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Please try to keep related proposals within a single document; you can copy the modules to create more than one genus within a new family, for example.

MODULE 1: **TITLE, AUTHORS, etc**

Code assigned:	2012.003aP	(to be completed by ICTV officers)			
Short title: Restore 5 species unassigned in family <i>Closteroviridae</i> wrongly omitted from MSL (e.g. 6 new species in the genus <i>Zetavirus</i>)					
Modules attached (modules 1 and 9 are required)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
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A list of study groups and contacts is provided at <http://www.ictvonline.org/subcommittees.asp> . If in doubt, contact the appropriate subcommittee chair (fungal, invertebrate, plant, prokaryote or vertebrate viruses)

Closteroviridae

ICTV-EC or Study Group comments and response of the proposer:

Date first submitted to ICTV:

Date of this revision (if different to above):

MODULE 8: **NON-STANDARD**

Template for any proposal not covered by modules 2-7. This includes proposals to change the name of existing taxa (but note that stability of nomenclature is encouraged wherever possible).

non-standard proposal

Code	2012.003aP	(assigned by ICTV officers)
Title of proposal: Restore 5 species unassigned in family <i>Closteroviridae</i> wrongly omitted from the MSL		

Text of proposal:

In 2001, the EC minutes list a proposal to the EC to recognize 5 species unassigned within the family *Closteroviridae*:

Olive leaf yellowing-associated virus
Little cherry virus 1
Grapevine leafroll-associated virus 7
Megaekesasma mosaic virus
Alligatorweed stunting virus

Following the procedure just introduced, these proposals were then held on the web site and reconsidered at the EC in 2002. The 2002 minutes state an agreement for them to become "unassigned viruses" in the family. This ambiguous and unfortunate phrase has found its way into the 8th Report - there is a table at the end of the *Closteroviridae* chapter listing these as "unassigned viruses" in the family *Closteroviridae*.

The 8th Report entry is a little ambiguous. The text below the heading refers to them as species, but the names are listed without italics. When the MSL was compiled these viruses were all omitted on the ground that they were viruses and not species. In the 9th Report they are therefore listed as "Other related viruses which may be members of the family but have not been approved as species".

Following some recent enquiries initiated by the SG, the EC records and publications have been checked and it is clear that these 5 species were approved by the correct procedure in 2002 but have wrongly been omitted from the MSL.

- (1) It is quite clear from the EC 2001 minutes that the original intention was for them to be created as species
- (2) Despite the vague working of the EC 2002 minutes, all five are listed as proposed unassigned species in the family *Closteroviridae* in the publication listing all the proposals being sent out for ratification in 2002 (Mayo 2002a).
- (3) A further publication (Mayo 2002b) reports that all proposals listed in Mayo, 2002a have now been approved.

It is therefore proposed to re-instate the five species listed above as unassigned in the family *Closteroviridae* with immediate effect. Little cherry virus-1 and Grapevine leafroll-associated virus-7 are the subjects of a 2012 proposal from the *Closteroviridae* SG which, if approved, will move them to a new genus *Velarivirus* in due course.

References:

Mayo MA (2002a). Virus Taxonomy - Houston 2002. Arch Virol 147(5): 1071-1076.
Mayo MA (2002b). A summary of taxonomic changes recently approved by ICTV. Arch Virol 147(8): 1655-1656.