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**Create one new genus, *Felipivirus*, with one species, *Felipivirus A***

Feline picornaviruses have been identified in faecal samples from stray cats captured in Hong Kong (Lau et al., 2012). Samples from 662 cats were analyzed. Five novel viruses representing two types of a novel species were detected in faecal samples of 14 cats and urine samples of 2 cats. These viruses were provisionally named felipiviruses A1 and A2.

**Relation to other picornaviruses:**

- Genome layout of felipiviruses:

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

(compare Fig. 1 of supporting material)

- Felipiviruses have typical hallmarks of picornaviruses:

- type IV IRES (HCV-like IRES)

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

- **2Apro** with **GxCG** motif of chymotrypsin-like cystein proteinases. The presumed catalytic

tryad comprises the conserved **H57-D86-GxC162G** residues.

- **2Chel** with **GxxGxGKS** motif of helicases,

- **3BVPg** peptides with **Y-3** residue,

- **3Cpro** with **GxCGx10AxH** motif,

- **3Dpol** with **KDE**, **PSG**, **YGDD** and **FLKR** motifs.

- Felipiviruses comprise a **distinct clade** of the *Anativirus/Enterovirus/Rabovirus/Sapelovirus* supergroup (supergroup 3) in phylogenetic analyses (compare Figs. 2 & 3 of supporting material). Two types can be distinguished (compare Table 1).

**Table 1. Estimates of evolutionary divergence between felipivirus sequences**

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**A. VP1 gene region (nt divergence)**

[ 1] JN572115, felipivirus A1 strain\_073F

[ 2] JN572117, felipivirus A1 strain\_356F 0.136

[ 3] JN572119, felipivirus A1 strain\_1021F 0.130 0.049

[ 4] JN572116, felipivirus A2 strain\_127F 0.257 0.257 0.248

[ 5] JN572118, felipivirus A2 strain\_661F 0.250 0.257 0.245 0.111

**B. VP1 protein (aa divergence)**

[ 1] JN572115, felipivirus A1 strain\_073F

[ 2] JN572117, felipivirus A1 strain\_356F 0.026

[ 3] JN572119, felipivirus A1 strain\_1021F 0.026 0.010

[ 4] JN572116, felipivirus A2 strain\_127F 0.105 0.111 0.111

[ 5] JN572118, felipivirus A2 strain\_661F 0.111 0.111 0.115 0.016

**C. P1 gene region (nt divergence)**

[ 1] JN572115, felipivirus A1 strain\_073F

[ 2] JN572117, felipivirus A1 strain\_356F 0.137

[ 3] JN572119, felipivirus A1 strain\_1021F 0.132 0.048

[ 4] JN572116, felipivirus A2 strain\_127F 0.245 0.240 0.237

[ 5] JN572118, felipivirus A2 strain\_661F 0.242 0.244 0.238 0.115

**D. P1 polyprotein (aa divergence)**

[ 1] JN572115, felipivirus A1 strain\_073F

[ 2] JN572117, felipivirus A1 strain\_356F 0.024

[ 3] JN572119, felipivirus A1 strain\_1021F 0.018 0.013

[ 4] JN572116, felipivirus A2 strain\_127F 0.085 0.090 0.085

[ 5] JN572118, felipivirus A2 strain\_661F 0.089 0.092 0.089 0.013

**Distinguishing features:**

- **2A protein** with presumed proteinase activity; characteristic of supergroup 3 picornaviruses.

- **Sequence divergences** (uncorrected p-distances) of orthologous proteins in pairwise comparisons of felipiviruses with representative sequences of all acknowledged and proposed species of picornavirus supergroup 3 (*Anativirus/Enterovirus/Rabivirus/Sapelovirus*) support creation of one genus with one species (compare Table 2).

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

felipivirus A1 (JN572115) vs. member of ... P1 2Chel 3Cpro 3Dpol

*Anativirus* *Anativirus A* (duck picornavirus) 56.6% 60.4% 59.4% 40.6%

*Anativirus B* (phacovirus) 59.7% 62.2% 65.6% 50.9%

*Boosepivirus*† *Boosepivirus A*† (boosepivirus A1) 48.1% 43.6% 46.1% 37.5%

*Boosepivirus B*† (boosepivirus B1) 49.4% 39.1% 49.2% 41.2%

*Boosepivirus C*†(boosepivirus C1) 51.2% 50.5% 50.0% 41.6%

*Diresapivirus*† *Diresapivirus A*† (diresapivirus A1, KJ641688) 59.8% 50.2% 56.9% 43.9%

*Diresapivirus B*† (diresapivirus B1) 60.7% 50.6% 49.2% 40.4%

*Enterovirus* *Enterovirus A* (enterovirus A71) 60.3% 58.5% 54.4% 48.6%

*Enterovirus B* (enterovirus B1) 63.6% 58.0% 61.0% 45.7%

*Enterovirus C* (poliovirus 1) 64.1% 54.6% 61.5% 45.7%

*Enterovirus D* (enterovirus D68) 61.5% 58.3% 63.2% 46.1%

*Enterovirus E* (enterovirus E1) 61.5% 54.0% 59.3% 44.3%

*Enterovirus F* (enterovirus F1) 61.5% 54.2% 60.4% 44.8%

*Enterovirus G* (enterovirus G1) 61.8% 59.7% 56.0% 44.8%

*Enterovirus H* (enterovirus H1) 61.8% 57.7% 63.7% 47.1%

*Enterovirus I* (enterovirus I1) 61.8% 57.5% 59.9% 45.5%

*Enterovirus J* (enterovirus J1) 61.9% 57.0% 58.2% 45.2%

*Enterovirus K* (enterovirus K1) 57.6% 55.9% 62.8% 48.0%

*Enterovirus L* (enterovirus L1) 59.2% 55.6% 59.3% 44.6%

*Rhinovirus A* (human rhinovirus A9) 63.8% 58.4% 62.6% 47.1%

*Rhinovirus B* (human rhinovirus B3) 63.5% 56.3% 59.1% 45.0%

*Rhinovirus C* (human rhinovirus C1) 63.6% 56.3% 63.2% 46.9%

*Parabovirus*† *Parabovirus A*† (parabovirus A1) 49.0% 43.8% 44.5% 33.2%

Parabovirus B† (parabovirus B1) 47.6% 46.2% 45.1% 32.2%

Parabovirus C† (parabovirus C1) 48.6% 45.8% 53.3% 35.9%

*Rabovirus Rabovirus A* (rabovirus A1) 56.2% 46.5% 60.4% 44.2%

*Rabovirus B* (rabovirus B1) 54.6% 46.5% 54.4% 45.9%

*Rabovirus C* (rabovirus C1) 51.4% 50.0% 63.2% 42.4%

*Rabovirus D* (rabovirus D1) 50.8% 46.1% 55.5% 43.3%

*Sapelovirus Sapelovirus A* (porcine sapelovirus ) 54.6% 57.0% 51.6% 40.9%

*Sapelovirus B* (simian sapelovirus) 54.6% 49.5% 53.8% 35.2%

\* number of amino acid differences per site

† proposed taxa

**Type species of genus:**

***Felipivirus A***, felipivirus A1 strain 073F, GenBank acc. no. JN572115

**Exemplar:**

*Felipivirus A*, felipivirus A1 strain 073F, GenBank acc. no. JN572115

**Species demarcation criteria:**

not applicable

**Origin of name:**

**felipivirus**: derived from **feles** (Latin, cat) and **pi**corna**virus**

| **References:** |
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| 1. Lau et al. 2012. Identification of a novel feline picornavirus from the domestic cat. J Virol 86:395-405. |

**Supporting Material**



**Figure 1:** Genome of felipiviruses (schematic depiction). The open reading frame is indicated by a box. Positions of putative 3Cpro cleavage sites are indicated by a ▼, the putative 2Apro cleavage site by a diamond (◊), and the VP0 processing site by a ¶. The names and lengths of the deduced proteins are presented. The 5'-UTR may be incomplete.



**Legend to Figure 2:**  Phylogenetic analysis of picornavirus **P1** using Bayesian tree inference (MrBayes 3.2). Eighty-nine picornavirus sequences of the *Anativirus/Enterovirus/Rabovirus/Sapelovirus* supergroup were retrieved from GenBank; the enterovirus 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.



**Legend to Figure 3:**  Phylogenetic analysis of picornavirus **3CD** using Bayesian tree inference (MrBayes 3.2). Ninty-two picornavirus sequences of the *Anativirus/Enterovirus/Rabovirus/Sapelovirus* 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 15,000,000 generations. The optimal substitution model (GTR+G+I) was determined with MEGA 5. The scale indicates substitutions/site.