

**B-77: A potyvirus isolated from *Dioscorea* spp.**

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Root crops are an important source of food. They produce starchy storage organs contributing to the caloric content of the diet. Virus-like symptoms including leaf mottling, vein clearing and marginal distortion were observed in yams of species of *Dioscorea* grown in Sri Lanka. In attempts to establish whether a viral cause was associated with them, transmission studies were

carried out and a virus transmitted by sap with some difficulty. It had a restricted host range. It was identified as a strain of yam mosaic virus in collaboration with Horticulture Research International, U.K.