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Dear Álvaro,

I am contacting you on behalf of the *Potyviriidae* Study Group of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV).

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The Study Group is in the process of renaming existing species to comply with the new binomial format now mandated by the ICTV for virus species. They wish to rename the species *Alternanthera mild mosaic virus* as *Potyvirus almeidense*, in honor of your contributions to plant virology.

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To proceed with this matter according to the ICTV rules, we need formal acceptance from you. Our correspondence will be deposited in the ICTV website (in a restricted area, accessible only to Executive Committee members). You may reply by e-mail to <zerbini@ufv.br>.

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I hope you will accept this, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

F. Murilo Zerbini
President of the ICTV

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