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Dear Editor

I am submitting a revised manuscript entitled “**Combining analysis of DNA in a crude virion extraction with analysis of RNA from infected leaves to discover new virus genomes”. The original title was: Combining standard virus particle extraction method with next generation sequencing to discover new virus genomes”.** We are excited for the opportunity to have this work featured in JoVE where we can present a technology for virus discovery. We present a pipeline where we prepare a crude preparation of virions, isolate and sequence DNAs in that preparation. Then purify RNA and following ribosome depletion carry out RNA-seq. By comparing the 2 datasets we were able to discover and confirm the existence of two virus genomes. We are excited to share this method and hope other researchers find this approach useful.

The reviewers comments were extensive and we have taken the time to diligently address every comment. I decided the best approach is to annotate the responses to the reviewers line-by-line and attach the document and responses. The manuscript has all edit tracking intact so you can follow the changes

Thank you for inviting this manuscript and we hope the changes are acceptable.

**Sincerely**

**Jeanmarie Verchot**