

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

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| **Code assigned:** | **2023.003P** |  |
| **Short title:**  Rename the species *Coconut foliar decay virus,* genus *Cofodevirus,* family *Metaxyviridae* to comply with binomial species format | | |
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**List the ICTV Study Group(s) that have seen this proposal**

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| *Nanoviridae* SG,  *Geminiviridae* and *Tolecusatellitidae* SG |

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

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**ICTV Study Group votes on proposal**

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| **Study Group** | **Number of members** | | |
| **Votes support** | **Votes against** | **No vote** |
| *Nanoviridae* | 10/12 | 0/12 | 2/12 |
| *Geminiviridae and Tolecusatellitidae* | 7/10 | 0/10 | 3/10 |

**Authority to use the name of a living person**

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| **Is any taxon name used here derived from that of a living person (Y/N)** | N |

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| **Taxon name** | **Person from whom the name is derived** | **Permission attached (Y/N)** |
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**Submission dates**

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| Date first submitted to SC Chair | June 26, 2023 |
| Date of this revision (if different to above) |  |

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

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

**Text of proposal**

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

**Name of accompanying Excel module**

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| 2023.003P.A.v1.Metaxyviridae\_rename\_1sp |

**Abstract**

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| Here we rename the species *Coconut foliar decay virus,* genus *Cofodevirus,* family *Metaxyviridae* to *Cofodevirus kokonas* in order to comply with binomial species format |

**Text of proposal**

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| |  | | --- | | In March 2021, the ICTV ratified TaxoProp 2018.001G.R.binomial\_species, which requires all species names to follow a new codified rule:  "A species name shall consist of only two distinct word components separated by a space. The first word component shall begin with a capital letter and be identical in spelling to the name of the genus to which the species belongs. The second word component shall not contain any suffixes specific for taxa of higher ranks. The entire species name (both word components) shall be italicized."  In order to comply with the mandated binomial species naming format [1], we have renamed the sole current species in the family *Metaxyviridae* using binomial nomenclature.  The epithet *kokonas* is the name of coconut in Bislama, the language spoken in Vanuatu, the sole geographic location where the virus is found*.*  See Table 1 and accompanying Excel module. | |

**Supporting evidence**

Table 1

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| **Proposed binomial species name** | **Current species name** | **Exemplar accession #** | **Epithet notes** |
| *Cofodevirus kokonas* | *Coconut foliar decay virus* | DNA-S.1: MF926436; DNA-S.2: MF926439; DNA-gamma: MF926441; DNA-R: MF926434 | The epithet *kokonas* is the name of coconut in Bislama, the language spoken in Vanuatu, the sole geographic location where the virus is found |

**References**

1. Siddell SG, Walker PJ, Lefkowitz EJ, Mushegian AR, Dutilh BE, Harrach B, Harrison RL, Junglen S, Knowles NJ, Kropinski AM, Krupovic M, Kuhn JH, Nibert ML, Rubino L, Sabanadzovic S, Simmonds P, Varsani A, Zerbini FM, Davison AJ (2020) Binomial nomenclature for virus species: a consultation. Arch Virol 165:519-525. PMID: 31797129; DOI: 10.1007/s00705-019-04477-6.