

The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses

Taxonomy Proposal Form, 2025

**Part 1a: Details of taxonomy proposals**

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| **Title:** | Rename one species in the genus *Whispovirus* |
| **Code assigned:** | *2025.008D.v3.Whispovirus\_1rns* | |

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**Part 1b: Taxonomy Proposal Submission**

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| **ICTV Subcommittee:** | | | |
| Animal DNA Viruses and Retroviruses | **x** | Bacterial viruses |  |
| Animal minus-strand and dsRNA viruses |  | Fungal and protist viruses |  |
| Animal positive-strand RNA viruses |  | Plant viruses |  |
| Archaeal viruses |  | General - |  |

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| **List the ICTV Study Group(s) that have seen or have been involved in creating this proposal:** |
| *Nimaviridae* study group |

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| **Optional – complete only if formally voted on by an ICTV Study Group:** | | | |
| **Study Group** | **Number of members** | | |
| **Votes in support** | **Votes against** | **No vote** |
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| **Submission date:** | 18/06/2025 |

**Part 1c: Feedback from ICTV Executive Committee (EC) meeting**

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| **Executive Committee Meeting Decision code:** | **X** |
| A – Accept |  |
| Ac – Accept subject to revision by relevant subcommittee chair. No further vote required |  |
| U – Accept without revision but with re-evaluation and email vote by the EC |  |
| Uc – Accept subject to revision and re-evaluation and email vote by the EC |  |
| Ud – Deferred to the next EC meeting, with an invitation to revise based on EC comments |  |
| J - Reject |  |
| W - Withdrawn |  |

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| **Comments from the Executive Committee:** |
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**Part 1d: Revised Taxonomy Proposal Submission**

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| **Response of proposer:** |
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| **Revision date:** |  |

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

<https://ictv.global/taxonomy/templates>

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| **Taxonomic changes proposed:** | | | |
| Establish new taxon |  | Split taxon |  |
| Abolish taxon |  | Merge taxon |  |
| Move taxon |  | Promote taxon |  |
| Rename taxon | **x** | Demote taxon |  |
| Move and rename |  |

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| **Etymology (origin) of proposed taxonomic names:** | |
| **Taxon name** | **Etymology of the term** |
| **Whispovirus xiabaidian** | **Xiā báidan (蝦白點)- shrimp white solid, well-circumscribed spots in Chinese** |
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| **Permission for use of names derived from a living person:** | | |
| **Taxon name** | **Full name of person from whom the name is derived** | **Attached** |
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| **Abstract of Taxonomy Proposal:** |
| *Taxonomic rank(s) affected*:  Species  *Description of current taxonomy*:  *Naldaviricetes*; *Nimaviridae*; *Whispovirus*; *White spot syndrome virus*  *Proposed* *taxonomic change(s):*  Rename one species to conform to the ICTV binomial format.  *Justification*:  The family *Nimaviridae* currently has one genus and withing this genus, there is a single classified species - *White spot syndrome virus.* The species name, *White spot syndrome virus*, is not in binomial format. Thus, we propose renaming it to “*Whispovirus xiabaidian*”. |

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| * **Text of Taxonomy proposal:** |
| *Taxonomic rank(s) affected*:  Species  *Description of current taxonomy*:  *Naldaviricetes*; *Nimaviridae*; *Whispovirus*; *White spot syndrome virus*  *Proposed* *taxonomic change(s)*:  Rename species  *Demarcation criteria:*  *White spot syndrome virus* is the only species in the genus *Whispovirus* and thus no species demarcation criteria is in place.  *Justification*:  Species name is not in binomial format thus renaming to “*Whispovirus xiabaidian*”. |

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| **References:** |
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| **Accompanying files:** | |
| **Filename** | **Description of contents** |
| 2025.008D.v3.Whispovirus\_1rns.xlsx | Accompanying Excel sheet |
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| **Tables, Figures:** |

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