This form should be used for all taxonomic proposals. Please complete all those modules that are applicable (and then delete the unwanted sections). For guidance, see the notes written in blue and the separate document "Help with completing a taxonomic proposal"

Please try to keep related proposals within a single document; you can copy the modules to create more than one genus within a new family, for example.

MODULE 1: TITLE, AUTHORS, etc

Code assigned:	***2016.036a-eB***	(to be completed by ICTV officers)			

Short title: To create one (1) new genus, *Patiencevirus*, in the family *Siphoviridae*.
(e.g. 6 new species in the genus *Zetavirus*)

Modules attached (modules 1 and 10 are required)	**1** ☒ **6** ☐	**2** ☐ **7** ☒	**3** ☒ **8** ☐	**4** ☐ **9** ☐	**5** ☐ **10** ☒

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ICTV Study Group comments (if any) and response of the proposer:

Date first submitted to ICTV: June 2016
Date of this revision (if different to above):

ICTV-EC comments and response of the proposer:

MODULE 3: **NEW GENUS**

creating a new genus

Ideally, a genus should be placed within a higher taxon.

Code	***2016.036aB***	(assigned by ICTV officers)

To create a new genus within:

Fill in all that apply.

- If the higher taxon has yet to be created (in a later module, below) write "**(new)**" after its proposed name.
- If no family is specified, enter "**unassigned**" in the family box

Subfamily:	
Family:	***Siphoviridae***
Order:	***Caudovirales***

naming a new genus

Code	***2016.036bB***	(assigned by ICTV officers)

To name the new genus: *Patiencevirus*

Assigning the type species and other species to a new genus

Code	***2016.036cB***	(assigned by ICTV officers)

To designate the following as the type species of the new genus

Mycobacterium virus Patience

Every genus must have a type species. This should be a well characterized species although not necessarily the first to be discovered

The new genus will also contain any other new species created and assigned to it (Module 2) and any that are being moved from elsewhere (Module 7b). **Please enter here the TOTAL number of species (including the type species) that the genus will contain:**

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Reasons to justify the creation of a new genus:

Additional material in support of this proposal may be presented in the Appendix, Module 9

Mycobacterium phage Patience was isolated by enrichment of *Mycobacterium smegmatis* mc²155 from soil from Durban, South Africa, in 2009. The phage genome is circularly permuted. This phage is the first fully sequenced member of Cluster U of Mycobacterium phages (http://phagesdb.org/phages/Patience/). The next mostly closely related phage is Mycobacterium phage Barnyard, which shares 9% DNA sequence relatedness (Fig 2, 3).

Origin of the new genus name:

Based upon the name of the first sequenced member of this genus.

Reasons to justify the choice of type species:

The first sequenced member of this genus.

Species demarcation criteria in the new genus:

If there will be more than one species in the new genus, list the criteria being used for species demarcation and explain how the proposed members meet these criteria.

We have chosen 95% DNA sequence identity as the criterion for demarcation of species in this new genus. The members of each of the proposed species differ from those of other species by more than 5% at the DNA level as confirmed with the BLASTN algorithm.

MODULE 7: **REMOVE and MOVE**

Use this module whenever an existing taxon needs to be removed:

- *Either* to abolish a taxon entirely (when only part (a) needs to be completed)
- *Or* to move a taxon and re-assign it e.g. when a species is moved from one genus to another (when BOTH parts (a) and (b) should be completed)

Part (a) taxon/taxa to be removed or moved

Code	***2016.036dB***	(assigned by ICTV officers)

To remove the following taxon (or taxa) from their present position:

Mycobacterium virus Patience

The present taxonomic position of these taxon/taxa:

Genus:	***Barnyardvirus***	Fill in all that apply.
Subfamily:		
Family:	***Siphoviridae***	
Order:	***Caudovirales***	

If the taxon/taxa are to be abolished (i.e. not reassigned to another taxon) write "yes" in the box on the right	

Reasons to justify the removal:
Explain why the taxon (or taxa) should be removed

This phage was originally included in the genus *Barnyardvirus* based on proteome similarity. The Subcommittee is, however, moving towards a genome-based classification for the genera and with only 9% sequence identity of phage Patience with phage Barnyard, a separate genus is warranted.

Part (b) re-assign to a higher taxon

Code	***2016.036eB***	(assigned by ICTV officers)

To re-assign the taxon (or taxa) listed in Part (a) as follows:

Genus:	***Patiencevirus* (new)**	Fill in all that apply. • If the higher taxon has yet to be created write "**(new)**" after its proposed name and complete relevant module to create it. If no genus is specified, enter "**unassigned**" in the genus box.
Subfamily:		
Family:	***Siphoviridae***	
Order:	***Caudovirales***	

Reasons to justify the re-assignment:

- If it is proposed to re-assign species to an existing genus, please explain how the proposed species differ(s) from all existing species.
    - If species demarcation criteria (see module 3) have previously been defined for the genus, explain how the new species meet these criteria.
    - If criteria for demarcating species need to be defined (because there will now be more than one species in the genus), please state the proposed criteria.
- Provide accession numbers for genomic sequences
- Further material in support of this proposal may be presented in the Appendix, Module 9

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MODULE 10: **APPENDIX**: supporting material

additional material in support of this proposal

References:

1. Dereeper A, Guignon V, Blanc G, Audic S, Buffet S, Chevenet F, Dufayard JF, Guindon S, Lefort V, Lescot M, Claverie JM, Gascuel O. Phylogeny.fr: robust phylogenetic analysis for the non-specialist. Nucleic Acids Res. 2008; 36(Web Server issue):W465-9.
2. Darling AE, Mau B, Perna NT. progressiveMauve: multiple genome alignment with gene gain, loss and rearrangement. PLoS One. 2010; 5(6):e11147.

Annex:

Include as much information as necessary to support the proposal, including diagrams comparing the old and new taxonomic orders. The use of Figures and Tables is strongly recommended but direct pasting of content from publications will require permission from the copyright holder together with appropriate acknowledgement as this proposal will be placed on a public web site. For phylogenetic analysis, try to provide a tree where branch length is related to genetic distance.

Fig. 1. Electron micrograph of negatively stained Mycobacterium phage Patience (http://phagesdb.org/phages/Patience/) Limited permission was granted by The Actinobacteriophages Database, funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, to use this electron micrograph for this taxonomy proposal; it cannot be reused without permission of The Actinobacteriophages Database.

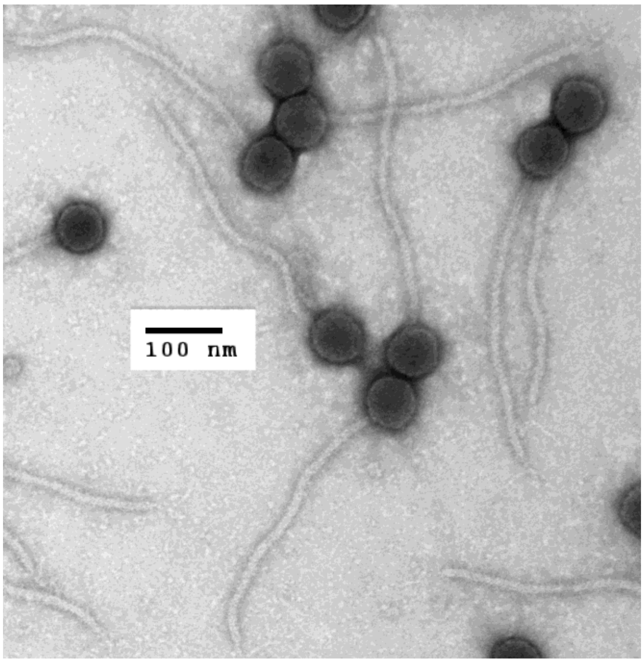

Table 1. Properties of Mycobacterium phage Patience

Name	**RefSeq**	**INSDC**	**Size (kb)**	**GC%**	**Protein**	**tRNA**
Patience	None	JN412589.1	70.51	50.3	109	1

N.B. Mycobacterium phage Madruga (KR997933.1) is a strain of Mycobacterium phage Patience within this genus.

Fig. 2. Phylogenetic analysis of large subunit terminase proteins of a variety of Mycobacterium phages constructed using “one click” at phylogeny.fr [1]. "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: Anisimova M., Gascuel O. Approximate likelihood ratio test for branches: A fast, accurate and powerful alternative (Syst Biol. 2006;55(4):539-52.) for details." The TerL from Gaia contained a intein which was removed before the phylogenetic tree was constructed. The members of the genus *Patiencevirus* are boxed in red.

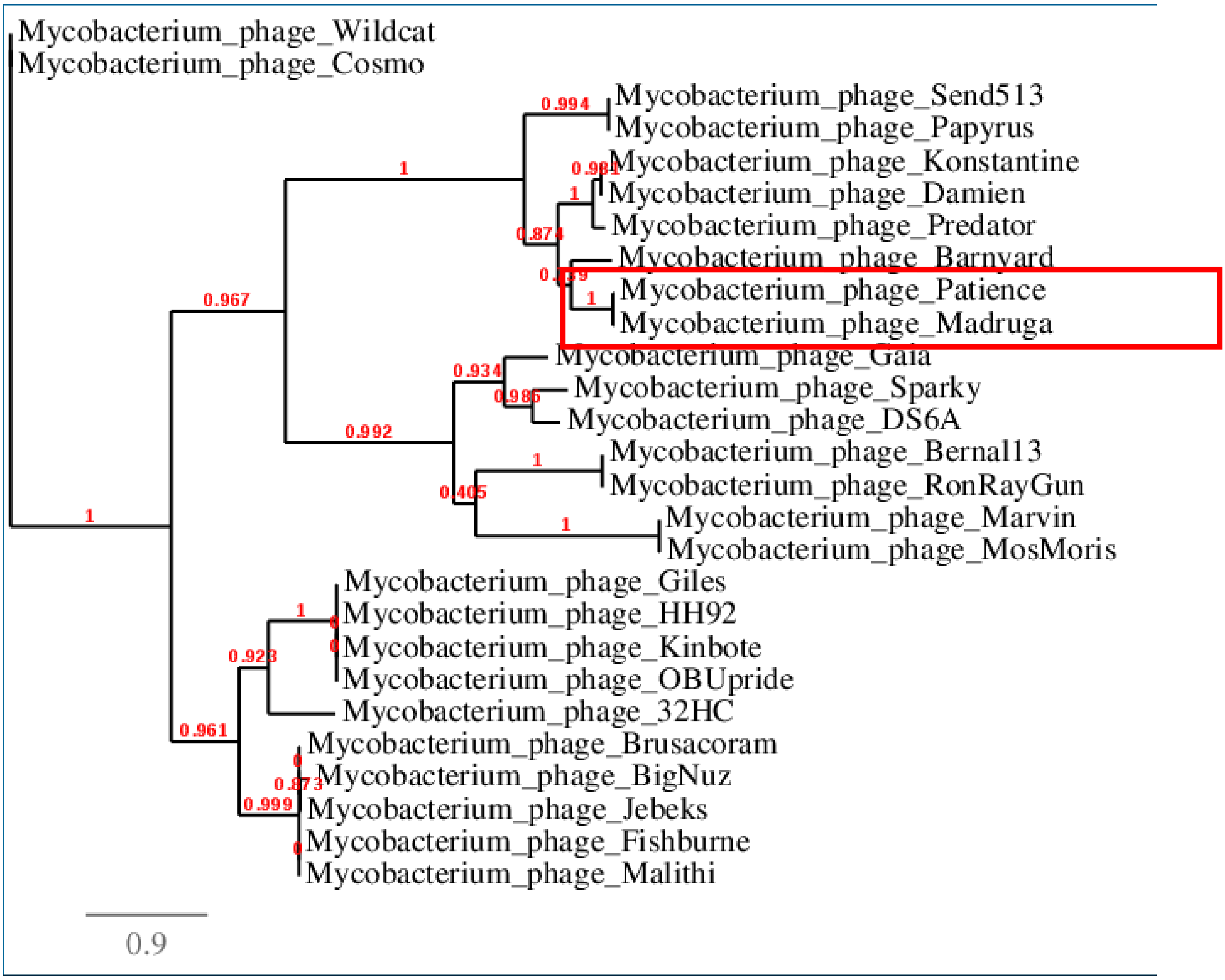

Figure 1: *Phylogenetic tree (the branch length is proportional to the number of substitutions per site).*

Fig. 3. progressiveMauve alignment (2) of the genomes of the members of the new genus *Patiencevirus* and the closest relative Mycobacterium phage Barnyard. Colored blocks indicate the regions of 1 to 1 best alignment with rearrangement breakpoints in a different random color. The degree of sequence similarity between regions is given by a similarity plot within the colored blocks with the height of the plot proportional to the average nucleotide identity (Aaron Darling, personal communication).