Taxonomic proposal to the ICTV Executive Committee



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Code assigne	ed:	2007.021-023F)	(to be completed by ICTV off	icers)	
Short title: Creation of new family Betaflexiviridae (e.g. 6 new species in the genus Zetavirus; re-classification of the family Zetaviridae etc.) Modules attached (please check all that apply): The content of the family Zetaviridae etc.)						
Author(s) with e-mail address(es) of the proposer:						
Mike Adams (mike.adams@bbsrc.ac.uk) on behalf of the Flexiviridae SG and Jan Kreuze (j.kreuze@cgiar.org)						
If the proposal has been seen and agreed by the relevant study group(s) write "yes" in the box on the right						
ICTV-EC or Study Group comments and response of the proposer:						
The original (2007) proposal was to create a new subfamily Betaflexivirinae within the family Flexiviridae and to assign the families Flexiviridae and Tymoviridae in the new order Tymovirales. As a result of EC discussion and comments, the Study Group has agreed to split the Flexiviridae into three families and thus create an order with four families. This therefore becomes a proposal to create a new family Betaflexiviridae.						
Date first submitted to ICTV: Date of this revision (if different to above): 08 June 2007 20 Aug 2008						
MODULE 5: NEW FAMILY						
Code	Code 2007.018P			(assigned by ICTV officers)		
To create a new family containing genera resembling: Carlavirus						
Code	ode 2007.019P (assigned by ICTV officers)					
To name the new family: Betaflexiviridae						
Code	2007	7.020P	(assign	ed by ICTV officers)		
To assign the following as genera in the new family:						
Carlavirus Citrivirus Capillovir Foveaviru	us					

Trichovirus Vitivirus

(All these are currently assigned to the family *Flexiviridae*; a proposal to remove them from that position and remove the old family is included within the proposal to create the order Tymovirales [2007.027-029P.A.Tymovirales])

To assign the following species to be unassigned in the new family (i.e. within the family but not assigned to any genus):

Banana mild mosaic virus
Cherry green ring mottle virus
Cherry necrotic rusty mottle virus
Potato virus T
Sugarcane striate mosaic-associated virus

(All these are currently species unassigned within the family *Flexiviridae*; a proposal to remove them from that position and remove the old family is included within the proposal to create the order Tymovirales [2007.027-029P.A.Tymovirales])

Reasons to justify the creation of a new family:

See the proposal for the order *Tymovirales* [2007.027-029P.A.Tymovirales] for a general justification of the order and the proposed division of the current family *Flexiviridae* into new families.

The proposed family *Betaflexiviridae* is characterized by the carlavirus-like replication protein (identified from grouping in phylogenetic analyses and also its larger size of >195 kDa).

Origin of the new family name:

Greek beta for the second family created from the division of the old family Flexiviridae

References:

Martelli G, Adams MJ, Kreuze JF, Dolja VV (2007) Family Flexiviridae: a case study in virion and genome plasticity. Annual Review of Phytopathology 45, 73-100.

Annex:

Include as much information as necessary to support the proposal. The use of Figures and Tables is strongly recommended.

See the related proposals to create the families *Alphaflexiviridae* [2007.018-020P.A.Alphaflexiviridae] and *Gammaflexiviridae* [2007.024-026P.A.Gammaflexiviridae] and an order *Tymovirales* [2007.027-029P.A.Tymovirales]