

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

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| **Code assigned:** | **2021.017B** |  |
| **Short title:** Create two new species in the genus *Claudivirus*, subfamily *Northropvirinae* (*Salasmaviridae*) | | |
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**List the ICTV Study Group(s) that have seen this proposal**

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**ICTV study group comments and response of proposer**

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**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 | May 2021 |
| Date of this revision (if different to above) |  |

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

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| Acceptance of proposal 2021.001B.abolish\_Caudovirales by EC53 results in removal of the order *Caudovirales* and families *Myoviridae*, *Podoviridae* and *Siphoviridae*. All underlying taxa are to be assigned directly to the class *Caudoviricetes*. The Excel module of this proposal has been altered to reflect the future changes; however, the Word module has been unaltered while awaiting the ratification vote. |

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

**Name of accompanying Excel module**

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| 2021.017B.R.Claudivirus |

**Abstract**

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| In a complete review of the *Bacillus* phages belonging to the *Salasmaviridae* family or their newly deposited relatives using VIRIDIC and ViPTree we have discovered two more species in the genus *Claudivirus* genus.These phages share almost all properties with other phages of this genus, but differ significantly enough (less than 95% identity with phages of other *Claudivirus* species) to classify them as separate species of this genus. |

**Text of proposal**

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| |  | | --- | | **Species demarcation criteria:** We have chosen 95% DNA sequence identity as the criterion for demarcation of species in this new genus. Each of the proposed species differs from the others with more than 5% at the DNA level as confirmed with the BLASTN and Viridic algorithm | |

**Supporting evidence**

**History:** This genus was established via Taxonomy Proposal 2020.143B.A,v1 Salasmaviridae

**Specific References:**  None concerning the new strains listed in this Taxonomy Proposal. General genus-relevant references are listed in Taxonomy Proposal 2020.143B.A,v1

**GenBank Summary:**

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| Phage name | RefSeq No. | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNAs\* | Overall % DNA sequence identity (\*\*) | Overall % homologous proteins (\*\*\*) |
| Bacillus phage Thornton |  | MW348917.1 | 26.32 | 30.5 | 42 | 0 | 89.9 | 80.0 |
| Bacillus phage Baseball\_field |  | MT777452.1 | 26.86 | 30.4 | 46 | 0 | 91.7 | 71.7 |

(\*) determined using RNAscan-SE [1]

(\*\*) determined using Viridic [2] compared to Bacillus phage Claudii

(\*\*\*) determined using CoreGenes 5.0 [3,4], compared to Bacillus phage Claudii

**BLASTN homologs:**  VIRIDIC analysis reveals that the closest relative besides other phages of *Claudivirus* genus is Bacillus phage DK3 (MK284528.1) of *Hemphilvirus* genus (*Northrophvirinae* subfamily, *Salasmaviridae* family). It shares 56.2% DNA sequence with Bacillus phage Thornton and 61.1% DNA sequence with Bacillus phage Baseball\_field.

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator; [2]) computes pairwise intergenomic distances/similarities amongst phage genomes. The comparison below provides the results of DNA sequence comparison of strains of known and proposed new species of *Claudivirus* genus phages. The phage names on a white background correspond to existing species, while the ones in orange represent the new species and will be added through this TaxoProp.

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**ViPTree analysis:** ViPTree analysis (<https://www.genome.jp/viptree/>; [5]) is based upon Rohwer and Edwards (2002) famous Phage Proteomic Tree [6]. The **blue** arrowhead points to the *Claudivirus* genus. The **orange arrows** point to the new species of the *Claudivirus* genus.

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**Phylogeny:** The phylogenetic tree was constructed using the DNA polymerase, major capsid protein and tail protein homologs of Bacillus phage Thornton and related phages with phylogeny.fr in “one click” mode (7). "The "One Click mode" targets users that do not wish to deal with program and parameter selection. By default, the pipeline is already set up to run and connect programs recognized for their accuracy and speed (MUSCLE for multiple alignment and PhyML for phylogeny) to reconstruct a robust phylogenetic tree from a set of sequences." It also includes the use of Gblocks to eliminate poorly aligned positions and divergent regions. "The usual bootstrapping procedure is replaced by a new confidence index that is much faster to compute. See (8) for details."

Diagram

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