

The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses

Taxonomy Proposal Form, 2025

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

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| **Title:**  | Create one new species in the genus *Drulisvirus*  |
| **Code assigned:**  | 2025.015B.Drulisvirus\_1ns |

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**Part 1b: Taxonomy Proposal Submission**

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| **ICTV Subcommittee:**  |
| Animal DNA Viruses and Retroviruses |  | 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:**  |
| Caudoviricetes 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:** |  12/04/2025 |

**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| W - Withdrawn |  |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 | **X** | Split taxon |  |
| Abolish taxon |  | Merge taxon |  |
| Move taxon |  | Promote taxon |  |
| Rename taxon |  | Demote taxon |  |
| Move and rename |  |

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| **Etymology (origin) of proposed taxonomic names:**  |
| **Taxon name**  | **Etymology of the term** |
| *Drulisvirus workingina* | workingina - “ina” is a Filipino term of “mother”, used to honor of working Filipino mothers in science  |
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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*: Realms *Duplodnaviria*, Kingdom *Heunggongvirae*, Phylum *Uroviricota*, Class *Caudoviricetes*, Order *Autographivirales*, Family *Autoscriptoviridae*, Subfamily *Slopekvirinae*, Genus *Drulisvirus**Description of current taxonomy*: The genus *Drulisvirus* currently includes 19 species. *Proposed* *taxonomic change(s):* Create one new species, “*Drulisvirus workingina”**Justification*:Based on VIRIDIC analysis, we propose the creation of a new phage species, *Drulisvirus workingina* in honor of the working mothers and diverse individuals of the Virology and Vaccine Institute of the Philippines Program.  |

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| **Text of Taxonomy proposal:**  |
| *Taxonomic rank(s) affected*: Realms *Duplodnaviria*, Kingdom *Heunggongvirae*, Phylum *Uroviricota*, Class *Caudoviricetes*, Order *Autographivirales*, Family *Autoscriptoviridae*, Subfamily *Slopekvirinae*, Genus *Drulisvirus**Description of current taxonomy*: The genus *Drulisvirus* currently includes 19 species. *Proposed* *taxonomic change(s):* Create one new species, “*Drulisvirus workingina”**Demarcation criteria:**Species Demarcation criteria:*Two phages are assigned to the same species if their genomes are more than 95% identical over their genome length using VIRIDIC [2].*Justification*: The *Escherichia p*hage vB\_VIPECOTPH05B was isolated from Tarlac Provincial Hospital, Tarlac, Philippines. Our taxonomic analyses revealed that *Escherichia p*hage vB\_VIPECOTPH05B remains unclassified at the species level. Here, we proposed the creation of a new species, *Drulisvirus workingina* under the Realms *Duplodnaviria*, Kingdom *Heunggongvirae*, Phylum *Uroviricota*, Class *Caudoviricetes*, Order *Autographivirales*, Family *Autoscriptoviridae*, Subfamily *Slopekvirinae*, Genus *Drulisvirus*. The genome is complete with DTR based on checkV [1] analysis and is publicly available in NCBI GenBank database. As a result of genomic characterization using VIRIDIC (Figure 1), we propose the addition of one new species, “*Drulisvirus workingina”* |

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| **Accompanying files:**  |
| **Filename** | **Description of contents** |
| Drulisvirus\_1ns.xlsx | An excel file containing the taxonomic classification for new species |
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| **Tables, Figures:**  |



Figure 1. Heatmap of intergenomic similarities among members of the genus *Drulisvirus* and VIPECOTPH05b.