

The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses

Taxonomy Proposal Form, 2025

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

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| **Title:**  | Create three new genera, *Frederiksbergvirus, Marchandvirus* and *Minyavirus* for Pectobacterium phages (Class: *Caudoviricetes*) |
| **Code assigned:**  | 2025.058B.Pectobacterium\_phages\_3ng\_6ns |

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**Part 1b: Taxonomy Proposal Submission**

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| **ICTV Subcommittee:**  |
| Animal DNA Viruses and Retroviruses |  | Bacterial viruses | **x** |
| xAnimal 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:** |  15/05/2025 |

**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| W - Withdrawn |  |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 2:** **GENERAL PROPOSAL**

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| **Abstract for General Proposal:**  |
| *Brief description of current situation:* *Proposed changes:* *Justification:*  |

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| **Text of General Proposal:**  |
| *Background:* *Proposed* *changes:* *Justification:*  |

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

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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** |
| *Frederiksbergvirus* | Named after the city in Denmark where these phages were isolated in the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, University of Copenhagen |
| *Marchandvirus* | Named after the building (Pavillon C-E Marchand) at the Université Laval, Quebec, Canada where this phage was characterized |
| *Minyavirus* | Named after the city in Egypt where the first phage of its type was isolated |
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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*:Realm Duplodnaviria, kingdom Heunggongvirae, phylum Uroviricota, class Caudoviricetes *Description of current taxonomy*:There is no taxonomy for these lytic phages isolated against *Pectobacterium**Proposed* *taxonomic change(s):* Create three new genera “*Frederiksbergvirus”, “Marchandvirus”* and *“Minyavirus”* and six new species*Justification*: These viruses conform to the criteria that we have established for the creation of genera [8] |

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| **References:**   |
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Table 1A. Characteristics of the phages described in the proposal (“*Marchandvirus”*)

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| **Phage name** | **Host** | **Morphotype** | **Lifestyle** | **Accession No.** | **Genome size** | **No. proteins** | **No. tRNA** |
| *Pectobacterium* phage ZF40 | *Pectobacterium carotovorum* | Myovirus | Temperate | JQ177065.1 | 48454 bp | 68 | 0 |

Specific references: Comeau AM, Tremblay D, Moineau S, Rattei T, Kushkina AI, Tovkach FI, Krisch HM, Ackermann HW. Phage morphology recapitulates phylogeny: the comparative genomics of a new group of myoviruses. PLoS One. 2012;7(7):e40102. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0040102. Epub 2012 Jul 6. PMID: 22792219; PMCID: PMC3391216.[*Pectobacterium* phage ZF40]

Table 1B. Characteristics of the phages described in the proposal ("*Minyavirus”*)

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| **Phage name** | **Host** | **Morphotype** | **Lifestyle** | **Accession No.** | **Genome size** | **No. proteins** | **No. tRNA** |
| *Pectobacterium* phage PcaP2EGY | *Pectobacterium carotovorum* | unknown | Lytic | OR599646.1 | 51385 bp | 88 | 0 |

Table 1C. Characteristics of the phages described in the proposal (“*Frederiksbergvirus”*)

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| **Phage name** | **Host** | **Morphotype** | **Lifestyle** | **Accession No.** | **Genome size** | **No. proteins** | **No. tRNA** |
| *Pectobacterium* phage Pappous | *Pectobacterium brasiliense* 35.2 | Siphovirus | Lytic | PQ008973.1 | 40850 bp | 60 | 1 |
| *Pectobacterium* phage Koroua | *Pectobacterium brasiliense* 35.2 | Siphovirus | Lytic | PQ008972.1 | 41346 bp | 64 | 1 |
| *Pectobacterium* phage Amona | *Pectobacterium brasiliense* 35.2 | Siphovirus | Lytic | PQ008971.1 | 42206 bp | 68 | 1 |
| *Pectobacterium* phage *Sabo* | *Pectobacterium brasiliense* 35.2 | Siphovirus | Lytic | PQ008974.1 | 42167 bp | 63 | 1 |



**Figure 1.** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator; VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator; [3]; http://rhea.icbm.uni-oldenburg.de/VIRIDIC/) heatmap for these phages. This program computes pairwise intergenomic distances/similarities amongst phage genomes. Abbreviations: Pect = *Pectobacterium*; phg = phage.





 **Figure 2.** ViPTree analysis: ViPTree analysis (https://www.genome.jp/viptree/; [4]) is based upon Rohwer and Edwards (2002) Phage Proteomic Tree [5]. The taxa under discussion are indicated with **red stars**. Abbreviations: phg = phage; Pect = *Pectobacterium*