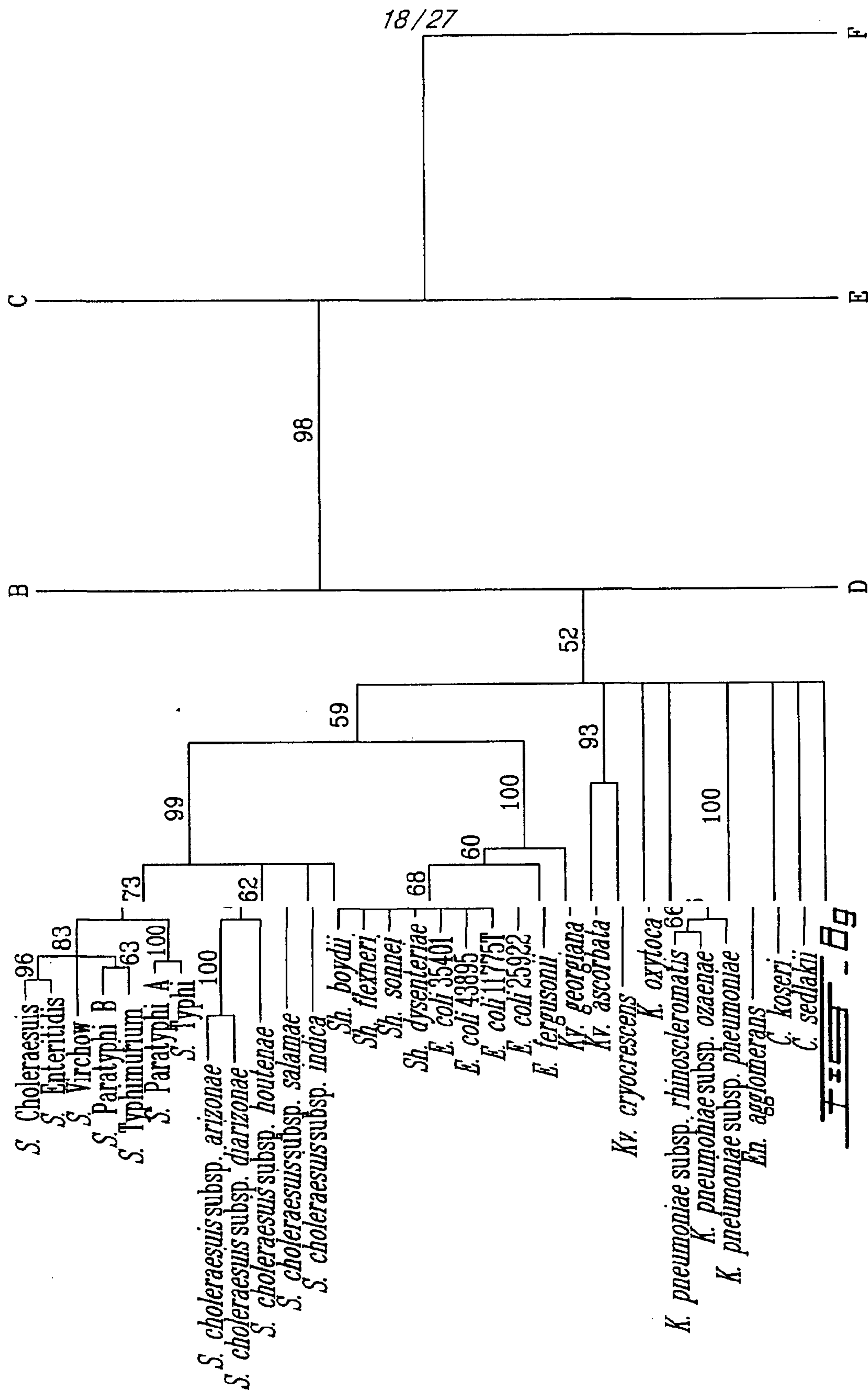
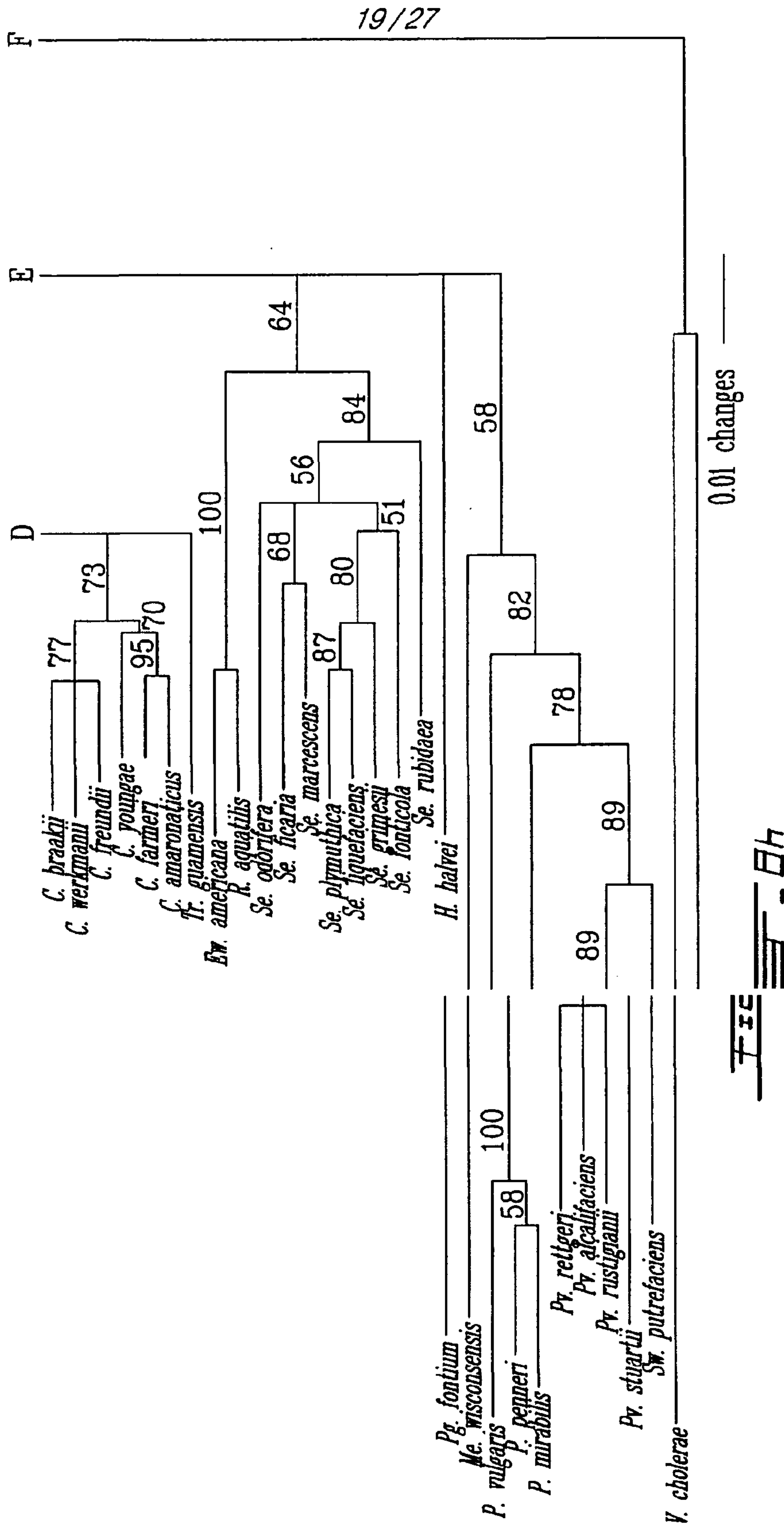


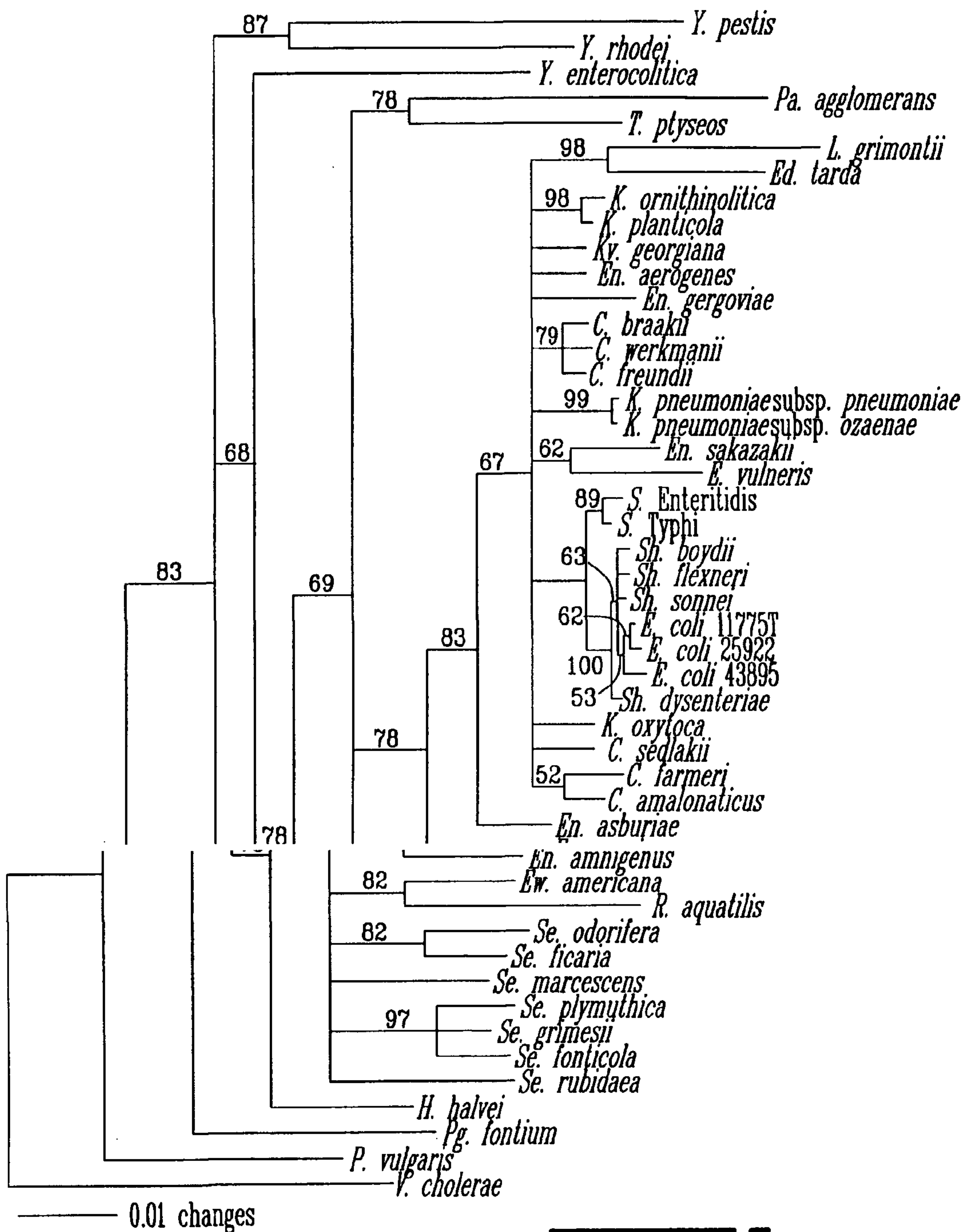
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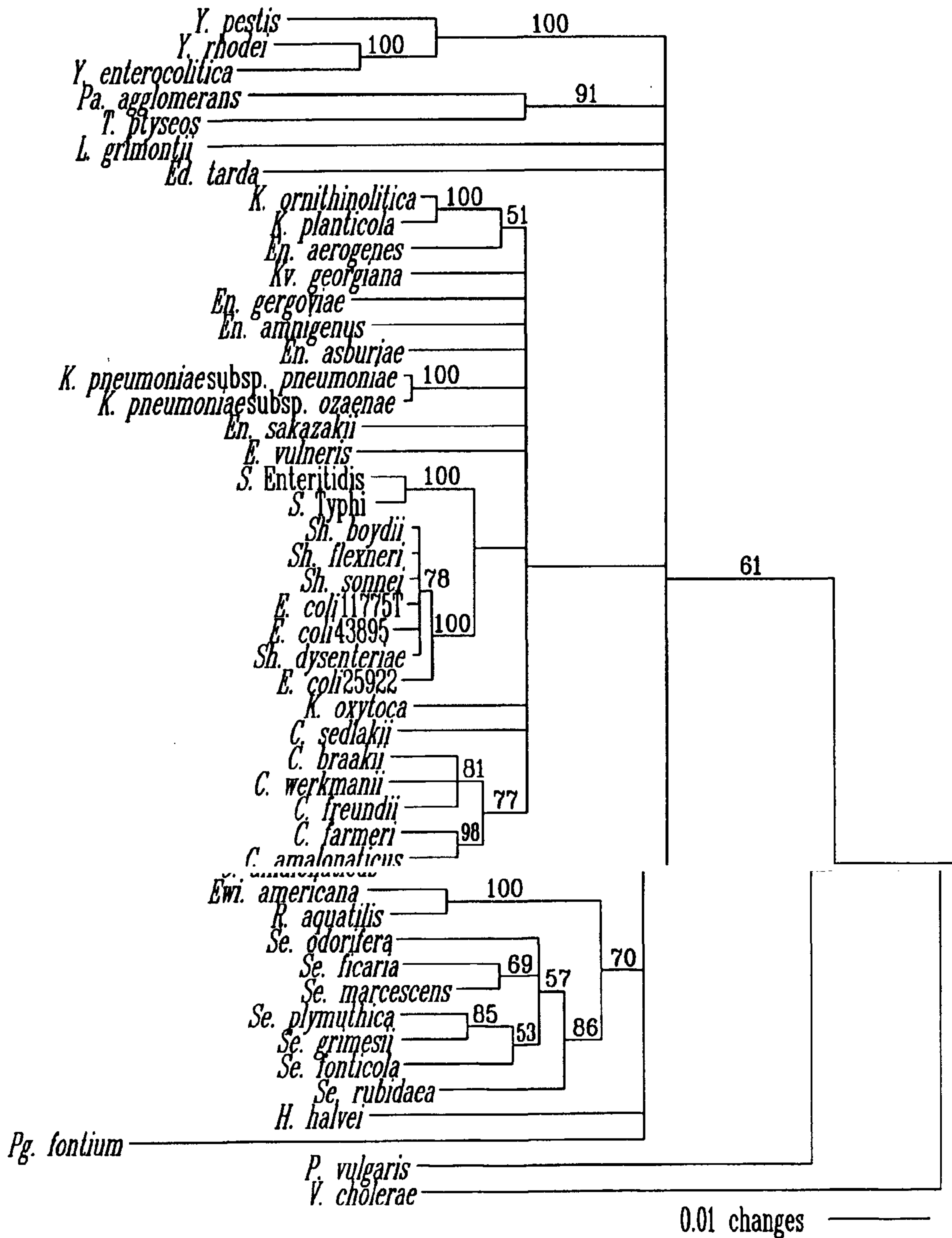


FIG. 9b

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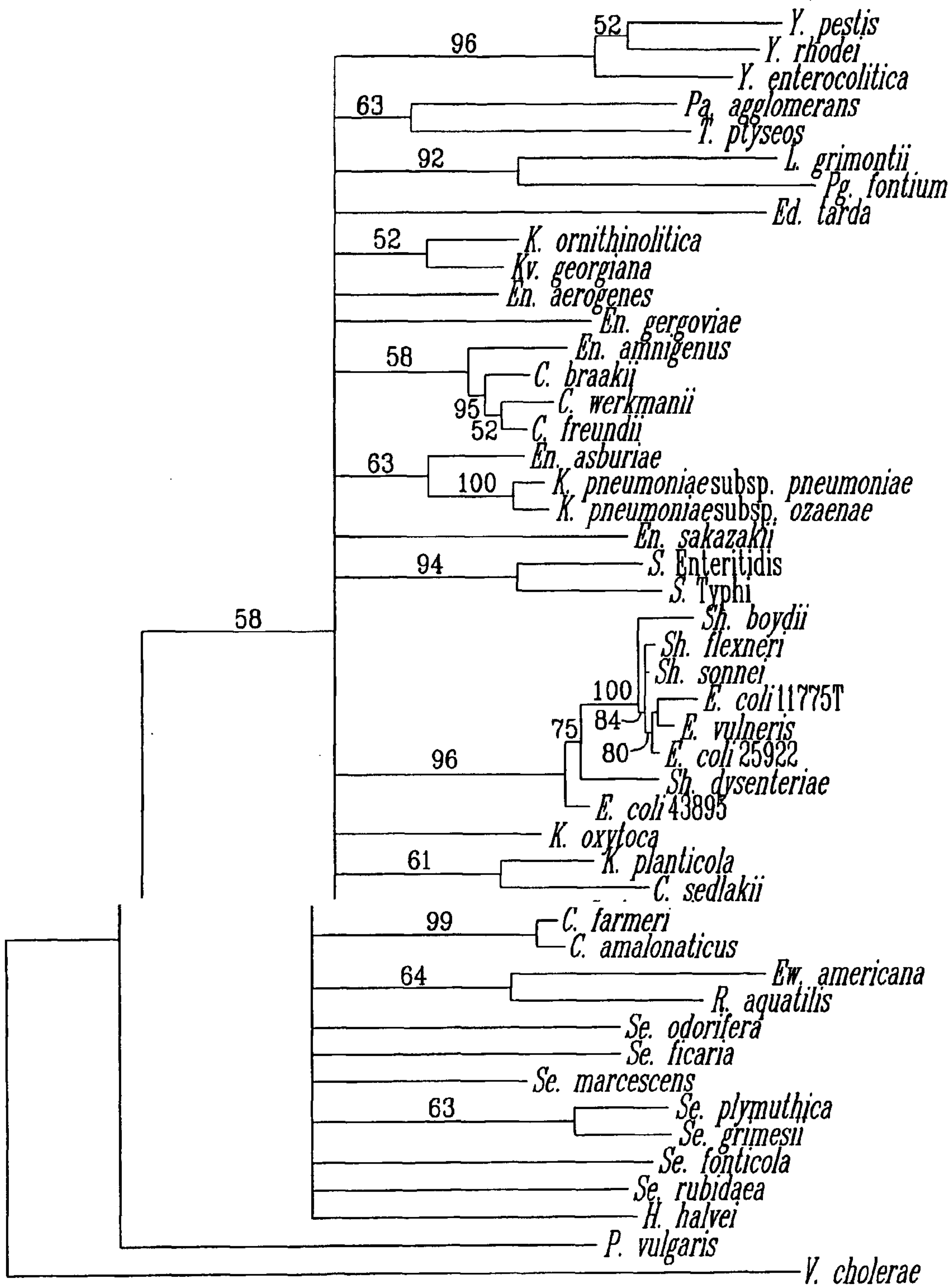
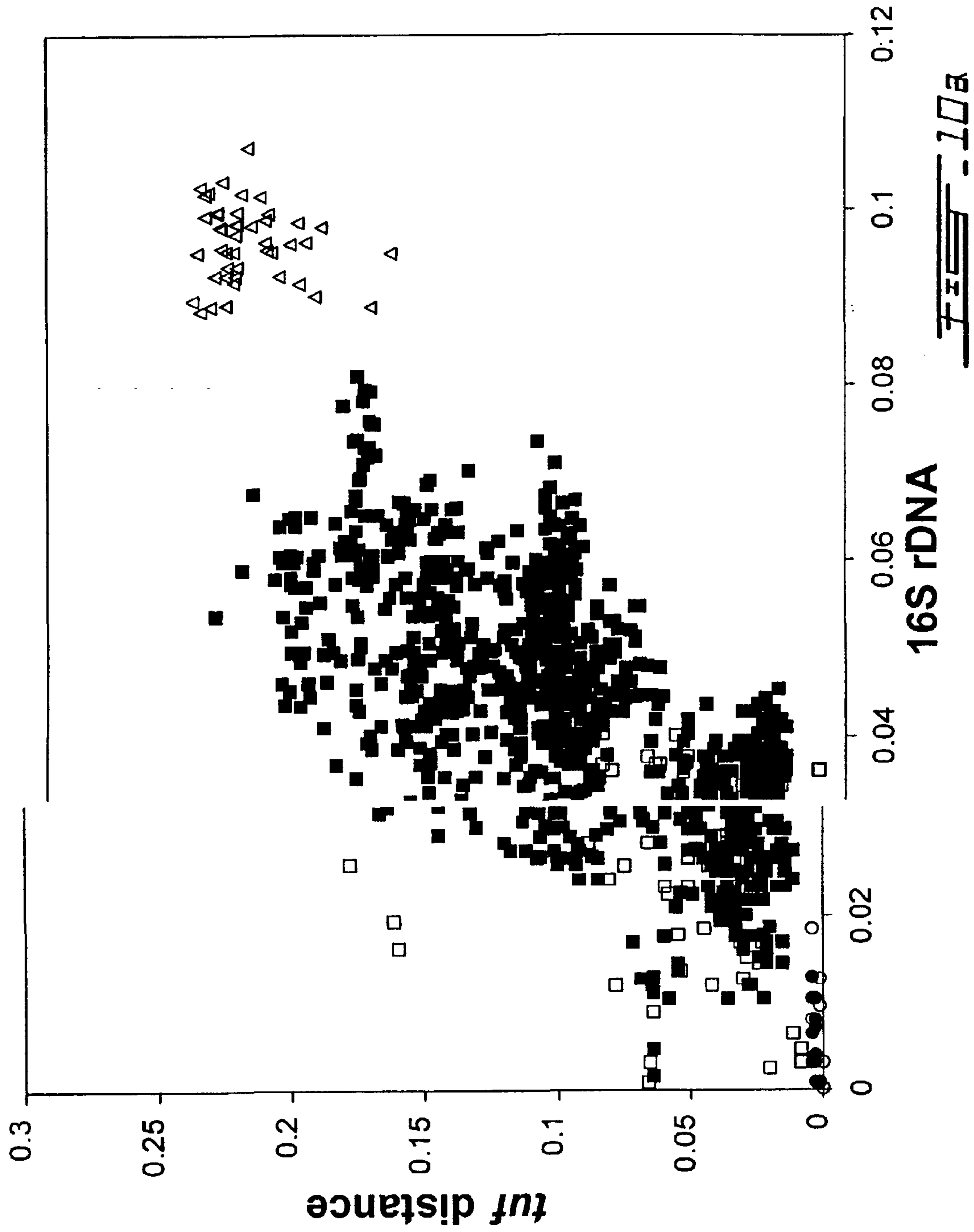
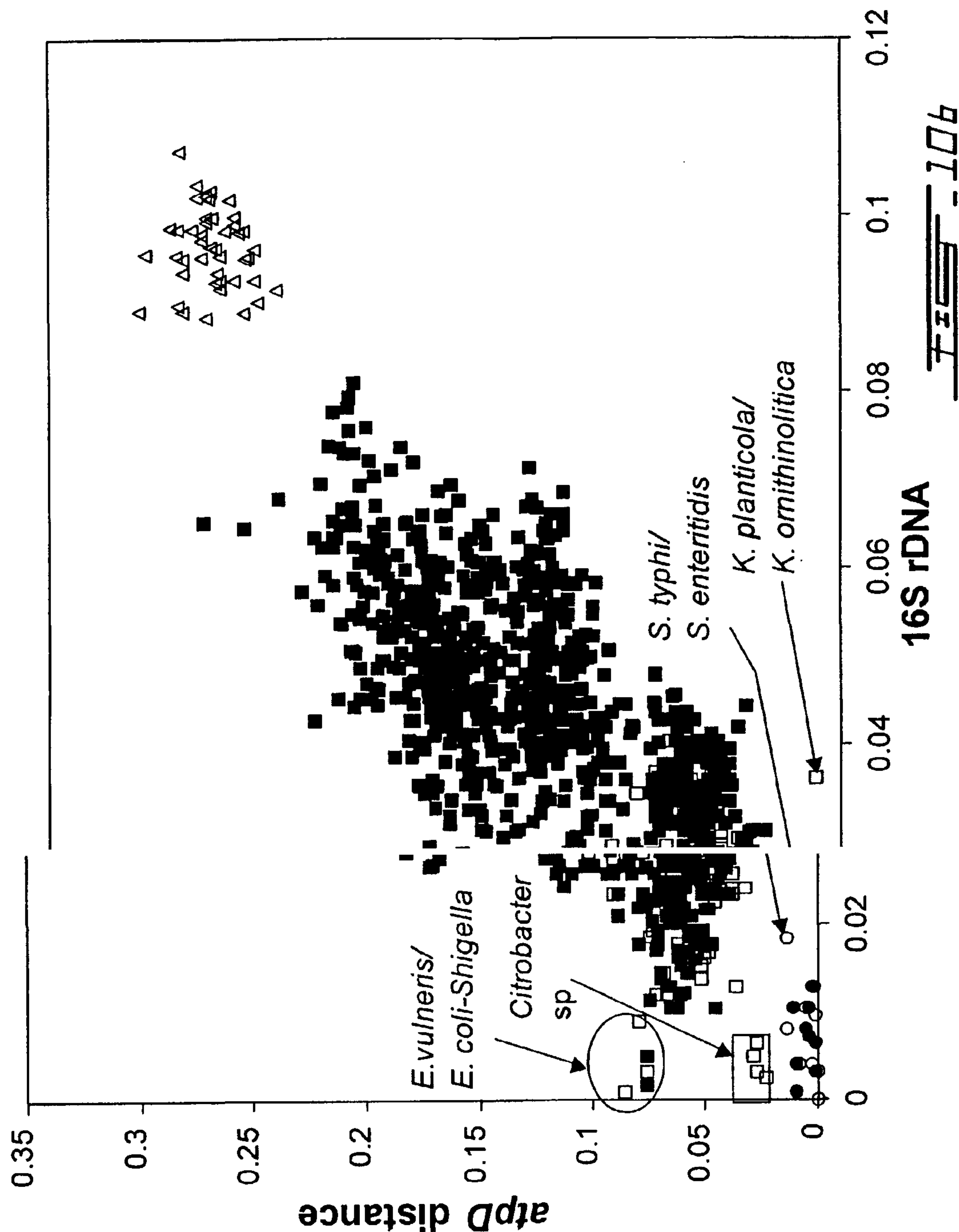


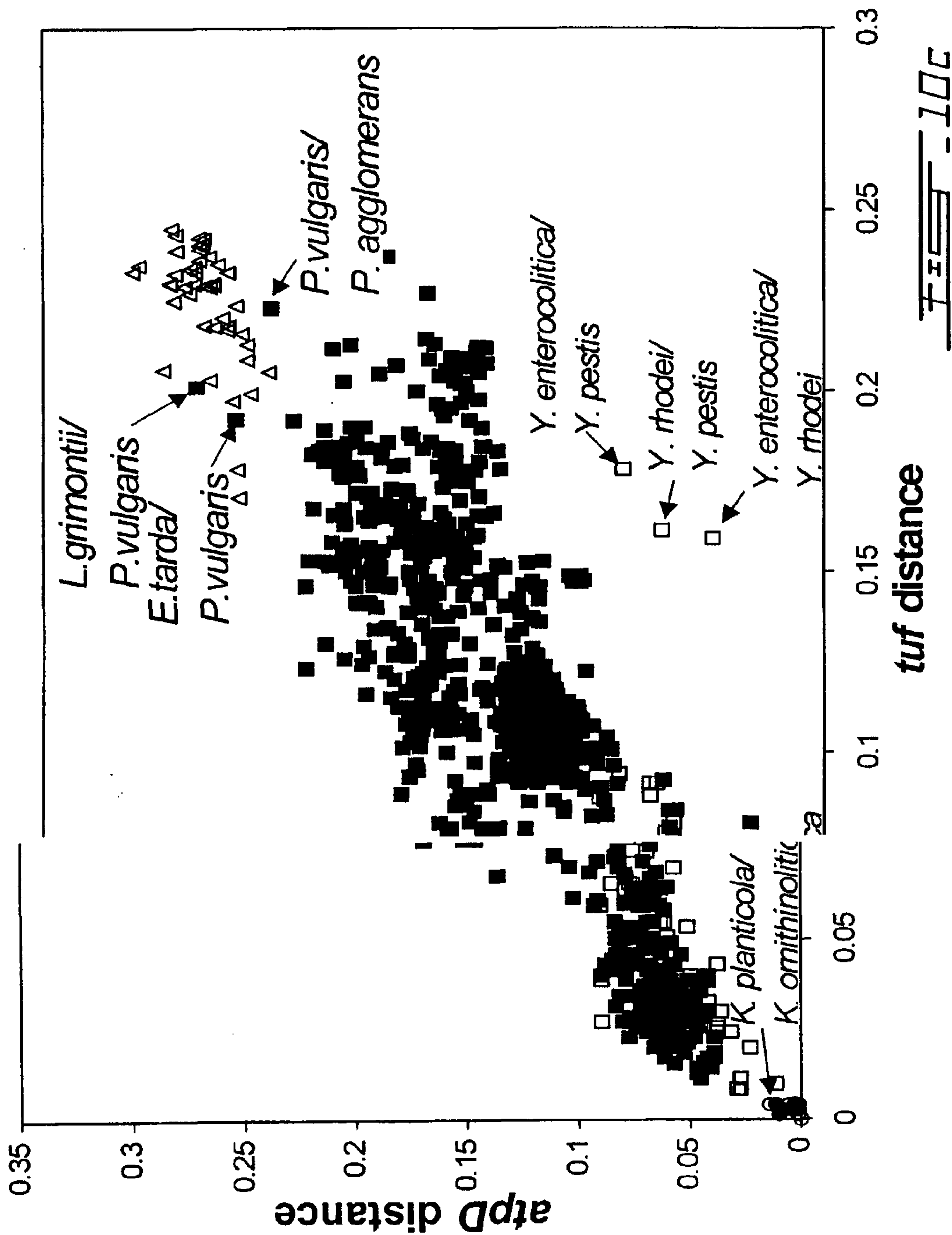
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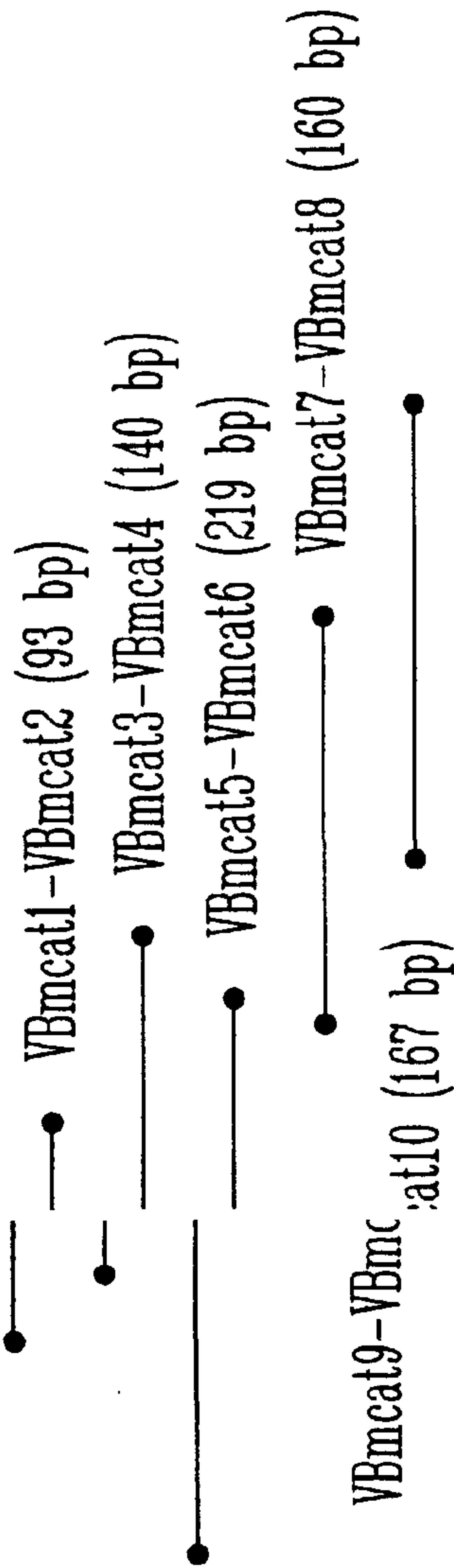
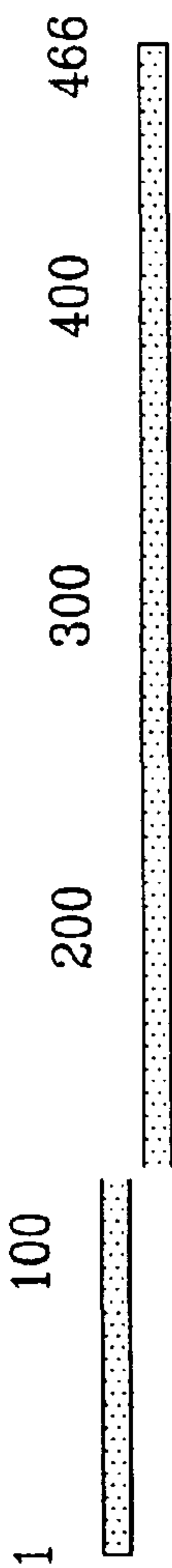


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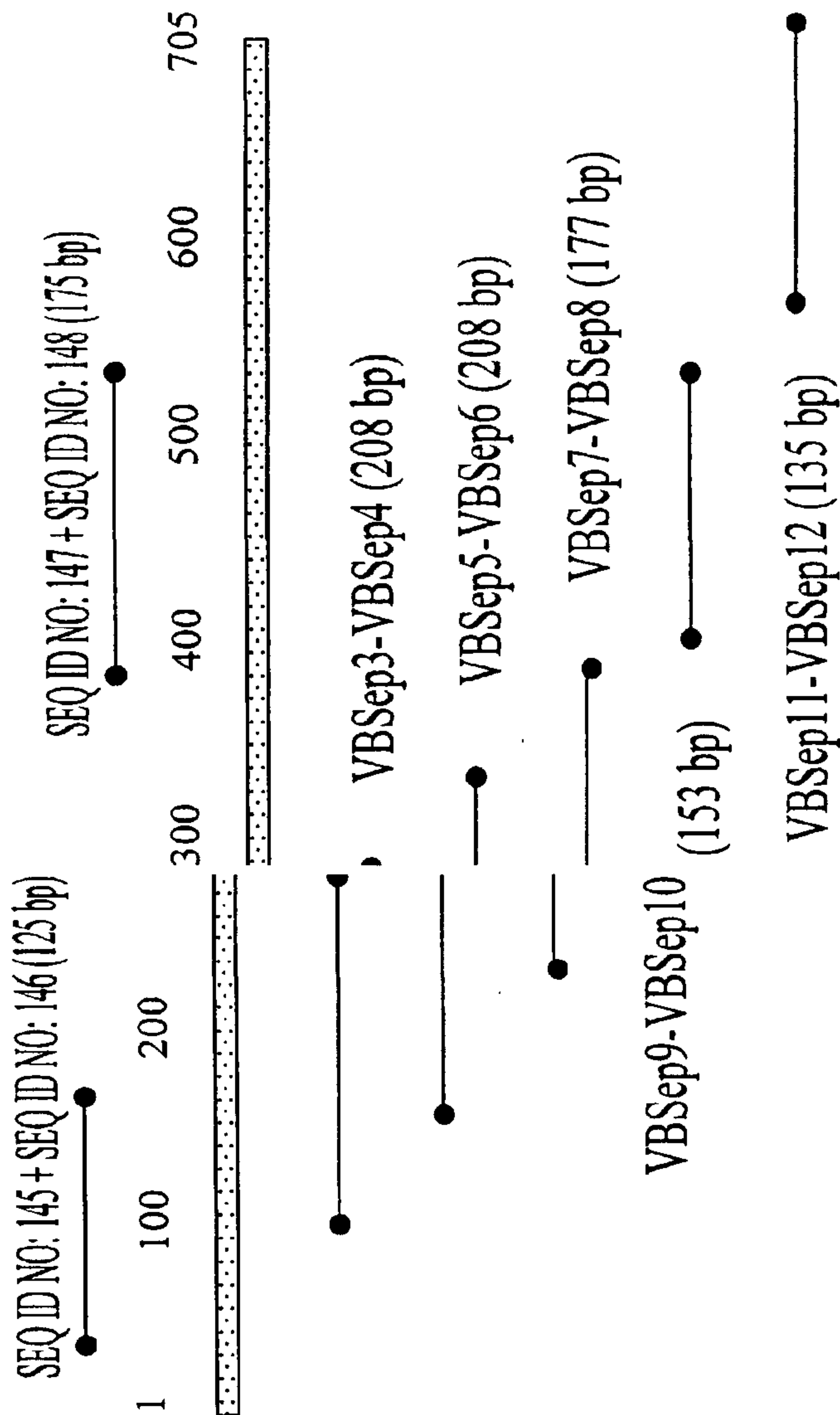


FIG. 12

