

Taxonomic reorganization of the family *Bornaviridae*

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Abstract Knowledge of bornaviruses has expanded considerably during the last decade. A possible reservoir of mammalian Borna disease virus has been identified, divergent bornaviruses have been detected in birds and reptiles, and endogenous bornavirus-like elements have been discovered in the genomes of vertebrates of several species. Previous sequence comparisons and alignments have indicated that the members of the current family *Bornaviridae* are phylogenetically diverse and are not adequately classified in the existing bornavirus taxonomy supported by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV). We provide an update of these analyses

and describe their implications for taxonomy. We propose retaining the family name *Bornaviridae* and the genus *Bornavirus* but reorganizing species classification. PAir-wise Sequence Comparison (PASC) of bornavirus genomes and Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST) comparison of genomic and protein sequences, in combination with other already published phylogenetic analyses and known biological characteristics of bornaviruses, indicate that this genus should include at least five species: *Mammalian 1 bornavirus* (classical Borna disease virus and divergent Borna disease virus isolate No/98), *Psittaciform 1 bornavirus* (avian/psittacine bornaviruses 1, 2, 3, 4, 7), *Passeriform 1 bornavirus* (avian/canary bornaviruses C1, C2, C3, LS), *Passeriform 2 bornavirus* (estrildid finch bornavirus EF), and *Waterbird 1 bornavirus* (avian bornavirus 062_{CG}). This classification is also in line with biological characteristics of these viruses and their vertebrate hosts. A snake bornavirus, proposed to be named Loveridge's garter snake virus 1, should be classified as a member of an additional species (*Elapid 1 bornavirus*), unassigned to a genus, in the family *Bornaviridae*. Avian bornaviruses 5, 6, MALL, and another "reptile bornavirus" ("Gaboon viper virus") should stay unclassified until further information becomes available. Finally, we propose new virus names and abbreviations when necessary to achieve clear differentiation and unique identification.

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History of bornavirus classification and nomenclature

A disease that we would today consider similar to Borna disease (BD) had been reported since the 19th century in central Europe [2, 61]. Although it occurred frequently in several regions of today's Germany, the disease was finally named after the German district of Borna around the town of Borna in Saxony (for an overview see [12]). However, differential *intra vitam* diagnosis of BD is challenging to this day, and a first post mortem pathognomonic marker was only introduced with the recognition of Joest-Degen inclusion bodies in 1909 [24]. The viral etiology of BD was established in the 1920s [63, 64]. From then on, the virus was variably referred to as "Bornavirus," "virus of Borna disease" or "Borna virus". Starting in the mid-1970s, "Borna disease virus," abbreviated "BDV", became common parlance, and this name has evolved to become the most used designation for the pathogen.

The first convincing propagation of BDV *in vitro* was reported in 1973 [34], but BDV was not mentioned in the First (1971) and Second Reports (1976) of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) [15, 60]. The Third (1979), Fourth (1982), Fifth (1991), and Sixth ICTV Reports (1995) listed BDV as an unclassified virus or virus-like agent [16, 35, 36]. In the 1990s, several scientific breakthroughs made it possible to finally classify BDV. BDV was sequenced [7, 33], shown to replicate in the nuclei of infected cells [6], and demonstrated to use the cellular gene splicing machinery for protein expression [8, 49]. These studies also unequivocally demonstrated that BDV has a monopartite single-stranded RNA genome of negative polarity that is similar in

organization to members of the order *Mononegavirales* (which at the time only included the families *Filoviridae*, *Paramyxoviridae*, and *Rhabdoviridae*). However, in contrast to BDV, other mononegaviruses do not make use of gene splicing, and at the time, only nucleorhabdoviruses were known to replicate in the nucleus [23]. In addition, alignment of BDV gene and protein sequences and their regulatory signals with those of other mononegaviruses demonstrated that BDV did not belong to any of the established families [9, 47]. In 1996, the ICTV consequently established a novel mononegavirus family, *Bornaviridae*, to include a single genus, *Bornavirus*, for a single species, Borna disease virus (at the time not italicized) [41]. Bornavirus classification and nomenclature has essentially been unchanged since then and was simply repeated in ICTV's Seventh (2000), Eighth (2005), and Ninth (2011) Reports, with the exception of the species *Borna disease virus* being italicized (Table 1) [10, 50, 51].

Current challenges for bornavirus taxonomy

The current bornavirus nomenclature is discouraged by the International Code of Virus Classification and Nomenclature

ICVCN Rule 2.1(ii) states that "[t]he essential principles of virus nomenclature are...to avoid or reject the use of names which might cause error or confusion." ICVCN Rule 3.14 states that "[n]ew names shall not duplicate approved names. New names shall be chosen such that they are not closely similar to names that are in use currently or have

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Table 1 Current classification and nomenclature of bornaviruses [51, 57]

Order (name of taxon members)	Family (name of taxon members)	Genus (name of taxon members)	Species	Virus (virus abbreviation)
<i>Mononegavirales</i> (mononegavirads, mononegaviruses)	<i>Bornaviridae</i> (bornavirids, bornaviruses)	<i>Bornavirus</i> (bornaviruses)	<u><i>Borna disease virus</i>¹</u>	Borna disease virus (BDV)

¹ Type species is underlined

been in use in the recent past.” ICVCN Rule 3.21 states that “[a] species name shall consist of as few words as practicable but be distinct from names of other taxa.” ICVCN Rule 3.22 states that “[a] species name must provide an appropriately unambiguous identification of the species” [1, 26]. Currently, the virus name “Borna disease virus” is identical in spelling with the species name “*Borna disease virus*” and differs only by typeface (Roman versus italics). Therefore, researchers easily, and commonly, confuse virus and species name in manuscript writing.

Diversity of bornaviruses

The genomic sequence of BDV detected in mammals is extremely conserved. The vast majority of isolates (“classical BDV” or “BDV1”) are > 95% identical on the genomic nucleotide sequence level [13, 14, 28, 48, 52]. Only one BDV variant, No/98 (“BDV2”), has a genomic sequence that is 85% similar to the remaining isolates [39]. In 2008, however, viruses clearly related to, but distinct from, BDV were discovered in psittaciform birds with proventricular dilatation disease (PDD) [20, 27]. These viruses were provisionally named “avian bornaviruses (ABVs)” and were assigned to five different “genetic subgroups” or “genotypes” (“ABV1-5”) [27]. ABV “strains” share 91–100% nucleotide sequence identity within a genotype, 68–85% between genotypes, and 60–69% with BDV [27, 40]. Polyclonal anti-BDV-N and anti-BDV-P antisera cross-react with ABV particles [62]. Since the initial discovery of ABVs, a total of 14 ABV “genotypes” have been discovered, of which seven come from non-psittaciform birds (anseriform and passeriform birds) [11, 21, 22, 44–46, 58, 59][GenBank no. KJ756399]. An additional “genotype” was identified in a Loveridge’s garter snake (*Elapsoidea loveridgei*) from Tanzania [54], and another possible bornavirus of reptilian origin has yet to be described in detail [17]. Avian bornaviruses replicate

less efficiently in mammalian cells compared to mammalian bornaviruses, which grow in both mammalian and avian cell lines [38, 42–46, 53]. An overview of all these novel candidate bornaviruses is presented in Supplementary Table S1. The sequence divergence of these viruses from BDV isolates (see also [19]), association of ABVs with a distinct disease, and identification of ABVs in non-mammalian hosts indicate that these viruses should be classified in taxa different from that of BDV.

New classification and nomenclature

The classification of bornaviruses, like that of most viruses, is challenging because i) new distinct groups of these viruses are continuously being discovered, and ii) the number of complete or coding complete genomic sequences [32] and actual virus isolates is still limited.

We propose here to use objective criteria for the *initial* classification of bornaviruses based on pairwise genome identity comparisons. The comparisons should then be followed by carefully choosing taxon demarcation cutoffs that a) fit the current understanding of bornavirus diversity based on other phylogenetic analyses, b) fit the available biological characteristics of individual bornaviruses (for instance, differences in host specificity, serological cross-reactions, or behavior in *in vitro* assays), and c) fit the current taxon hierarchy (i.e., do not require the establishment of taxon levels not supported by the ICTV). Ideally, there are no discrepancies between these various types of analysis – however, in case there are discrepancies it will be the task of the ICTV *Bornaviridae* Study Group to resolve them and find a compromise.

To achieve an objective resolution of bornavirus relationships for the initial step of classification, we employed the PAirwise Sequence Comparison (PASC) methodology [3, 4], a tool available from the National Center for

Biotechnology Information (NCBI) website (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sutils/pasc/viridty.cgi?textpage=overview>). PASC is a sequence-based classification method analyzing pairwise identities of the genomes of viruses from a particular family using the global Needleman-Wunsch alignment algorithm with affine scoring model [37]. The NCBI PASC tool creates histograms to visualize the distribution of the number of virus pairs at each identity percentage. A typical result has peaks that represent different taxon levels. The percentages of the lowest points of the valleys between the peaks can be used as taxon demarcation criteria. It is important to point out here that these peaks can be assigned to any taxon level, i.e., that groups of closely related viruses, here represented as groups of highly similar sequences, can be arbitrarily designated species, genera, or families. This could cause a problem for taxonomists if the overall number of peaks obtained during an analysis surpasses the number of ICTV-approved hierarchical levels and is distributed over a large range of percentage identities. On the other hand, if the number of peaks is equal to or below the number of these levels and clustering is close, assignment is straightforward, especially when other phylogenetic data and biological criteria are taken into account additionally.

The results of our bornavirus PASC analysis can be accessed on the PASC webpage (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sutils/pasc/viridty.cgi?cmdresult=main&id=454>) (see Supplemental Table S2 for sequences used for PASC and other analyses and Fig. 1 for a screenshot).

This PASC analysis suggested that the following classification would be, at this time, most appropriate for bornaviruses:

- the family should stay monogeneric (with the currently available sequences, the peak in PASC for the most distantly related viruses is located at 61–66%);
- PASC revealed three potential choices for species differentiation: i) a cutoff of 66–69%; ii) a cutoff of 71–75%; and iii) a cutoff of 76–78%. Based on the divergence of the analyzed viruses in regard to their hosts (mammals, highly divergent clades of birds, and reptiles) (Table S1 and [11, 17, 21, 27, 44–46, 54, 58, 59]), additional phylogenetic analyses (Table S3 and [11, 17, 19, 21, 27, 44–46, 58, 59]), and their antigenic dissimilarities [62], choice ii seemed most appropriate. Consequently, the genus should include at least five species based on a nucleotide sequence cutoff of 75%;
- species 1 should encompass classical Borna disease virus (“BDV1”);
- BDV isolate No/98 (“BDV2”) is an outlier from the other BDV isolates but should be a member of species 1;
- species 2 should encompass avian/psittacine bornaviruses 1, 2, and 4;
- species 3 should encompass avian/canary bornaviruses C1, C2, and C3; and
- species 4 should encompass avian/anserine bornavirus 062_{CG};

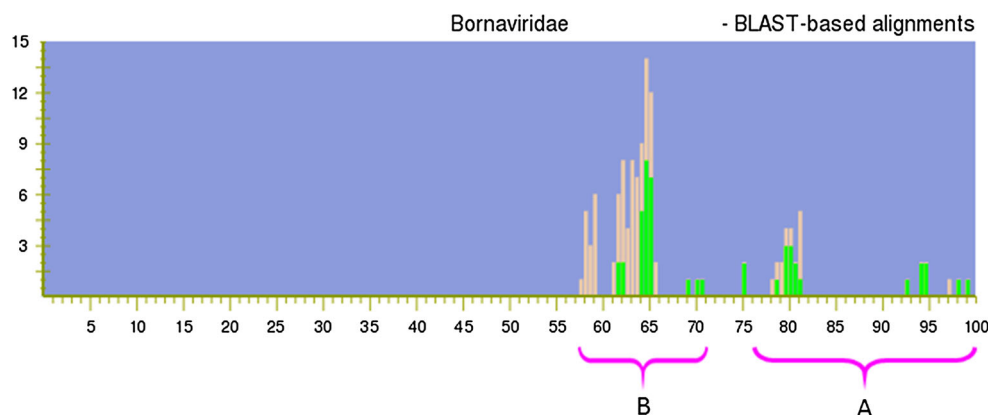


Fig. 1 Distribution of pairwise identities among complete sequences of 16 viruses in the family *Bornaviridae*. The NCBI PASC alignment tool automatically assigns peak colors (brown, green) based on NCBI virus taxonomy. Regions represent genome pairs belonging to the same species (A) and to different species but to the same genus (B), respectively. Since most of the sequences used for PASC analysis are currently not classified in NCBI taxonomy the same way as proposed in this paper, the colors in this screenshot do not follow the grouping, thereby visually demonstrating that the current bornavirus taxonomy is ill-advised. For instance, bornavirus genomes EU781967 and

FJ620690 are 97% identical and therefore should belong to the same species in one genus. However, in the current NCBI taxonomy, EU781967 is assigned to the species *Borna disease virus* in the genus *Bornavirus*, whereas FJ620690 is assigned to an unclassified species in an unclassified genus in the family *Bornaviridae*. Therefore, since the NCBI taxonomy tool does not assign both sequences to the same species or the same genus, the bar at 97% in the current PASC figure is colored brown rather than green. X-axis, percentage of identity; y-axis, number of genome pairs (color figure online)

- species 5, which for the moment cannot be unambiguously assigned to the genus *Bornavirus*, should encompass the virus from a Loveridge's garter snake.

If implemented, PASC results would be visualized as depicted in Fig. 2.

We complemented PASC analysis with classical BLAST analyses using each bornavirus protein gene (nt BLAST and protein BLAST; Supplemental Table S3).

These analyses confirm the PASC results and in addition indicate that:

- avian/psittacine bornaviruses 3 and avian bornavirus 7 should be members of species 2;
- avian bornaviruses from Bengalese finches (*Lonchura striata* f. domestica) (avian bornavirus LS) should be a member of species 3;
- a species 6 should encompass avian bornavirus EF; and

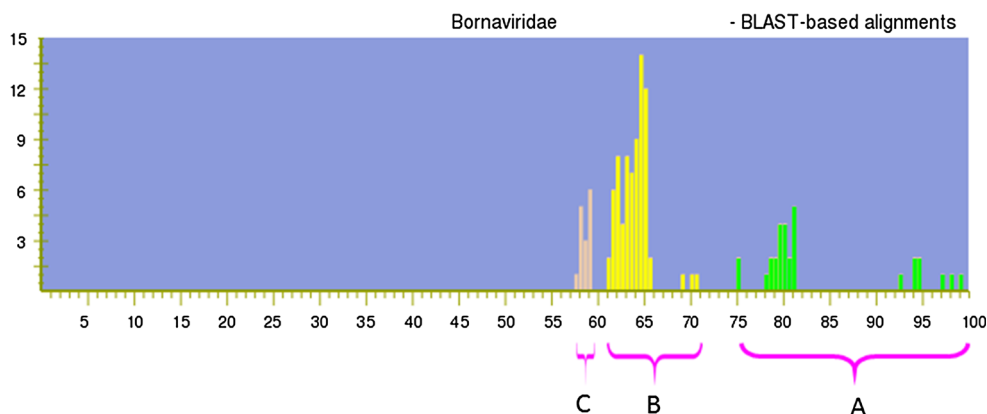


Fig. 2 The same distribution of pairwise identities among complete sequences of 16 viruses in the family *Bornaviridae* as in Fig. 1, but colored as if the taxonomy proposed in this manuscript was accepted by the ICTV and then adopted by NCBI. Peaks above 75% identity (region A, green) represent genome pairs belonging to the same species. Peaks between 60 and 71% identity (region B, yellow)

represent genome pairs belonging to different species but the same genus. Peaks below 60% identity (region C, brown) represent genome pairs that belong to a separate genus (not yet proposed in this manuscript). X-axis, percentage of identity; y-axis, number of genome pairs (color figure online)

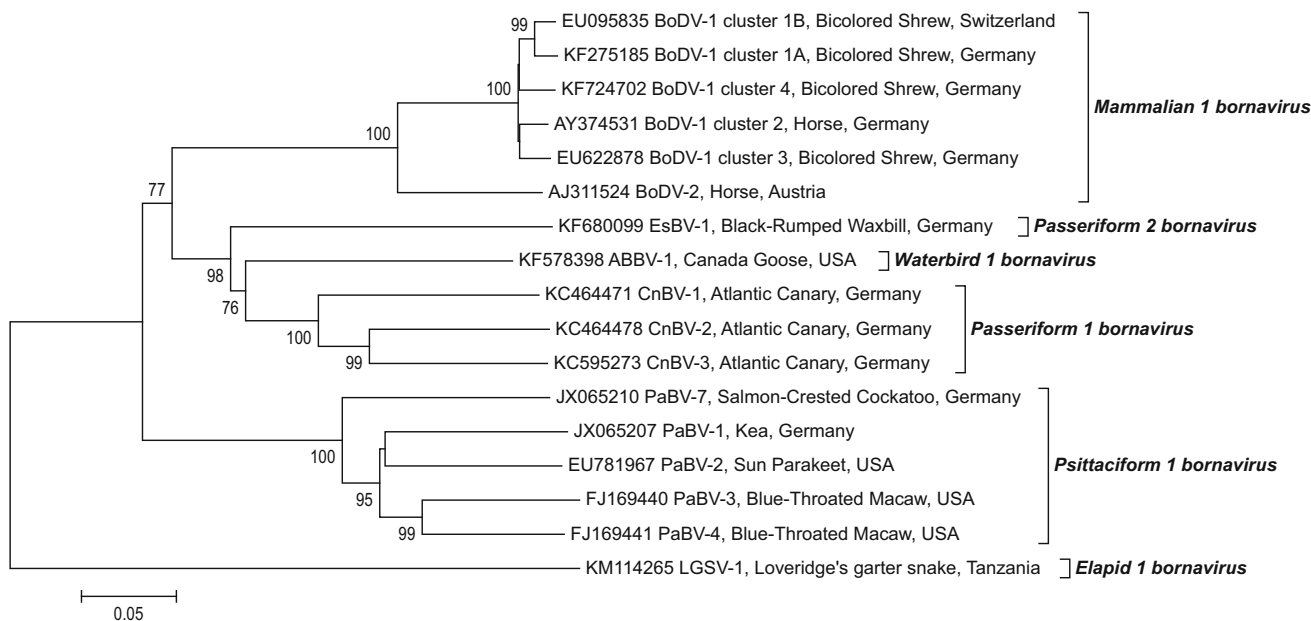


Fig. 3 Phylogenetic tree of a 1824-nt stretch of 17 selected nucleic acid sequences coding for N, X, and P proteins and the N/X intergenic region of bornaviruses. Phylogenetic neighbor-joining analysis was conducted using the MEGA5 program [55]. The evolutionary

distances were computed using the Kimura 2-parameter model. Bootstrap resampling analysis with 1,000 replicates was employed; percentages $\geq 60\%$ are shown next to the branches

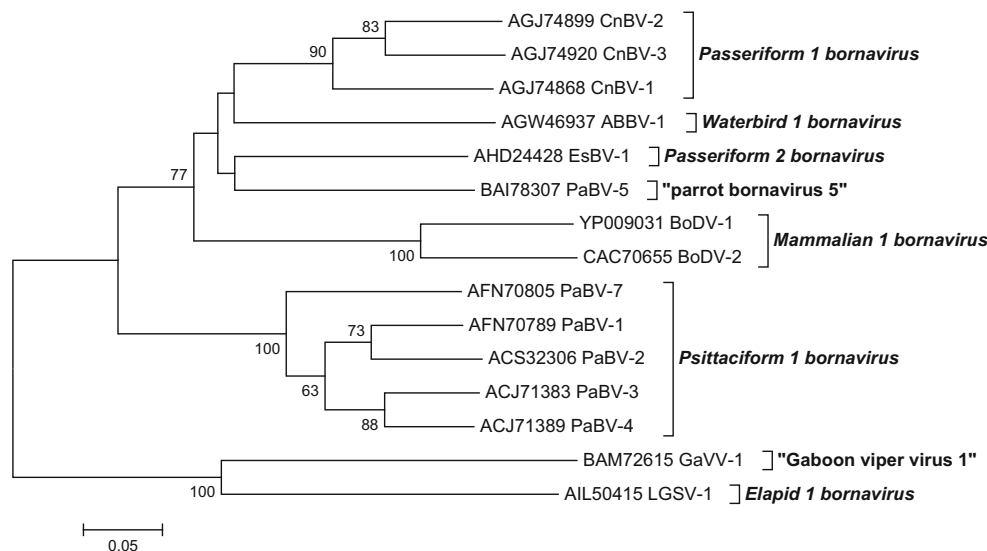


Fig. 4 Phylogenetic tree of 15 selected amino acid sequences representing the X protein of bornaviruses. Phylogenetic neighbor-joining analysis was conducted using the MEGA5 program [55]. The

evolutionary distances were computed using the p-distance method. Bootstrap resampling analysis with 1,000 replicates was employed; percentages $\geq 60\%$ are shown next to the branches

- avian bornaviruses 5, 6, and MALL, and “reptile bornavirus” (“Gaboon viper virus”) cannot be classified at the moment as only fragments of these viruses’ genomes have been sequenced and isolates are not available or only sequence information in the absence of further biological characterization has been made available at the time of writing.

Finally, multiple sequence alignments were performed using BioEdit Sequence Alignment Editor Version 7.0.9.0 and verified by Clustal X (version 1.8). The derived neighbor-joining phylogenetic analyses were conducted with the MEGA5 program [55]. Phylogenetic trees were constructed on 17 selected nucleotide sequences of 1,824 base pairs comprising the information coding for the N protein, the intergenic region, the X protein, and the P protein (GenBank sequences of one virus of each sequence cluster of “classical BDV” and one sequence of each “genotype” of avian bornavirus if available [Fig. 3]). Another phylogenetic tree was constructed using 15 selected amino acid sequences of the X protein (the protein with the highest variability among bornaviruses) representing one sequence for each cluster and genotype (Fig. 4).

To accommodate these results, we propose the taxonomy outlined in Table 2 (pronunciation guidelines are provided in Table 3). Species 1-6 are named *Mammalian 1 bornavirus*, *Psittaciform 1 bornavirus*, *Passeriform 1 bornavirus*, *Waterbird 1 bornavirus*, *Elapid 1 bornavirus*, and *Passeriform 2 bornavirus*, respectively, to introduce non-Latinized binomial species names [56]. Numbers were placed within

rather than after the species name (“*Mammalian 1 bornavirus*” instead of “*Mammalian bornavirus 1*”) to allow for easier formation of vernacular species member names – “mammalian 1 bornaviruses” is easy to use, whereas the use of “mammalian bornaviruses 1” or “mammalian bornavirus 1s” could lead to cumbersome grammatical constructions that will most likely be falsely corrected by copy editors not familiar with virus taxonomy. Finally, virus names are changed for clear differentiation, and unique abbreviations (as judged by screening the ICTV’s 9th Report [26]) are established: “classical” Borna disease virus is renamed Borna disease virus 1 and Borna disease virus isolate No/98 is renamed Borna disease virus 2. The abbreviation “BDV” is abandoned because it is currently also in use for barley dwarf virus and border disease virus and therefore may cause conflicts especially in electronic databases. Unique abbreviations, BoDV-1 and BoDV-2, are therefore instated for Borna disease virus 1 and 2, respectively. Avian bornaviruses 1-7 are renamed parrot bornaviruses 1-7 (PaBV-1-7); avian bornaviruses C1-C3 and LS are renamed canary bornaviruses 1-3 (CnBV-1-3) and munia bornavirus 1 (MuBV-1), respectively; avian bornavirus 062_{CG} is renamed aquatic bird bornavirus 1 (ABBV-1); and avian bornavirus EF is renamed estrildid finch bornavirus 1 (EsBV-1). The virus found in a Loveridge’s garter snake, (reptile bornavirus 1) is renamed Loveridge’s garter snake virus 1 (LGSV-1). LGSV-1 is a member of the family *Bornaviridae* belonging to a novel species (*Elapid 1 bornavirus*), but based on insufficient further characterization, we recommend not yet including this species into a genus.

Table 2 Proposed classification and nomenclature of bornaviruses

Order (name of taxon members)	Family (name of taxon members)	Genus (name of taxon members)	Species	Virus (virus abbreviation)	GenBank accession number(s) used for PASC analysis
<i>Mononegavirales</i>					
(mononegavirads, mononegaviruses)					
<i>Bornaviridae</i>					
(bornavirids, bornaviruses)					
<i>Bornavirus</i>					
(bornaviruses)					
<u><i>Mammalian 1 bornavirus</i></u>					
				Borna disease virus 1 (BoDV-1)	AB032031, AB246670, AB258389, AJ311521, AJ311522, AJ311523, AY114161, AY114162, AY114163, L27077, U04608
				Borna disease virus 2 (BoDV-2)	AJ311524
<u><i>Psittaciform 1 bornavirus</i></u>					
				parrot bornavirus 1 (PaBV-1)	GU249595, JX065207
				parrot bornavirus 2 (PaBV-2)	EU781967, FJ620690
				parrot bornavirus 3 (PaBV-3)	
				parrot bornavirus 4 (PaBV-4)	GU249596, JN014948, JN014949, JN035148, JX065209
				parrot bornavirus 7 (PaBV-7)	
<u><i>Passeriform 1 bornavirus</i></u>					
				canary bornavirus 1 (CnBV-1)	KC464471
				canary bornavirus 2 (CnBV-2)	KC464478
				canary bornavirus 3 (CnBV-3)	KC595273
				munia bornavirus 1 (MuBV-1)	
<u><i>Waterbird 1 bornavirus</i></u>					
				aquatic bird bornavirus 1 (ABBV-1)	KF578398
<u><i>Passeriform 2 bornavirus</i></u>					
				estrildid finch bornavirus 1 (EsBV-1)	

Table 2 continued

Order (name of taxon members)	Family (name of taxon members)	Genus (name of taxon members)	Species	Virus (virus abbreviation)	GenBank accession number(s) used for PASC analysis
		unassigned bornaviruses	<u>Elapid 1</u> <i>bornavirus</i>	Loveridge's garter snake virus 1 (LGSV-1)	
		tentative, unclassified bornaviruses		avian bornavirus MALL (ABV-MALL)	
				Gaboon viper virus 1 (GaVV-1)	
				parrot bornavirus 5 (PaBV-5)	
				parrot bornavirus 6 (PaBV-6)	

¹ Type species is underlined

If a new genus has to be established to accommodate this new virus, a conflict will arise. As the current genus name “*Bornavirus*” and family name “*Bornaviridae*” are only differentiated by their suffixes (“-virus” vs. “-viridae”), the vernacular names of the members of both taxa are identical (members of the genus *Bornavirus* are called “bornaviruses”; members of the family *Bornaviridae* are called “bornaviruses”) if taxon-specific suffixes for vernacular names [57] are not used. The inclusion of a second genus in the family would make using the term “bornaviruses” ambiguous, as it would not be clear whether only the members of the genus *Bornavirus* are meant, or the members of the entire family. Consequently, the name of either the existing family or genus would have to be changed. The current ICTV *Bornaviridae* Study Group would favor a name change of the family to “*Bordiviridae*” (for Borna disease) in such a case, as already existing species names would then not have to be changed.

Parrot bornaviruses 5 and 6, “avian bornavirus MALL”, and “reptile bornavirus” (tentatively renamed Gaboon viper virus 1; GaVV-1) are members of the family *Bornaviridae* but will remain unclassified at the species (PaBV-5, PaBV-6, “ABV MALL”) and genus level (GaVV-1) until further sequence data become available (see also Supplemental Table 4). In addition, endogenous bornavirus-like elements similar to the N, M, and L bornavirus genes that were/are incorporated into the genomes of ancient or current hosts are also deemed unclassifiable for now.

Proposal for nomenclature below the species level

We propose to adapt the recently published nomenclature scheme for filovirus variants for variants of members of the family *Bornaviridae* [29–31]. Accordingly, virus variants would be named <virus name>/(<strain>)<isolation host-suffix>/(<country of sampling>)<year of sampling>/(<genetic variant designation>)<isolate designation>. Instructions on how to fill out the individual fields can be found in references [29–31]. Furthermore, we strongly suggest not using the word “strain” indiscriminately for reasons also explained in detail in references 29–31 but instead using “variant”. A consortium of bornavirus experts will have to be established under the auspices of the corresponding ICTV Study Group to decide on the precise strain/variant/isolate names for the several hundred bornaviruses currently indexed in databases such as GenBank.

Future prospects

The family *Bornaviridae* will most likely have to be expanded in the future. The recent discovery of endogenous bornavirus-like sequences in mammalian and reptilian genomes [5, 18, 21, 22, 25, 65] suggests that the diversity of host distribution of these agents may be much wider than previously appreciated. For this reason, we have proposed a more consistent, logical, and comprehensive classification

Table 3 Bornavirus and bornavirus taxa pronunciation guidelines

Taxa/Viruses	International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)	English phonetic notation
aquatic bird bornavirus	[ə'kwætɪk/ə'kwɒtɪk bɜrd 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	<i>uh-kwat-ik/uh-kwot-ik burd bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs</i>
bornavirid	['bɔrnə, vɪrɪd]	bawr-nuh-vee-rid
<i>Bornaviridae</i>	['bɔrnə, vɪrɪdi]	bawr-nuh-vee-rid-ee
bornavirus	['bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
Borna disease virus	['bɔrnə dɪ'zɪz 'vaɪrəs]	bawr-nuh dih-zeez vahy-ruhs
<i>Bornavirus</i>	['bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
canary bornavirus	[kə'neəri 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	<i>kuh-nair-ee bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs</i>
<i>Elapid 1 bornavirus</i>	['ɛləpɪd wʌn 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	el-uh-pid wuhn bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
estrildid finch bornavirus	['ɛstrɪldɪd fɪntʃ 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	es-tril-did finch bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
Gaboon viper virus	[gə'bun/gæ'bun/gɑ'bun vaɪpər 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	<i>guh-boon/ga-boon/gah-boon vahy-per vahy-ruhs</i>
Loveridge's garter snake virus	['lʌvɪdʒɪz 'gɑrtər sneɪk 'vaɪrəs]	luhv-ri-jiz gahr-ter sneyk vahy-ruhs
<i>Mammalian 1 bornavirus</i>	[mæ'meɪliən wʌn 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	<i>muh-mey-lee-uhn wuhn bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs</i>
munia bornavirus	['mʊniə/'mʊniə 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	moo-nyuh/moo-nee-uh bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
parrot bornavirus	['pærət 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	par-uh bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
<i>Passeriform 1 bornavirus</i>	['pæsəri, fɔrm wʌn 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	pas-er-ee-form wuhn bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
<i>Passeriform 2 bornavirus</i>	['pæsəri, fɔrm tu 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	pas-er-ee-form too bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
<i>Psittaciform 1 bornavirus</i>	['sɪtəsi, fɔrm wʌn 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	sit-uh-see-form wuhn bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs
<i>Waterbird 1 bornavirus</i>	['wɔtər, bɜrd wʌn 'bɔrnə, vaɪrəs]	waw-ter-burd wuhn bawr-nuh-vahy-ruhs

and nomenclature. Naming and classifying novel family members will be easier if rules on how to do that have been established *a priori*, rather than attempting to adjust or correct problems retrospectively.

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