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IL04(2B): Viruses transmitted by *Brevipalpus* (Acari: Tenuipalpidae) mites: overview and updates

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Brevipalpus-transmitted viruses (BTVs) cause economically important diseases such as citrus leprosis and coffee ringspot, which affect relevant crops mainly in the Americas. Additionally, at

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least one of them, orchid fleck virus, naturally infects orchids worldwide and citrus in three American and African countries. Disease symptoms caused by BTVs are characterized by the presence of localized chlorotic, necrotic, or ringspot lesions on the aerial parts of the plants. There are no reports of BTVs invading their hosts systemically under natural conditions, and they are all transmitted by Brevipalpus spp. mites in a persistent manner. Taxonomically, they are classified into genera Cilevirus (family Kitaviridae) or Dichorhavirus (family Rhabdoviridae). Virions of cileviruses have short bacilliform morphology, with bisegmented ss(+)RNA genomes of -9 and 5 kb, and typically six ORFs. The ICTV accepts three species of cileviruses, which are phylogenetically related to other kitaviruses and arthropod-infecting nelorpiviruses, sandewayiruses, and centiviruses. Dichorhayiruses virions present short bacilliform morphology with bisegmented ss(-)RNA genomes of ~ 6 kb each and six ORFs. So far, five species of dichorhaviruses are accepted by the ICTV, and they are phylogenetically closer to viruses belonging to the genus Betanucleorhabdovirus. Recently, five new cile-like kitaviruses were characterized in Hawaii, Iran, and Brazil. Four of them are transmitted by or have an association with, Brevipalpus mites. Three new tentative species of dichorhaviruses transmitted by Brevipalpus spp. are under characterization in Brazil. The increasing list of BTVs includes pathogens that infect a variety of plant hosts in expanding geographic regions and will be addressed in this talk. Support: Fapesp.