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

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| **Short title:** Create three new species in the genus *Hartmanivirus* (*Bunyavirales*: *Arenaviridae*) | | | | |
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**Part 3:** **PROPOSED TAXONOMY**

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**Supporting material:**

Six novel hartmaniviruses, Dante Muikkunen virus 1 (DaMV-1), Haartman Institute snake virus 2 (HISV-2), old schoolhouse virus 1 (OScV-1), old schoolhouse virus 2 (OScV-2), veterinary pathology Zurich virus 1 (VPZV-1), and veterinary pathology Zurich virus 2 (VPZV-2), were recently discovered by next-generation sequencing in sampled captive boa constrictors (*Boa constrictor*), some of which were euthanized due to suspected boid inclusion body disease (BIBD) and some apparently healthy, from breeding colonies in Germany and Switzerland. Coding-complete genome sequences (both S and L segments) of these viruses are available from GenBank. None of these viruses have been isolated in culture but all share the hartmanivirus-defining lack of the, otherwise typical, arenavirus Z-encoding open reading frame (Hepojoki *et al*. 2018).

The ICTV *Arenaviridae* Study Group has recommended the use of the PAirwise Sequence Comparison (PASC) tool (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sutils/pasc/viridty.cgi?textpage=overview>) for the assessment of novel arenaviruses (Radoshitzky *et al*. 2015). Cut-off values chosen for classifying arenaviruses belonging to the same species using this tool are >80% and >76% nucleotide sequence identity in the S and L segments, respectively. We therefore performed PASC on the newly discovered hartmaniviruses using the only classified hartmanivirus, Haartman Institute snake virus 1 (HISV-1), as the reference (Tables 1 and 2).

**Table 1: S segment PASC (pairwise genome sequence identity in percent):**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | HISV-1 | HISV-2 | OScV-1 | OScV-2 | VZPV-1 | VZPV-2 | DaMV-1 |
| HISV-1 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HISV-2 | 88.7 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| OScV-1 | 62.8 | 63.4 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |
| OScV-2 | 63.3 | 64.1 | 85.0 | 100 |  |  |  |
| VZPV-1 | 63.9 | 63.4 | 63.3 | 63.9 | 100.0 |  |  |
| VZPV-2 | 64.0 | 62.9 | 62.4 | 63.1 | 85.9 | 100.0 |  |
| DaMV-1 | 66.8 | 67.3 | 63.6 | 62.9 | 63.5 | 64.3 | 100.0 |

**Table 2: L segment PASC (pairwise genome sequence identity in percent):**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | HISV-1 | HISV-2 | OScV-1 | OScV-2 | VZPV-1 | VZPV-2 | DaMV-1 |
| HISV-1 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HISV-2 | 85.4 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| OScV-1 | 59.0 | 58.9 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |
| OScV-2 | 59.0 | 59.3 | 78.0 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| VZPV-1 | 59.8 | 59.9 | 58.9 | 57.9 | 100.0 |  |  |
| VZPV-2 | 61.2 | 60.0 | 58.5 | 57.1 | 83.8 | 100.0 |  |
| DaMV-1 | 64.9 | 64.3 | 59.5 | 60.4 | 60.7 | 61.0 | 100.0 |

Together, these results indicate that

1. DMaV-1 ought to be assigned to a novel hartmanivirus species, for which the name *Muikkunen hartmanivirus* is proposed;
2. HISV-2 ought to be classified into the existing species *Haartman hartmanivirus* together with HISV-1
3. OScV-1 and OScV-2 ought to be assigned to one novel hartmanivirus species, named *Schoolhouse hartmanivirus*; and
4. VPZV-1 and VPZV-2 ought to be assigned to one novel hartmanivirus species, with proposed name *Zurich hartmanivirus*.

These interpretations are also supported by phylogenetic studies (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Phylogenetic analysis of novel hartmaniviruses. A) Maximum clade credibility tree of the polymerase region of mammarenaviruses (blue), reptarenaviruses (green), hartmaniviruses (red), and antennaviruses (black). The tree was constructed from amino acid alignment using Bayesian MCMC method with LG model of substitution. Posterior probabilities are shown in each node. B) Maximum clade credibility tree of S segment nucleotide sequences of hartmaniviruses. The tree was constructed from Bayesian MCMC method with HKY model of substitution with gamma distributed rate variation among sites and proportion of invariable sites. Posterior probabilities are shown in each node (taken from Hepojoki *et al*. 2018).



Etymology:

* Dante Muikkunen virus, named after the Finnish nickname (Dante Muikkunen) that a three-year-old boy gave to his little sister.
* *Muikkunen hartmanivirus*, named after DaMV-1 and genus *Hartmanivirus*.
* old schoolhouse virus, named after an old schoolhouse where “the BIBD group” in Zurich often meets for discussions about reptarenaviruses and hartmaniviruses.
* *Schoolhouse hartmanivirus*, named after OScV-1 and genus *Hartmanivirus.*
* veterinary pathology Zurich virus, named after the institute where the second HISV-like virus was found.
* *Zurich hartmanivirus*, named after the Swiss city of Zurich and genus *Hartmanivirus.*

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