

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

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| **Code assigned:** | **to be assigned by ICTV officers** |  |
| **Short title:** Correction of an unintended error in the ratified binomial name of an alphabaculovirus species (Expedited proposal) |
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**List the ICTV Study Group(s) that have seen this proposal**

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| *Baculoviridae* and *Nudiviridae* Study Group |

**ICTV Study Group comments and response of proposer**

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| There was a clear typo in the binomial naming of an important species in the genus *Alphabaculovirus*. This expedited proposal aims to correct that. Retaining the wrong name would cause a lot of confusion. |

**ICTV Study Group votes on proposal**

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| **Study Group** | **Number of members** |
| **Votes support** | **Votes against** | **No vote** |
| *Baculoviridae* and *Nudiviridae* | 7 |  | 1 |
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**Submission dates**

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| Date first submitted to SC Chair | 17 May, 2023 |
| Date of this revision (if different to above) | 19 May, 2023 |

**ICTV-EC comments and response of the proposer**

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**Part 2:** **NON-TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

**Text of proposal**

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| Not relevant |

**Part 3:** **TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

**Name of accompanying Excel module**

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| TP\_2023\_Alphabaculovirus-Expedited Proposal.xlsx  |

**Abstract**

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| By accident, the name of the intended species *Alphabaculovirus aucalifornicae* has a typing error intheepithet, which is now misspelled as *aucalifonicae. W*e ask the Proposal Secretary to start an “Expedite Procedure” to correct this obvious mistake in virus taxonomy. |

**Text of proposal**

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| As pointed out recently by Donald Smith, the previous species name *Autographa californica multiple nucleopolyhedrovirus* was not converted correctly into a binomial name. This mistake is the consequence of a spelling error in the Excel sheet accompanying the original proposal. The misspelled epithet is not according to the explained practice for binomial naming in the order *Lefavirales* (ratified proposal [2022.003D.A.Lefavirales\_106rensp.docx](https://ictv.global/filebrowser/download/11651)), and also contradicts the description of that particular species’ name in that proposal. The new name should be *Alphabaculovirus aucalifornicae*, but accidentally an “r” is missing in the current ratified species name, whereby the epithet aberrantly reads as “*aucalifonicae”.*Since the most frequently studied baculovirus (Autographa californica MNPV) belongs to this species quick action is required. Therefore, we ask the Proposal Secretary to follow the Expedited Procedure put in place to correct obvious mistakes, as described in ratified Proposal 2020.002G.R. |

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