This Word module should be used for all taxonomic proposals.

Please complete **Part 1** and:

either **Part 3** for proposals to create new taxa or change existing taxa

or **Part 2** for proposals of a general nature.

Submit the completed Word module, together with the accompanying Excel module named in Part 3, to the appropriate ICTV Subcommittee Chair.

The Word module explains and justifies your proposal. The Excel module is a critical document that will be used to implement the proposed taxonomic changes once they are approved and ratified. If proposals presented in the Word module are not presented accurately in the Excel module, the taxonomic changes cannot proceed.

For guidance, see the notes written in blue, below, and the Help Notes in file Taxonomic\_Proposals\_Help\_2019.

**Part 1:** **TITLE, AUTHORS, etc**

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| **Code assigned:** | ***2019.001G*** | |  |
| **Short title:** (e.g. “Create six new species in the genus *Zetavirus”*)  Modify Rule 3.25 to ensure one type species per genus. | | | |
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| **List the ICTV study group(s) that have seen this proposal:** | | | |
| A list of study groups and contacts is provided at <http://www.ictvonline.org/subcommittees.asp> . If in doubt, contact the appropriate subcommittee chair (there are six virus subcommittees: animal DNA and retroviruses, animal ssRNA-, animal ssRNA+, fungal and protist, plant, bacterial and archaeal) | |  | |
| **ICTV Study Group comments (if any) and response of the proposer:** | | | |
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**Part 2:** **NON-STANDARD**

Template for any proposal regarding ICTV procedures, rules or policy, not involving the creation of new taxonomy.

| **Text of proposal:** |
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| The current text of Rule 3.25 of the International Code of Virus Classification and Nomenclature (October, 2018 release) states:  “3.25. Approval of a new genus must be accompanied by the approval of a type species.”  Assignment of a type species, as stipulated in rule 3.25, is required for each genus. But creation of the rank of subgenus complicates this designation. Therefore, Rule 3.25 should be modified to allow one type species per genus, irrespective of the existence of subgenera.  I propose that rule 3.25 be modified and a comment be added to the rule as follows:  “3.25. Approval of a new genus must be accompanied by the approval of a type species. Only one type species per genus is permitted.  Comment: only one type species per genus is permitted regardless of the establishment of subgenera.” |