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

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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.

Code	2015.002aM	(assigned by ICTV officers)
To create 2 new species within:		
Genus:	<i>Bornavirus</i>	Fill in all that apply. • If the higher taxon has yet to be created (in a later module, below) write “(new)” after its proposed name. • If no genus is specified, enter “unassigned” in the genus box.
Subfamily:		
Family:	<i>Bornaviridae</i>	
Order:	<i>Mononegavirales</i>	
Name of new species:	Representative isolate:	GenBank sequence accession number(s)
<i>Elapid 1 bornavirus</i>	Loveridge's garter snake virus 1 (LGSV-1) [ex RBV-1]	KM114265
<i>Psittaciform 2 bornavirus</i>	Parrot bornavirus 5 (PaBV-5)	KR612223

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

Until early 2015 the family *Bornaviridae* consisted of one genus (*Bornavirus*) with a single species (*Borna disease virus*) originating from mammalian hosts. However, since 2008 several bornaviruses have been discovered in avian and reptilian hosts. Very recently, the taxonomy was adapted to this increased variability (see newest taxonomy release by the ICTV). The family remains mono-generic, but four new species (*Passeriform 1 bornavirus*, *Passeriform 2 bornavirus*, *Psittaciform 1 bornavirus*, *Waterbird 1 bornavirus*) were established to accommodate the majority of known avian bornaviruses. Furthermore, the species “*Borna disease virus*” was renamed “*Mammalian 1 bornavirus*”. Additional viruses, including the reptilian “Gabon viper virus 1” (“GaVV-1”), remain unclassified due to lack of sufficient biological and sequence data (Kuhn et al., 2015). Criteria for species demarcation are based on genomic characteristics, including PAirwise Sequence Comparison (PASC) (Bao et al., 2012, 2014), in combination with biological characteristics, such as antigenic relationship (Zimmermann et al., 2014) and natural host range (Kuhn et al., 2015). In agreement with these additional criteria, the range of the species differentiation cut-off for PASC of coding-complete genome sequences was defined as 71 to 75% (Kuhn et al., 2015).

By now, three new bornaviruses have been discovered, of which “parrot bornavirus 8” (PaBV-8) (Philadelpho et al., 2014) has to remain unassigned due to insufficient sequence data. “Avian bornavirus mallard” (“ABV-MALL”), was isolated from mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*, order Anseriformes) in the USA (Guo et al., 2014) and a coding-complete genome of the isolate was

deposited to GenBank (KJ756399). The highest nucleotide identity of this sequence is 72.9% to aquatic bird bornavirus 1 (species *Waterbird 1 bornavirus*), which is within the range of the previously defined species differentiation cut-off of 71 to 75% and above the maximal nucleotide identity between members of two established species, which is 71.0% between canary bornavirus 2 (CnBV-2, species *Passeriform 1 bornavirus*) and aquatic bird bornavirus 1 (ABBV-1, species *Waterbird 1 bornavirus*). The known host range of “ABV-MALL” is compatible with the host range of ABBV-1, the only member of species *Waterbird 1 bornavirus*, which has been detected in anseriform (geese and swans) (Guo et al., 2012; Payne et al., 2011) and charadriiform birds (Kuhn et al., 2015). Serological data for “ABV-MALL” is not available, but deduced amino acid sequence identities with ABBV-1 are similar to those of members of other species, suggesting a strong antigenic relationship (see attached Excel file). Phylogenetic analysis places both viruses on the same branch (Figures 2 & 3). Based on these data we propose adjusting the defined species differentiation cut-off to 72% nucleotide sequence identity and including “ABV-MALL” in the species *Waterbird 1 bornavirus*. We further suggest using “aquatic bird bornavirus 2” (ABBV-2) as the new designation of “ABV-MALL” (Table 2).

The third novel bornavirus, tentatively termed “reptile bornavirus 1” (“RBV-1”), was identified in a museum sample originating from a wild-caught Loveridge’s garter snake (*Elapsoidea loveridgei*) in Tanzania (Stenglein et al., 2014). No isolate of this virus exists, but the coding-complete genome sequence has been determined (KM114265). The nucleotide sequence identity of this genome to other bornavirus genomes is 58.2 to 59.6%, which is well below the defined species differentiation cut-off of 72%. Together with its origin from a reptile, rather than birds or mammals, establishment of a novel species is appropriate. The maximal nucleotide identity of the “RBV-1” genome is slightly lower than the minimal nucleotide identity between members of the established species included in the genus *Bornavirus* (62.0% between Borna disease virus 1 [BoDV-1] and parrot bornavirus 1 [PaBV-1]), which we think does not justify establishing a new genus for this virus without additional supporting data. In summary, we propose affiliating “RBV-1” to a new species “*Elapid 1 bornavirus*” within the genus *Bornavirus*. To distinguish “RBV-1” from GaVV-1, which is likewise of reptilian origin, we suggest “Loveridge’s garter snake virus 1” (LGSV-1) as the new virus designation (Kuhn et al., 2015).

Furthermore, very recently a coding-complete genome (KR612223) has been published for parrot bornavirus 5 (PaBV-5) (Marton et al., 2015). PaBV-5 had been discovered already in 2008 but remained unclassified due to lack of sufficient sequence information (Kuhn et al., 2015). PaBV-5 clusters separately from other known bornaviruses (Figure 2 & 3) and PASC analysis revealed the maximal identity of the PaBV-5 genome sequence with any known bornavirus genome to be below the species differentiation cut-off (68% to CnBV-2, species *Passeriform 1 bornavirus*). Thus we propose establishing the new species “*Psittaciform 2 bornavirus*” to accommodate PaBV-5.

MODULE 9: **APPENDIX**: supporting material

additional material in support of this proposal

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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.

Table 1. Sequences used for PASC analysis

GenBank acc. no.	Virus	Variant characteristics	Sequence information
AB032031	BoDV-1	Japanese laboratory variant of "strain" V	complete genome
AB246670	BoDV-1	Japanese laboratory variant Bo/04w of "strain" V	complete genome
AB258389	BoDV-1	Japanese laboratory variant huP2br of "strain" V	complete genome
AJ311521	BoDV-1	Freiburg laboratory variant of "strain" V	complete genome
AJ311522	BoDV-1	Freiburg laboratory variant of "strain" He/80	complete genome
AJ311523	BoDV-1	"strain" H1766 of BDV1 sequence cluster 4 originally isolated from a horse	complete genome
AY114161	BoDV-1	US laboratory variant of "strain" V	complete genome
AY114162	BoDV-1	US laboratory variant of "strain" V	complete genome
AY114163	BoDV-1	US laboratory variant of "strain" V	complete genome
L27077	BoDV-1	"strain" He/80 of BDV1 sequence cluster 1A originally isolated from a horse	complete genome
NC_001607	BoDV-1	"strain" V of BDV1 sequence cluster 4 originally isolated from a horse	complete genome
AJ311524	BoDV-2	"strain" No/98 originally isolated from a horse in Styria	complete genome
GU249595	PaBV-1	"strain" M25 isolated from a red-shouldered macaw in the USA	coding complete genome
JX065207	PaBV-1	"strain" 16234 isolated from a kea in Germany	coding complete genome
EU781967	PaBV-2	"strain" bil isolated from a sun parakeet in the USA	complete genome
FJ620690	PaBV-2	"strain" 6609 isolated from a Hispaniolan amazon in Austria	complete genome
GU249596	PaBV-4	"strain" AG5 isolated from an African grey parrot in the USA	complete genome
JN014948	PaBV-4	"strain" NM_06 isolated from Goffin's cockatoo in the USA	coding complete genome
JN014949	PaBV-4	"strain" NM_20 isolated from a blue-and-yellow macaw in the USA	coding complete genome
JN035148	PaBV-4	"strain" NM_01 isolated from Jandaya parakeet in the USA	coding complete genome
JX065209	PaBV-4	"strain" 6758 isolated from a blue-and-yellow macaw in Germany	complete genome
KR612223	PaBV-5	"strain" 2014-A isolated from a blue-and-yellow macaw in Hungary	coding complete genome
KF578398	ABBV-1	"strain" 062-CG isolated from a Canada goose in the USA	complete genome
KJ756399	ABBV-2	"strain" duck-89 isolated from a wild duck in the USA	coding complete genome
KC464471	CnBV-1	"strain" 7293 isolated from a domestic canary bird in Germany	coding complete genome
KC464478	CnBV-2	"strain" 15864 isolated from a domestic canary bird in Germany	coding complete genome
KC595273	CnBV-3	"strain" VS-4424 isolated from a domestic canary bird in Germany	coding complete genome
KM114265	LGSV-1	"strain" 251327 detected in a wild caught Loveridge's garter snake in Tanzania	coding complete genome

Figure 1. Histogram of *Bornaviridae* PASC analysis. Distribution of pairwise identities among complete sequences of 17 viruses in the family *Bornaviridae*. The histogram is colored as if the taxonomy proposed here was accepted by the ICTV and then adopted by [NCBI](#). Peaks above 72% identity (green) represent genome pairs belonging to the same species. Peaks below 71% identity (yellow) represent genome pairs belonging to different species but the same genus. X-axis, percentage of identity; y-axis, number of genome pairs.

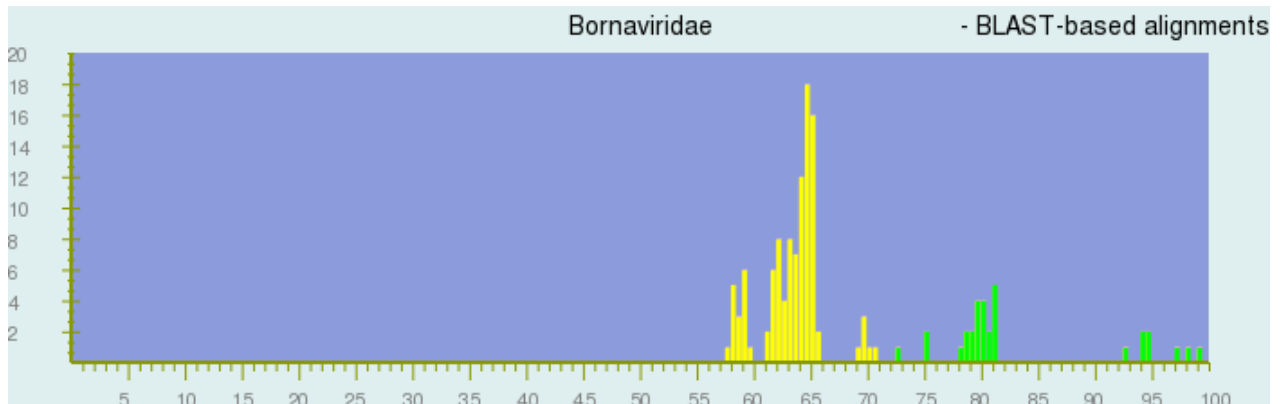


Table 2. Proposed classification and nomenclature of bornaviruses

Family (name of taxon members)	Genus (name of taxon members)	Species	Virus (virus abbreviation)
<i>Bornaviridae</i> (bornavirids, bornaviruses)			
	<i>Bornavirus</i> (bornaviruses)		
		<u><i>Mammalian 1 bornavirus</i></u>	
			Borna disease virus 1 (BoDV-1)
			Borna disease virus 2 (BoDV-2)
		<i>Psittaciform 1 bornavirus</i>	
			parrot bornavirus 1 (PaBV-1)
			parrot bornavirus 2 (PaBV-2)
			parrot bornavirus 3 (PaBV-3)
			parrot bornavirus 4 (PaBV-4)
			parrot bornavirus 7 (PaBV-7)
		<i>Passeriform 1 bornavirus</i>	
			canary bornavirus 1 (CnBV-1)
			canary bornavirus 2 (CnBV-2)
			canary bornavirus 3 (CnBV-3)
		<i>Waterbird 1 bornavirus</i>	
			aquatic bird bornavirus 1 (ABBV-1)
			aquatic bird bornavirus 2 (ABBV-2) (ex “genotype ABV-MALL”)
		<i>Passeriform 2 bornavirus</i>	
			estrildid finch bornavirus 1 (EsBV-1)
		<i>Psittaciform 2 bornavirus</i>	
			parrot bornavirus 5 (PaBV-5)
		<i>Elapid 1 bornavirus</i>	
			Loveridge’s garter snake virus 1 (LGSV-1) (ex “Reptile bornavirus 1” [RBV-1])
		tentative, unclassified bornaviruses	
			Gaboon viper virus 1 (GaVV-1)
			munia bornavirus 1 (MuBV-1)
			parrot bornavirus 6 (PaBV-6)
			parrot bornavirus 8 (PaBV-8)

¹Type species is underlined.

red new virus, previously unclassified

blue previously classified, now unclassified in agreement with decisions of the ICTV *Mononegavirales* Study Group to classify only viruses of which at least one isolate and/or (coding-)complete genome sequences exist.

Figure 2. Phylogenetic tree of a 5,571 nt stretch coding for complete N, X, P, M, and G proteins and partial L proteins of 13 bornaviruses (corresponding to pos. 54 to 5,553 of BoDV-1 [U04608]). Phylogenetic neighbor joining analysis was conducted with Geneious 6.1.6. The evolutionary distances were computed using the Jukes-Cantor model. Bootstrap resampling analysis with 1,000 replicates was employed; percentages $\geq 70\%$ are shown next to the branches.

