

The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses

Taxonomy Proposal Form, 2025

**Part 1a: Details of taxonomy proposals**

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| **Title:**  | Create five new species in the genus *Mastrevirus* (family *Geminiviridae*) |
| **Code assigned:**  | 2025.012P.Ac.v3.Geminiviridae\_Mastrevirus\_5nsp |

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**Part 1b: Taxonomy Proposal Submission**

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| **ICTV Subcommittee:**  |
| Animal DNA Viruses and Retroviruses |  | Bacterial viruses |  |
| Animal minus-strand and dsRNA viruses |  | Fungal and protist viruses |  |
| Animal positive-strand RNA viruses |  | Plant viruses | **X** |
| Archaeal viruses |  | General  |  |

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| **List the ICTV Study Group(s) that have seen or have been involved in creating this proposal:**  |
| *Geminiviridae* and *Tolecusatellitidae* |

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| **Optional – complete only if formally voted on by an ICTV Study Group:**  |
| **Study Group** | **Number of members** |
| **Votes in support** | **Votes against** | **No vote** |
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| **Submission date:** |  06/06/2025 |

**Part 1c: Feedback from ICTV Executive Committee (EC) meeting**

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| **Executive Committee Meeting Decision code:** | **X** |
| A – Accept |  |
| Ac – Accept subject to revision by relevant subcommittee chair. No further vote required | **X** |
| U – Accept without revision but with re-evaluation and email vote by the EC |  |
| Uc – Accept subject to revision and re-evaluation and email vote by the EC |  |
| Ud – Deferred to the next EC meeting, with an invitation to revise based on EC comments |  |
| J - Reject |  |
| W - Withdrawn |  |

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| **Comments from the Executive Committee:** |
| The EC voted Ac for this proposal (see the table above for explanation), to allow very minor revisions mainly concerning style issues. The EC noted that species names should be always italicized, except in figures if italicization is not possible. |

**Part 1d: Revised Taxonomy Proposal Submission**

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| **Response of proposer:**  |
| All style-related suggestions were accepted. The figures were replaced. |

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| **Revision date:** | 22/08/2025 |

**Part 3:** **TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

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| **Taxonomic changes proposed:**  |
| Establish new taxon | **X** | Split taxon |  |
| Abolish taxon |  | Merge taxon |  |
| Move taxon |  | Promote taxon |  |
| Rename taxon |  | Demote taxon |  |
| Move and rename |  |

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| **Etymology (origin) of proposed taxonomic names:**  |
| **Taxon name**  | **Etymology of the term** |
| *“Mastrevirus cenchri”* | Genus + plant host (Genitive form -us -> -i) **- *Cenchr****us echinatus* |
| *“Mastrevirus croci”* | Genus + plant host (Genitive form -us -> -i) - ***Croc****us sativus* |
| *“Mastrevirus mexicoense”* | Genus + Latinized country of sampling - **Mexico** |
| *“Mastrevirus purpurei”* | Genus + plant host (Genitive form -us -> -i) - *Cenchrus* ***purpure****us* |
| *“Mastrevirus tripterygii"* | Genus + plant host (Genitive form -ium -> -ii) - ***Tripterygi****um wilfordii* |

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| **Permission for use of names derived from a living person:**  |
| **Taxon name** | **Full name of person from whom the name is derived** | **Attached**  |
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| **Abstract of Taxonomy Proposal:**  |
| *Taxonomic rank(s) affected*: Genus *Mastrevirus* in the family *Geminiviridae**Description of current taxonomy*: *Monodnaviria; Shotokuvirae; Cressdnaviricota; Repensiviricetes; Geplafuvirales; Geminiviridae; Mastrevirus* There are currently 50 established species in the genus *Mastrevirus*. New species in the genus *Mastrevirus* are determined based on a 78% pairwise identity threshold coupled with phylogenetic support. *Proposed* *taxonomic change(s):* Create five new species in the genus *Mastrevirus**Justification*: In the last year, eight genomes of mastreviruses have been identified that cannot be classified at the species level within the current taxonomy framework. These can be classified into five new species sharing <78% pairwise identity with all classified mastreviruses. |

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| **Text of Taxonomy proposal:**  |
| *Taxonomic rank(s) affected*: Genus *Mastrevirus* in the family *Geminiviridae**Description of current taxonomy*: *Monodnaviria*; *Shotokuvirae*; *Cressdnaviricota*; *Repensiviricetes*; *Geplafuvirales*; *Geminiviridae*; *Mastrevirus* There are currently 50 established species in the genus *Mastrevirus*.*Proposed* *taxonomic change(s)*: We propose to create five new species in the genus *Mastrevirus* to classify eight new genomes of mastreviruses that have been identified in the last year.*Demarcation criteria:*78% genome-wide pairwise identity threshold coupled with phylogenetic support [1].*Justification*: The genome sequences of the mastreviruses summarized in Table 1 can be classified into five new species that share <78% genome-wide pairwise identity as determined using Sequence Demarcation Tool (SDT) v1.2 [2] with all classified mastreviruses (Figure 1). The classification of these into five new species is supported by maximum likelihood phylogenetic inferred using PHYML [3] from the aligned genomes using MAFFT [4] with GTR+I+G4 chosen as the best fit determined using jModelTest [5] (Figure 2). |

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| **Accompanying files:**  |
| **Filename** | **Description of contents** |
| 2025.012P.A.v1.Geminiviridae\_Mastrevirus\_5nsp | spreadsheet |
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| **Tables, Figures:**  |

Table 1: Summary of the members of the five new species.

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| **Species name**  | **Accession no.** | **Virus name** | **Isolate name** | **Country** | **Host/source** | **Ref** |
| *“Mastrevirus cenchri”* | PQ434710 | Cenchrus echinatus associated virus | 21\_REU\_E0117\_CEAV | Reunion | *Cenchrus echinatus* | [6] |
|  | PQ434734 | Cenchrus echinatus associated virus | 22\_REU\_E0101\_CEAV  | Reunion | *Cenchrus echinatus* | [6] |
| *“Mastrevirus croci”* | PQ392009 | Mastrevirus sp. croci | CSAV\_A9PstI | Iran | *Crocus sativus* | [7] |
|  | PP848143 | Saffron dwarf virus | IR | Iran | *Crocus sativus* | [8] |
|  | PQ740909 | Saffron dwarf virus | IR:Teh:Saf6:22 | Iran | *Crocus sativus* | [9] |
| *“Mastrevirus mexicoense”* | MN203180 | Mastrevirus sp. UHMV-1.PC-W  | UHMV-1.PC-W | Mexico | Unknown (weeds) | [10] |
| *“Mastrevirus purpurei”* | PQ434729 | Cenchrus purpureus mild streak virus | 21\_REU\_E0816\_CPMSV | Reunion | *Cenchrus purpureus* | [6] |
| *“Mastrevirus tripterygii"* | MT159331 | Tripterygium mastrevirus A | Won | China | *Tripterygium wilfordii* | - |

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**Figure 1:** Genome-wide pairwise identity matrix of genomes from each mastrevirus species together with those that are members of the five new species inferred using SDT v1.2 [2]. Representative sequences from the proposed new species (n=5) are marked with “\*”.



**Figure 2:** Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree of representative genomes from each mastrevirus species together with those that are members of the five new species. The phylogenetic tree is rooted using genome sequences of capulaviruses. Representative sequences from the proposed new species (n=5) are marked with “\*”.