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**Part 1:** **TITLE, AUTHORS, etc**

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| **List the ICTV study group(s) that have seen this proposal:** |
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| Correct Chinese white-bellied rats to Confucian niviventers.Response: this has been done. |

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**Supporting material:**

| additional material in support of this proposal |
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| Please explain the reasons for the taxonomic changes you are proposing and provide evidence to support them. The following information should be provided, where relevant:* **Species demarcation criteria**: Explain how new species differ from others in the genus and demonstrate that these differences meet the criteria previously established for demarcating between species. If no criteriahave previously been established, and if there will now be more than one species in the genus, please state the demarcation criteria you are proposing.
* **Higher taxa**:
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	+ For each new genus a **type species** must be designated to represent it. Please explain your choice.
* **Supporting evidence**: The use of Figures and Tables is strongly recommended (note that copying from publications will require permission from the copyright holder). For phylogenetic analysis, please provide a tree where branch length is **proportional to genetic** distance, generated using an appropriate algorithm (Neighbour-Joining, Maximum Likelihood, or Bayesian) and provide evidence of the reliability of the branching (e.g., by bootstrapping).

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Create 1 new genus(***Rohelivirus***) with 1 species (***Rohelivirus A***)

Novel rodent picornaviruses have been described by Du et al. (2016) and Wu et al. (2018). The viruses were detected in pharyngeal and anal swabs of one northern three-toed jerboa (*Dipus sagitta*) and two Confucian niviventers (*Niviventer confucianus*) captured in the Inner Mogolia, Shaanxi and Tibet Provinces of China, respectively. These picornaviruses are hepatovirus-like and differ significantly from the known rodent picornaviruses. Two types are distinguished. No virus was isolated yet.

**Relation to other picornaviruses:**

- Roheliviruses have a typical picornavirus genome layout:

 5'-UTR[1A-1B-1C-1D/2A-2B-2Chel/3A-3BVPg-3Cpro-3Dpol]3'UTR

 (compare Figure 1 in Supporting Material)

- Roheliviruses possess typical hallmarks of picornaviruses:

 **Capsid proteins:** 1B, 1C, 1D have **rhv** domains with drug-binding site,

 **2Chel:** **G**xx**G**x**GKS** motif of helicases,

 **3BVPg:** **Y-3** residue

 **3Cpro:** **C**x**CG**x15**G**x**H** motif,

 **3Dpol: KDE**, **PSG**, **YGDD**, **FLKR** motifs.

- **Phylogenetic analyses** indicate a distinct branch in the P1 and 3CD trees that clusters with sequences of picornavirus supergroup 5 (*Hepatovirus/Tremovirus*) and some unclassified viruses (compare Figs. 2 & 3 of supporting material).

- Based on divergence of the capsid protein-encoding sequence and the VP1 protein sequence, 2 types are distinguished:

[ 1 2 3 ]

 aa↓ / nt→ A1 A1 A2

[ 1] KX156153, Rohelivirus A1 rodent/Ds/PicoV/IM2014 - 0.234 0.256

[ 2] KX156154, Rohelivirus A1 rodent/Rn/PicoV/SX2015/1 0.123 - 0.260

[ 3] KX156155, Rohelivirus A2 rodent/CK/PicoV/Tibet2014 0.173 0.192 -

**Distinguishing features compared to viruses of picornavirus supergroup 5:**

- **Sequence divergence** (uncorrected p-distances) of orthologous proteins is high in pairwise comparisons: The amino acid divergence is greater 70% for P1 and greater 60% for the proteins 2Chel, 3Cpro and 3Dpol of rohelivirus compared to protein sequences of any acknowleged or proposed species of the picornavirus supergroup 5 (compare Table 1). Divergence to sequences of other picornavirus supergroups is even greater.

**Table 1: Amino acid divergence\***

**rohelivirus A1 vs. member of ... P1 2Chel 3Cpro 3Dpol**

*Within-genus* comparisons:

*Rohelivirus*† *Rohelivirus A*† (rohelivirus A1) 0.118 0.123 0.257 0.125

 *Rohelivirus A*† (rohelivirus A2) 0.215 0.232 0.321 0.206

*Between-genus* comparisons:

*Crahelivirus*† *Crahelivirus B*† 0.738 0.648 0.786 0.703

*Gruhelivirus*† *Gruhelivirus B*† 0.740 0.649 0.790 0.717

*Hepatovirus Hepatovirus A* 0.722 0.692 0.797 0.711

 *Hepatovirus B*  0.711 0.676 0.775 0.707

 *Hepatovirus C* 0.705 0.696 0.791 0.694

 *Hepatovirus D* 0.712 0.679 0.781 0.711

 *Hepatovirus E* 0.716 0.655 0.775 0.730

 *Hepatovirus F* 0.718 0.689 0.786 0.709

 *Hepatovirus G* 0.713 0.696 0.754 0.711

 *Hepatovirus H* 0.723 0.686 0.818 0.703

 *Hepatovirus I* 0.707 0.680 0.770 0.685

*Fipivirus*† *Fipivirus A*† 0.758 0.723 0.816 0.727

 *Fipivirus B*† 0.751 0.724 0.821 0.738

 *Fipivirus C*† 0.748 0.683 0.830 0.748

 *Fipivirus D*† 0.730 0.743 0.843 0.707

 *Fipivirus E*† 0.773 0.733 0.820 0.752

*Tremovirus* *Tremovirus A* 0.722 0.667 0.772 0.690

 *Tremovirus B*† 0.728 0.681 0.775 0.683

 *unassigned*  Guangdong fish caecilians picornavirus 0.714 0.643 0.743 0.673

\* number of amino acid differences per site

† proposed taxa

- Roheliviruses have extreme long 5'-UTRs (>1200 nt).

**Type species of genus:**

***Rohelivirus A***, rohelivirus A1 strain rodent/Ds-PicoV/IM2014, GenBank acc. no. KX156153

**Species demarcation criteria:**

not applicable

**Origin of name:**

**Rohelivirus**: derived from ***Ro****dentia* (order rodents, host) and **he**pato-**li**ke **virus**

| **References:** |
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| Du, J., Lu, L., Liu, F., Su, H., Dong, J., Sun, L., Zhu, Y., Ren, X., Yang, F., Guo, F., Liu, Q., Wu, Z.a and Jin, Q. (2016). Distribution and characteristics of rodent picornaviruses in China. Sci. Rep. 6: 34381.Wu Z, Lu L, Du J, Yang L, Ren X, Liu B, Jiang J, Yang J, Dong J, Sun L, Zhu Y, Li Y, Zheng D, Zhang C, Su H, Zheng Y, Zhou H, Zhu G, Li H, Chmura A, Yang F, Daszak P, Wang J, Liu Q, Jin Q. Comparative analysis of rodent and small mammal viromes to better understand the wildlife origin of emerging infectious diseases. Microbiome. 2018 Oct 3;6(1):178. |

**Supporting material:**



**Legend to Figure 1:** Genome of rohelivirus A1 compared to the genome of hepatitis A virus (schematic depiction). The open reading frame is indicated by a box. Positions of putative 3Cpro cleavage sites are indicated by a ▼. The VP0 processing site is indicated by a hash (#). The names and lengths of the deduced proteins are presented. The 5'-UTRs of craheli- and paracraheliviruses may be incomplete.

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**Legend to Figure 2:**  Phylogenetic analysis of picornavirus **P1** using Bayesian tree inference (MrBayes 3.2). Thirty-five picornavirus sequences of the *Hepatovirus/Tremovirus* supergroup were retrieved from GenBank; the cardiovirus sequence served as outgroup. [Note: the supergroup does not imply a taxonomic entity but reflects phylogenetic clustering of the respective genera observed in different tree inference methods (NJ, ML, Bayesian MCMC).] Presented are GenBank accession numbers, ***genus*** ***names***, *species names*, type and—if available—common names in round brackets. Designations of isolates are given in square brackets. Yet unassigned viruses are printed in blue. The proposed names are printed in red and indicated by a dot (●). Numbers at nodes indicate posterior probabilities obtained after 2,000,000 generations. The optimal substitution model (GTR+G+I) was determined with MEGA 5. The scale indicates substitutions/site.



**Legend to Figure 3:**  Phylogenetic analysis of picornavirus **3CD** using Bayesian tree inference (MrBayes 3.2). Thirty-seven picornavirus sequences of the *Hepatovirus/Tremovirus* supergroup were retrieved from GenBank; the cardiovirus sequence served as outgroup. [Note: the supergroup does not imply a taxonomic entity but reflects phylogenetic clustering of the respective genera observed in different tree inference methods (NJ, ML, Bayesian MCMC).] Presented are GenBank accession numbers, ***genus*** ***names***, *species names*, type and—if available—common names in round brackets. Designations of isolates are given in square brackets. Yet unassigned viruses are printed in blue. The proposed name is printed in red and indicated by a dot (●). Numbers at nodes indicate posterior probabilities obtained after 2,000,000 generations. The optimal substitution model (GTR+G+I) was determined with MEGA 5. The scale indicates substitutions/site.