

Importation of Hybrid Human-Associated *Trypanosoma cruzi* Strains of Southern South American Origin, Colombia

Technical Appendix 1

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| Strain code | Host/vector | Department | Country* | Discrete typing unit |
|--------------------------|--|------------|----------|----------------------|
| Colombian Clones† | | | | |
| EB cl4‡ | <i>Homo sapiens</i> neonate (suspected congenital infection) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcII |
| EB cl6 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> neonate (suspected congenital infection) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcII |
| EB cl20 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> neonate (suspected congenital infection) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcII |
| PGPA2 cl6 | <i>Panstrongylus geniculatus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcII |
| PGPA2 cl7 | <i>Panstrongylus geniculatus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcII |
| PGPA2 cl10 | <i>Panstrongylus geniculatus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcII |
| CM17 | <i>Dasypus</i> sp. | Carimagua | Colombia | TcIII |
| CM25 cl2 | <i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i> | Carimagua | Colombia | TcIII |
| SLDN1 cl6 | <i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcIII |
| TV cl9 | <i>Triatoma venosa</i> | Boyaca | Colombia | TcIII |
| AACf2 cl11 | <i>Canis familiaris</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcVI |
| DA cl1 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> adult (suspected congenital transmitter) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcVI |
| DA cl2 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> adult (suspected congenital transmitter) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcVI |
| PG98 cl1 | <i>Panstrongylus geniculatus</i> | Antioquia | Colombia | TcVI |
| PG98 cl7 | <i>Panstrongylus geniculatus</i> | Antioquia | Colombia | TcVI |
| Rp540 cl4 | <i>Rhodnius prolixus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcVI |
| Rp540 cl6 | <i>Rhodnius prolixus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcVI |
| Rp540 cl7 | <i>Rhodnius prolixus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcVI |
| Rp540 cl8 | <i>Rhodnius prolixus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcVI |
| Rp540 cl9 | <i>Rhodnius prolixus</i> | Casanare | Colombia | TcVI |
| VS cl6 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> neonate (suspected congenital infection) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcVI |
| VS cl7 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> neonate (suspected congenital infection) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcVI |
| VS cl8 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> neonate (suspected congenital infection) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcVI |
| VS cl10 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> neonate (suspected congenital infection) | Boyaca | Colombia | TcVI |
| Reference Clones§ | | | | |
| CBB cl2 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | Tulahuén | Chile | TcII |
| Chaco23 col4 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Pr. Hayes | Paraguay | TcII |
| Esm cl3 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | São Felipe | Brazil | TcII |
| IVV cl4 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | Cuncumen | Chile | TcII |
| Pot7a cl1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | San Martin | Paraguay | TcII |
| Pot7b cl5 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | San Martin | Paraguay | TcII |

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| Rita cl5 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | São Felipe | Brazil | TcII |
| T665 cl1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Pr. Hayes | Paraguay | TcII |
| Tu18 cl2 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Tupiza | Bolivia | TcII |
| 85/847 cl2 | <i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i> | Alto Beni | Bolivia | TcIII |
| ARMA13 cl1 | <i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i> | Campo Lorro | Paraguay | TcIII |
| ARMA18 cl3 | <i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i> | Campo Lorro | Paraguay | TcIII |
| JA2 cl2 | <i>Monodelphis sp.</i> | Amazonas | Brazil | TcIII |
| M5631 cl5 | <i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i> | Marajo | Brazil | TcIII |
| M6421 cl6 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | Belém | Brazil | TcIII |
| SABP19 cl1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Vitor | Peru | TcIII |
| X109/2 | <i>Canis familiaris</i> | Makthlawaiya | Paraguay | TcIII |
| X9/3 | <i>Canis familiaris</i> | Makthlawaiya | Paraguay | TcIII |
| 92.80 cl2 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | Santa Cruz | Bolivia | TcV |
| Bug 2148 cl1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Rio Grande do Sul | Brazil | TcV |
| Chaco2 cl3 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Chaco | Paraguay | TcV |
| PAH179 cl5 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | Chaco | Argentina | TcV |
| Para4 cl3 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Paraguari | Paraguay | TcV |
| Para6 cl4 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Paraguari | Paraguay | TcV |
| Sc43 cl1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Santa Cruz | Bolivia | TcV |
| Vinch101 cl1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Limari | Chile | TcV |
| Chaco17 col1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Chaco | Paraguay | TcVI |
| CL Brener | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Rio Grande do Sul | Brazil | TcVI |
| EPV20-1 cl1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Chaco | Argentina | TcVI |
| LHVA cl4 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Chaco | Argentina | TcVI |
| P251 cl7 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | Cochabamba | Bolivia | TcVI |
| Tula cl2 | <i>Homo sapiens</i> | Tulahuén | Chile | TcVI |
| VFRA1 cl1 | <i>Triatoma infestans</i> | Francia | Chile | TcVI |

*References (1–5) describe the different geographic distributions, host/vector associations, and transmission cycles of *T. cruzi* DTUs in Colombia.

†Colombian clones were assigned to DTU-level by PCR amplification of the *SL-IR*, *24α rDNA* and *18S rDNA* subunits according to (6). Putative hybrid strains were identified by either a double *24α rDNA* amplicon (125 and 140 bp) (TcV) or single *24α rDNA* amplicon (140 bp) and amplification of the A10 fragment of the *18S rDNA* subunit (TcVI) (525 or 630 bp), and confirmed by sequencing glucose-6-phosphate isomerase (*GPI*), as previously described (6).

‡Indicates multiple biologic clones derived from a single parasite strain.

§Reference clones were assigned to DTU-level using a triple-marker assay described by Lewis et al. (7).

Technical Appendix 1 Table 2. Intra-lineage diversity and properties of nuclear and mitochondrial MLST schemes*

| <i>T. cruzi</i> DTU | Total no. isolates | Housekeeping gene | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----|--------|--------|-----|-----|-------|--------|---------------|-----|-------|--------|--------------|-----|--------|--------|--------------|-----|-------|--------|--------|-----|--------|--------|---------|-----|--------|-------|
| | | GPX | | | | GTP | | | | <i>Met-II</i> | | | | <i>TcAPX</i> | | | | <i>TcMPX</i> | | | | nMLST† | | | | mtMLST‡ | | | |
| | | VS | ST | TE | DP | VS | ST | TE | DP | VS | ST | TE | DP | VS | ST | TE | DP | V | S | TE | DP | VS | ST | TE | DP | VS | ST | TE | DP |
| TcII | 15 [6] | 4 | 6 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 2 | 3 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 5 | 6 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 2 [0] | 3 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 8 | 4 | 0.5 | 0.27 | 21 | 10 | 0.48 | 0.67 | 46 | 7 | 0.15 | 0.47 |
| | | [0] | [1] | [0] | [0.17] | [0] | [1] | [0] | [0.17] | [0] | [1] | [0] | [0.17] | | [1] | [0] | [0.17] | [0] | [1] | [0] | [0.17] | [0] | [1] | [0] | [0.17] | [25] | [3] | [0.12] | [0.5] |
| TcIII | 13 [4] | 10 | 8 | 0.8 | 0.62 | 2 | 3 | 1.5 | 0.23 | 10 | 7 | 0.7 | 0.54 | 4 [3] | 5 | 1.25 | 0.38 | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 0.23 | 27 | 13 | 0.48 | 1.0 | 107 | 10 | 0.093 | 0.77 |
| | | [4] | [3] | [0.75] | [0.75] | [1] | [2] | [2.0] | [0.5] | [5] | [3] | [0.6] | [0.75] | | [3] | [1.0] | [0.75] | [1] | [2] | [2.0] | [0.5] | [13] | [4] | [0.31] | [1.0] | [80] | [4] | [0.05] | [1.0] |
| TcV | 8 [0] | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.125 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.125 | 17 | 2 | 0.12 | 0.25 | 9 | 4 | 0.44 | 0.5 | 5 | 2 | 0.4 | 0.25 | 31 | 5 | 0.16 | 0.63 | 6 | 8 | 1.33 | 1 |
| TcVI | 21 [14] | 10 | 4 | 0.4 | 0.19 | 5 | 3 | 0.6 | 0.14 | 14 | 4 | 0.29 | 0.19 | 11 | 7 | 0.64 | 0.33 | 5 | 5 | 1.0 | 0.24 | 42 | 16 | 0.38 | 0.76 | 26 | 9 | 0.35 | 0.43 |
| | | [2] | [3] | [1.5] | [0.21] | [5] | [3] | [0.6] | [0.21] | [0] | [1] | [0] | [0.07] | [11] | [4] | [0.36] | [0.29] | [0] | [1] | [0] | [0.07] | [12] | [9] | [0.75] | [0.86] | [26] | [7] | [0.27] | [0.5] |

*Nos. in square brackets represent strains from Columbia. DP, no. of genotypes identified per total no. of isolates; DTU, discrete typing unit; MLST, multilocus sequence typing; mtMLST, mitochondrial MLST scheme, nMLST, nuclear MLST scheme, ST, no. of genotypes; TE, no. of genotypes identified per polymorphic site; VS, no. of variable sites.

†Based on 5 concatenated loci.
‡Based on 10 concatenated loci.

Technical Appendix 1 Table 3. Panel of microsatellite loci and primers employed in this study*

| Chromosome | Primer code | Repeat type | Forward/reverse primer (5'→3') |
|------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 6 | 6529(CA) _a | (CA) _n | TGTGAAATGATTTGACCCGA AGAGTCACGCCGCAAAGTAT |
| 6 | 6529(TA) _b | (TA) _n | TGAAGGAGATTCTCTGCGGT CTCTCATCTTTTGTGTGTCCG |
| 6 | mclf10 | (CA) _n A(CA) _n | GCGTAGCGATTCAATTCC ATCCGCTACCACTATCCAC |
| 10 | 6855(TA)(GA) | (TA) _n (GA) _n | TGTGATCAACGCGCATAAAT TTCCATTGCCTCGTTTTAGA |
| 15 | 11863(CA) | (CA) _n | AGTTGACATCCCCAAGCAAG CCCTGATGCTGCAGACTCTT |
| 19 | 10101(TA) | (TA) _n | AACCCGCGCAGATACATTAG TTCATTTGCAGCAACACACA |
| 24 | 8741(TA) | (TA) _n | TGTAACGGTAGGTCTCAATTCC TTGCACTTGTGTATCTCGCC |
| 27 | 10101(TC) | (TC) _n | CGTACGACGTGGACACAAAC ACAAGTGGGTGAGCCAAAAG |
| 27 | 10101(CA) _c | (CA) _n | GTGTCGTTGCTCCCAAACCTC AAACTTGCCAAATGTGAGGG |
| 27 | 10101(CA) _a | (CA) _n | GTCGCCATCATGTACAAACG CTGTTGGCGAATGGTCATAA |
| 34 | 6559(TC) | (TC) _n | CGCTCTCAAAGGCACCTTAC ATATGGACGCGTAGGAGTGC |
| 37 | 10187(TTA) | (TTA) _n | GAGAGAGATTCGGAAACTAATAGC CATGTCCCTTCCCTCCGTAAA |
| 37 | 10187(CA)(TA) | (CA) _n (TA) _n | CATGTCATTAAGTGGCCACG GCACATGTTGGTTGTTGGAA |
| 37 | 10187(TA) | (TA) _n | AGAAAAAGGTTTACAACGAGCG |

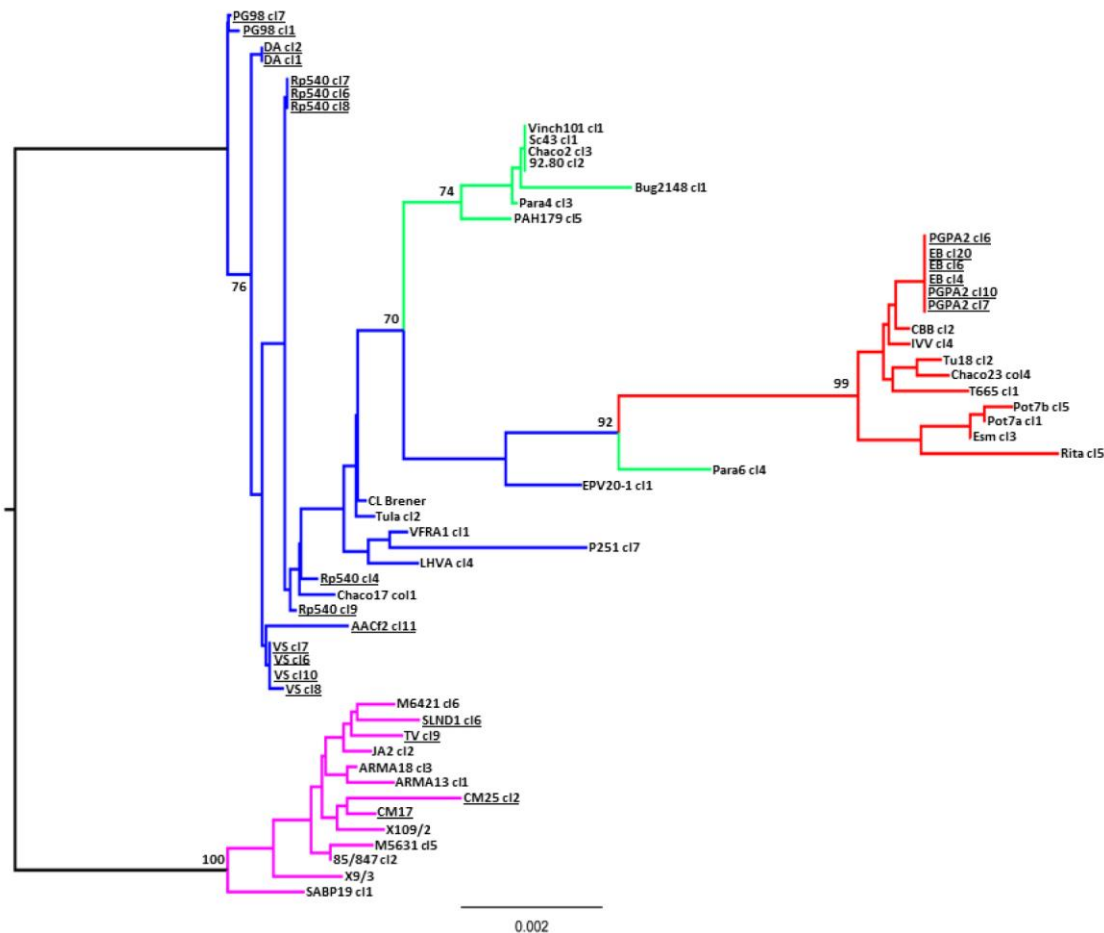
| Chromosome | Primer code | Repeat type | Forward/reverse primer (5'→3') |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 37 | 10187(GA) | (GA) _n | CGATGGAGAACGTGAAACAA GTCACACCACTAGCGATGACA ACTGCACAATACCCCTTTG |
| 37 | TcUn4 | Unknown | ATGCTCCGCAACATATTAFACTCA GTCGAGCTTCTGTTGTTCCC |
| 39 | 6925(TG) _b | (TG) _n | GAAACGCACTCACCCACAC GGTAGCAACGCCAAACTTTC |
| 39 | 7093(TC) | (TC) _n | CCAACATTCAACAAGGGAAA GCATGAATATTGCCGGATCT |
| 39 | 6925(CT) | (CT) _n | CATCAAGGAAAAACGGAGGA CGGTACCACCTCAAGGAAAG |
| 39 | 7093(TA) _c | (TA) _n | CGTGTGCACAGGAGAGAAAA CGTTTGGAGGAGGATTGAGA |
| 39 | 6925(TG) _a | (TG) _n | TCGTTCTCTTTACGCTTGCA TAGCAGCACCAAACAAAACG |
| 39 | 7093(TCC) | (TCC) _n | AGACGTTTCATATTCGCAGCC AGCCACATCCACATTTCTC |
| 40 | 11283(TCG) | (TCG) _n | ACCACCAGGAGGACATGAAG TGTACACGGAACAGCGAAG |
| 40 | 11283(TA) _b | (TA) _n | AACATCCTCCACCTCACAGG TTTGAATGCGAGGTGGTACA |
| 41 | 10359(CA)(GA) | (CA) _n (GA) _n | AGTCCTACTGCCTCCTTGCA CTGTTGGCGAATGGTCATAA |

*A possible confounder that must be considered during data interpretation is that due to the high mutation rate of microsatellites, potentially as high as 1/1,000 cell divisions (8), and between different loci, some of the length variation observed may be de novo, arising during parasite isolation/culturing, not during natural strain evolution and transmission.

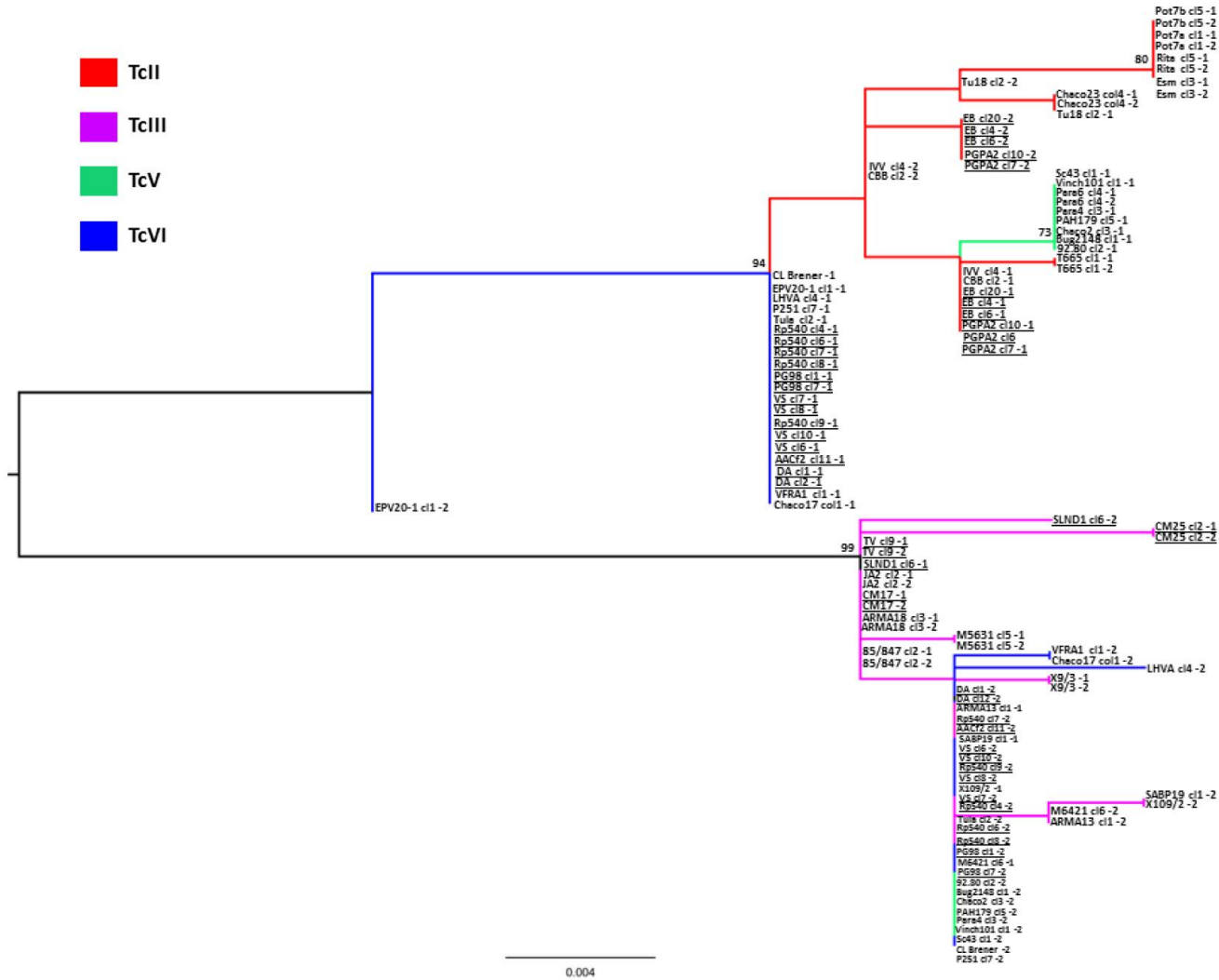
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Technical Appendix Figure 1. Unrooted Neighbor-Joining tree based on five concatenated diploid nuclear MLST sequences. For each isolate, nuclear diploid sequence data were concatenated in order of their relative chromosomal positions (Met-II, GTP, TcMPX, TcGPX and TcAPX, on chromosomes 6, 12, 22, 35 and 36, respectively). In MLSTest, phylogenetic incongruence between loci was assessed using the BIO-Neighbor Joining Incongruence Length Difference test (BIONJ-ILD) and evaluated by a permutation test with 1,000 replicates. A final Neighbor-Joining tree was constructed and statistical support was calculated as the mean across 1,000 randomizations and those >70% are shown for relevant nodes. Branch colors indicate isolate DTU (TcII, TcIII, TcV or TcVI). Colombian strain labels are underlined.



Technical Appendix Figure 2. Maximum-Likelihood tree constructed from Met-II haplotypes. Haplotypes for each nuclear gene were inferred using PHASE v2.1 software, which utilizes a modified Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm to identify all unambiguous haplotypes within a population, i.e., those observed in strains which are homozygous at all variable sites or heterozygous at only a single polymorphic site.

Haplotypes in the remaining isolates, which are heterozygous at multiple sites (and therefore of ambiguous phase), are then estimated and a probability of uncertainty assigned to each phase call (latterly confirmed by PCR cloning if $p < 0.95$). Maximum-Likelihood topologies were constructed using haplotypes for each individual nuclear locus. The phylogeny generated for Met-II, the most polymorphic target, is given as an example above. The most appropriate nucleotide substitution model was TrNef+G (three substitution rate categories) based on the AIC. Statistical support for major clades is given as equivalent bootstraps and posterior probabilities from consensus Maximum-Likelihood (1,000 pseudo-replicates) and Bayesian trees (based on the HKY+G model), respectively. Branch colors indicate isolate DTU (TcII, TcIII, TcV or TcVI). Colombian strain labels are underlined.