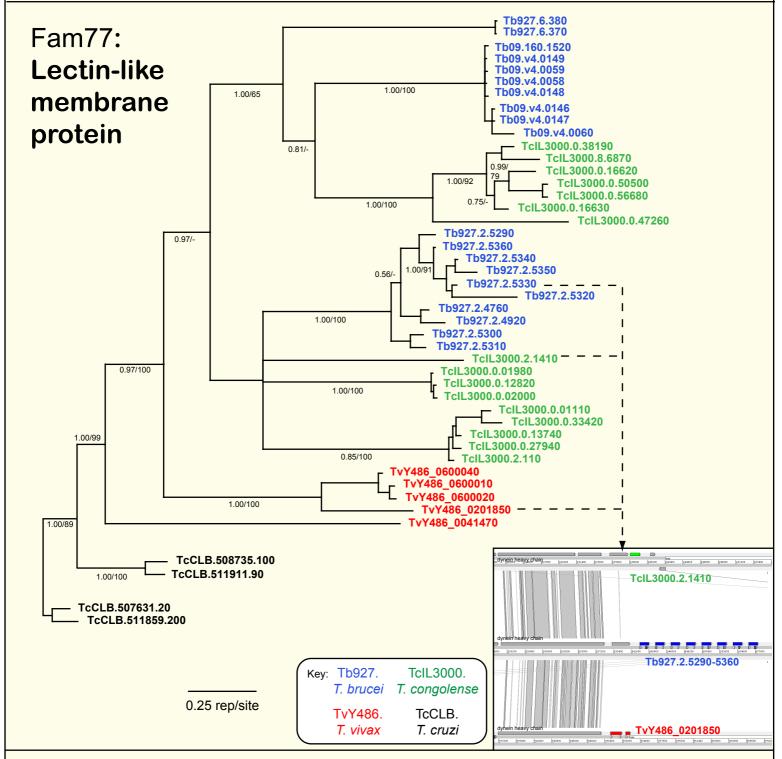
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NOTES: Fam77 comprises predicted membrane proteins from all species. All members have have predicted signal peptides and a transmembrane domain towards the 3' end. They range in length from 316 to 561 amino acids, largely due to a highly repetitive domain. The conserved part of the protein is similar to a C-lectin, or carbohydrate-binding, domain and these proteins have occasionally been referred to as 'mucin-like'. The C-lectin domain is evident in particular family members only, i.e. Tb09.v4.0149, although a homologous region is well conserved in all other genes. There is a single locus conserved across *Trypanosoma* (inset showing an ACT comparison in which vertical grey bars represent significant BLASTp matches and Fam77 members are coloured), which corresponds to the tandem gene array on chromosome 2 in T. brucei. Additionally, there are multiple species-specific loci in subtelomeric regions. It is likely that further gene copies reside within subtelomeric regions of T. congolense and T. vivax, which have not been resolved here.

The Bayesian phylogram was estimated from a multiple protein sequence alignment of 247 characters, using MrBayes under default settings. The tree is mid-point rooted with *T. cruzi* sequences. Selected nodes are supported by posterior probabilities and non-parametric bootstraps generated from a maximum likelihood analysis under a GTR+Γ model.