

**Discovery of a New Eclipsing Variable Star
Near the BL Lac Object 1ES 1959+650**

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We report discovery of a new eclipsing variable star near the BL Lac object 1ES 1959+650. During our observational survey to investigate optical micro-variations of BL Lacs and quasars using the 61cm telescope at the Sobaeksan Observatory, we have discovered serendipitously a new variable star near the BL Lac object 1ES 1959+650. This variable star was catalogued as one of comparison stars for 1ES 1959+650 (#5, $V=14.54$, $V-R=0.54$) by Villata et al. (1998, A&AS, 130, 305). It is located at $RA_{2000} = 19^h 59^m 44^s.84$, $DEC_{2000} = 65^{\circ} 10' 7''.4$. From the V and R light curves of this variable star it is classified as W UMa type eclipsing binary. The period of the variable star is estimated to be about 0.2644 day (the epoch at primary minimum is HJD 2451457.04).