

On Sat, Jan 28, 2023 at 4:02 PM Silvano Riva <silvano.riva@igm.cnr.it> wrote:

Dear Professor Kropinski

I was pleasantly surprised by your kind letter. It brought me back to a spring day of 58 years ago when, with my late colleague Mario Polsinelli, we collected a soil sample from a vase at the Botanical Garden of the University of Pavia, took it to our lab at the Institute of Genetics and started searching for lytic *B. subtilis* bacteriophages. The search was successful, several were found, and we selected one of them (SPP1: Subtilis Phage Pavia 1) for further characterization. The rest of the story can be found in the literature.

I am grateful for your offer and highly honored to have the genus containing SPPI named *Rivavirus*. For the name of the subfamily, I contacted Prof. Maga and we both agree on *Polsinellivirinae*.