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MODULE 2: NEW SPECIES

creating and naming one or more new species.

If more than one, they should be a group of related species belonging to the same genus. All new species must be placed in a higher taxon. This is usually a genus although it is also permissible for species to be “unassigned” within a subfamily or family. Wherever possible, provide sequence accession number(s) for one isolate of each new species proposed.

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And name the new species: Turkey adenovirus B

GenBank sequence accession number(s) of reference isolate: GU936707

Reasons to justify the creation and assignment of the new species:

- Explain how the proposed species differ(s) from all existing species.
  - If species demarcation criteria (see module 3) have previously been defined for the genus, explain how the new species meet these criteria.
  - If criteria for demarcating species need to be defined (because there will now be more than one species in the genus), please state the proposed criteria.
- Further material in support of this proposal may be presented in the Appendix, Module 9

Species demarcation criteria in the genus

- Phylogenetic distance (>5-15%, based primarily on distance matrix analysis of the DNA polymerase amino acid sequence).
  The closest type from an accepted species to turkey adenovirus 1 (TAdV-1), based on the DNA polymerase sequence, is fowl adenovirus 1 (species Fowl adenovirus A), with a distance of 19%.
- Genome organization (characteristically in the region at the right end of the genome).
  The genome organization of TAdV-1 is similar to that of FAdV-1, but there are differences. A novel ORF (ORF50) is located at the right genomic end, and its product shows no significant similarity to any protein in GenBank. FAdV-1 ORF10 and ORF16 lack homologues in TAdV-1. There are also differences at the left genomic end: TAdV-1 does not contain a homologue of FAdV-1 ORF1C, but on the other strand there is a homologue of FAdV-9 ORF24.
- RFLP analysis
  Virtual restriction endonuclease profiles of TAdV-1 are very different from those of FAdVs (Zsák and Kisary, 1984).
- Host range
  TAdV-1 was isolated from a bird species different from hosts of other aviadenoviruses: domesticated turkey (Meleagris gallopavo).
- Pathogenicity
  TAdV-1 was isolated from the trachea of 10-week-old turkeys showing respiratory signs. Thus its apparent pathogenic properties are different from those of members of accepted adenovirus species.
additional material in support of this proposal

References:


Annex:
Include as much information as necessary to support the proposal, including diagrams comparing the old and new taxonomic orders. The use of Figures and Tables is strongly recommended but direct pasting of content from publications will require permission from the copyright holder together with appropriate acknowledgement as this proposal will be placed on a public web site. For phylogenetic analysis, try to provide a tree where branch length is related to genetic distance.

The tentative species Turkey adenovirus was listed in the Seventh ICTV Report as containing the types TAdV-1 and TAdV-2 (Benkő et al., 2000). In the Eighth ICTV Report this tentative species was renamed as Turkey adenovirus B, as Turkey adenovirus A was accepted for TAdV-3 (turkey hemorrhagic enteritis virus, THEV). However, it was not recognized as an official species (Benkő et al., 2005) because of lack of genome sequence. At that stage, the tentative species category was abolished, the accepted taxonomy listing only the officially accepted species. The classification of fowl adenoviruses was recently validated by the analysis of partial DNA polymerase sequences (Kaján et al, 2011), but the TAdV types were still not included in an officially accepted virus species.

A strain of TAdV-1 was isolated in Hungary, and the whole genome was sequenced (Fig. 1; Kaján et al, 2010). The observed phylogenetic distances between TAdV-1 and members of accepted aviadenovirus species, are adequate for the acceptance of a species for TAdV-1 (Figs. 2-4). In addition to phylogenetic analyses, the genome organisation, virtual RFLP data and the known and differing host and pathogenicity also support the establishment of a new species.

Since the name of the species should reflect the name of the host, the proposed name is Turkey adenovirus B.
Fig. 1. Genome organisation of TAdV-1. The six lighter grey bars represent the six reading frames; exons are merged by thin lines. Genes highlighted in green are conserved in every adenovirus sequenced to date, red ones are common only to every avian adenovirus, and the homologues of yellow ones are present in certain avian adenoviruses only. The single white ORF (ORF50) shows no significant similarity to any protein sequences. Fiber-2-L and fiber-2-R represent the two resulting mutilated fiber genes originating from the break of the second fiber gene. DBP – DNA-binding protein; ITR – inverted terminal repeat; pTP – terminal protein precursor.
Fig. 2. Phylogenetic tree constructed by distance matrix analysis from derived aa sequence alignment of the complete DNA polymerase gene. The calculation was non-rooted, and the tree was rooted at the midpoint. TAdV-1 is shown in red. Numbers at the nodes refer to the level of confidence as determined by bootstrap analysis from 1000 samplings (when they confirmed the initial phylogenetic calculation). The scale bar indicates an evolutionary distance of 0.2 aa substitution per position.
**Fig. 3.** Phylogenetic tree constructed by distance matrix analysis of partial DNA polymerase sequences from adenoviruses. The calculation was non-rooted, and the tree was rooted at the midpoint. TAdV-1 is shown in red. Numbers at the nodes refer to the level of confidence as determined by bootstrap analysis from 1000 samplings (when they confirmed the initial phylogenetic calculation). Scale bar indicates an evolutionary distance of 0.2 aa substitution per position.
Fig. 4. Phylogenetic tree constructed by distance matrix analysis from derived aa sequence alignment of the complete hexon gene. The calculation was non-rooted, and the tree was rooted at the midpoint. TAdV-1 is shown in red. Numbers at the nodes refer to the level of confidence as determined by bootstrap analysis from 1000 samplings (when they confirmed the initial phylogenetic calculation). Scale bar indicates an evolutionary distance of 0.1 aa substitution per position.