**Table S6.** Assessment of the geographical structure within and among cattle populations using AMOVA based on mtDNA D-loop sequences.

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| Hierarchical clusters | Variance components | % of variation | F | *P*-value |
| 1. Nigerian population (overall) | Among population | 0.88 | 0.00877 | 0.18964 |
|  | Within population | 99.12 |  |  |
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| 2. Nigeria vs. a South Africa  | Among groups | 34.32 | 0.34324 | 0.33040 |
|  | Amongpopulationswithingroups | -1.60 | -0.02436 | 0.88074 |
|  | Within populations |  67.28 | 0.32724 | 0.00000 |
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| 3. Nigeria vs. b Mozambique | Among groups |  8.15 | -0.08146 | 0.26002 |
|  | Amongpopulationswithingroups | -1.61 | -0.01751 | 0.47996 |
|  | Within populations |  93.46 | 0.06538 | 0.00196 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Nigeria vs. c Egypt | Among groups |  1.24 | 0.01244 | 0.64614 |
|  | Amongpopulationswithingroups |  15.70 | 0.15893 | 0.01173 |
|  | Within populations |  83.06 | 0.16940 | 0.00000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Nigeria vs. d Ethiopia  | Among groups |  6.85 | 0.06853 | 0.09189 |
|  | Amongpopulationswithingroups |  -0.11 | -0.00113 | 0.47312 |
|  | Within populations |  93.25 | 0.06748 | 0.00000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Nigeria vs. e Europe | Among groups | 26.52 | 0.26523 | 0.33272 |
|  | Amongpopulationswithingroups | 5.42 | 0.07375 | 0.00004 |
|  | Within populations | 68.06 | 0.31941 | 0.00000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Nigeria vs. f West Asia | Among groups | 30.39 | 0.30389 | 0.33553 |
|  | Amongpopulationswithingroups |    7.33 | 0.10533 | 0.55841 |
|  | Within populations | 62.28 | 0.37722 | 0.00000 |
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Note:  a South Africa: Nguni cattle populations; b Mozambique: Landim, Angone and Tete cattle breeds; c Egypt: Domiaty and Menofi cattle populations; d Ethiopia: Adaw, Ambo, Arsi, Boran, Danakil, Fogera, Horro, Ogaden, Raya-Azebo and Sheko cattle breeds; e Europe: Cattle from Italy, Greece, Portugal, Spain, and Republic of Ireland; f West Asia: Iranian and Iraqi cattle breeds