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**Supporting material:**

**One new species in the genus *Turncurtovirus***

There are currently two species in the genus *Turncurtovirus* in the family *Geminiviridae*, *Turnip curly top virus* (Briddon *et al.* 2010) and *Turnip leaf roll virus* (Kamali *et al.* 2016). Isolates of these species have only been found so far in Iran and are transmitted by the leafhopper *Circulifer haematoceps*.

Based on the distribution of pairwise identities, a tentative species demarcation threshold of 80% has been proposed and is currently used (Varsani *et al*. 2014; Kamali *et al*. 2016). Thus, pairs of turncurtovirus isolates that have full genome sequences with >80% pairwise identity are considered as members of the same species. Based on this framework, one new species needs to be established to allow the classification of new turncurtovirus isolates that have been recently characterized from Pakistan and Iran.

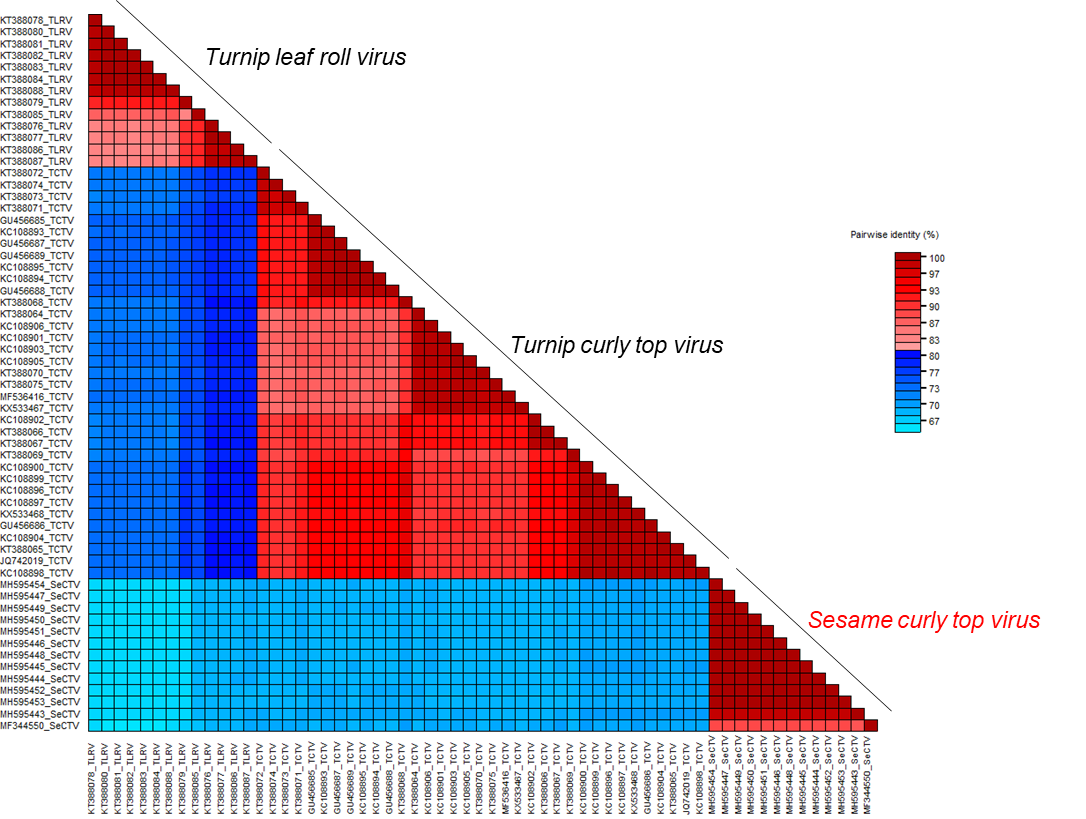
***Sesame curly top virus***

Thirteen isolates of sesame curly top virus (Table 1) have been identified from sesame (*Sesamum indicum*) in Pakistan (n=1) and Iran (n=1) and the leafhopper *Circulifer haematoceps* collected from sesame plants also in Iran (n=11) (Hasanvand *et al*. 2018). The 12 isolates from Iran share >98% identity between them and 87-88% with the isolate from Pakistan. Also, the isolates share <70% with isolates of TCTV and TLRV (Figure 1), being under the 80% turncurtovirus demarcation criteria. Phylogenetically, the 13 isolates constitute a separate cluster with 100% bootstrap support (Figure 2).

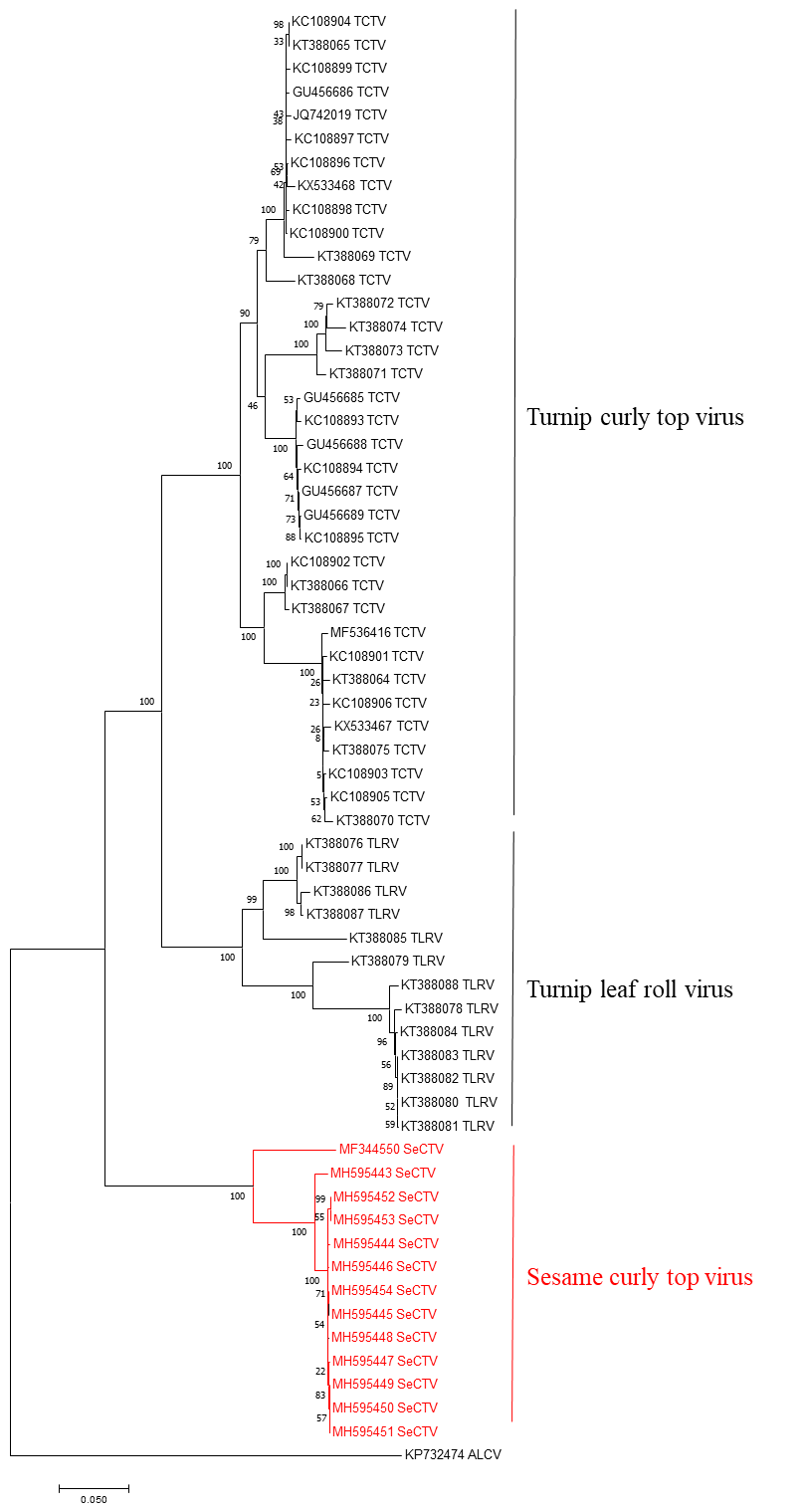
The isolate from Pakistan, whose sequence is not published but deposited in GenBank with accession number MF344550, was named as sesame yellow mosaic virus and those from Iran (MH595443-MH595454) were named as sesame curly top virus. The name *Sesame curly top virus* is proposed for the new species based on: i) the literature contains the name sesame yellow mosaic virus as a tentative name for a potyvirus, and ii) its formal publication (Hasanvand *et al*. 2018).

**Table 1.** Details of sesame curly top virus isolates

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| **Species name** | **Virus acronym** | **GenBank Acc. No.** | Isolate | Source | **Country** | **Reference** |
| *Sesame curly top virus* | SeCTV | MF344550 | PK-Lay-Se386-12 | *S. indicum* | Pakistan | Unpublished |
| MH595443 | IR-Jir-Jir36-17 | *S. indicum* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595444 | IR-Sir-LH\_1-13-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595445 | IR-Orz-LH\_4-2-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595446 | IR-Orz-LH\_4-5-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595447 | IR-Orz-LH\_4-3-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595448 | IR-Orz-LH\_4-15-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595449 | IR-Jir-JK\_1-6-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595450 | IR-Jir-JK\_6-2-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595451 | IR-Jir-JK\_7-4-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595452 | IR-Jir-JK\_10-2-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595453 | IR-Jir-JK\_10-3-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |
| MH595454 | IR-Orz-LH\_4-14 | *C. haematoceps* | Iran | Hasanvand *et al*. (2018) |



**Figure 1.** Two-color pairwise identity matrix inferred using SDT v1.2 (Muhire *et al*. 2014) including isolates of *Turnip leaf roll virus* and *Turnip curly top virus* (the two previously recognized species in the genus *Turncurtovirus*) and those of the proposed species, *Sesame curly top virus*.



**Figure 2.** Neighbour-Joining phylogenetic tree (rooted with the sequence of the capulavirus alfalfa leaf curl virus, ALCV) of all turncurtovirus genomes. Sesame curly top virus isolates are highlighted in red.

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