

Template for Taxonomic Proposal to the ICTV Executive Committee To rename an existing Virus Name

Code[†] **FT2003.101I.01** To rename the existing virus name

Setothosea asigna virus (SaV) and Calliteara pudibunda virus (CpV)

in the genus^{°*} ***Betatetraviridae***

in the family^{°*} ***Tetraviridae***

Code[†] To name this virus* ***Thosea asigna virus (TaV)*
*Dasychira pudibunda virus (DpV)***

[†] Assigned by ICTV officers

[°] leave blank if inappropriate

* repeat these lines and the corresponding arguments for each virus name created

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New Taxonomic Order

Family	<i>Tetraviridae</i>
Genus	<i>Betatetravirus</i>
Type Species	
<i>Species in the Genus</i>	<i>Thosea asigna virus (TaV)</i> <i>Dasychira pudibunda virus (DpV)</i>

Tentative Species in the Genus

Unassigned Species in the family

Argumentation to rename the virus

In relation to the viruses currently known as SaV and CpV, the proposal will restore consistency between the ICTV Report species list and the scientific literature. *Setothosea asigna virus* was originally named *Thosea asigna virus* (Reinganum et al., 1978) after the then name of its host, *Thosea asigna* van Eecke (Lepidoptera: Limacodidae.) and retained this name until the VIth Report. After the host was renamed *Setothosea asigna* van Eecke (Holloway, 1986), the virus was renamed *Setothosea asigna virus* for the VIIth report. However, recent publications describing the genome sequence of this virus (Pringle et al., 1999, 2001; Gorbalenya et al., 2002) and reviews (Gordon and Hanzlik, 1998; Hanzlik and Gordon 1997) have continued to use the original name of the virus. In order to satisfy the principle that virus names be enduring and not affected by changes to host name, and to ensure continuity of the virological literature, it is proposed to restore the original name of the virus in the VIIIth report. This will avoid further discrepancies between the ICTV Report and the scientific literature. A similar revision of name is proposed for *Calliteara pudibunda virus*, formerly known as *Dasychira pudibunda virus* until the host was renamed.

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Annexes: