

The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses

Taxonomy Proposal Form, 2024

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

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| **Title:** | Revise the ICTV Statutes and the ICVCN | |
| **Code assigned:** | 2024.002G |

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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 | **X** |

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| **List the ICTV Study Group(s) that have seen or have been involved in creating this proposal:** |
| N/A |

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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:** | 22/07/2024 |

**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| W - Withdrawn |  |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:** | 11/10/2024 |

**Part 2:** **GENERAL PROPOSAL**

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| **Abstract for General Proposal:** |
| *Brief description of current situation:*  In recent years, numerous individual and several bulk changes were made to the ICTV's International Code of Virus Classification and Nomenclature (ICVCN) and the ICTV's Statutes. These changes left both documents somewhat in disarray, including problems associated with terminology consistency, orthography and grammar, clarity, and application examples.  *Proposed changes:*  We propose several changes to both documents to improve their qualities. |

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| **Text of General Proposal:** |
| *Background:*  In recent years, numerous individual and several bulk changes were made to the ICTV's International Code of Virus Classification and Nomenclature (ICVCN) and the ICTV's Statutes. These changes left both documents somewhat in disarray, including problems associated with terminology consistency, orthography and grammar, clarity, and application examples.  *Proposed* *changes:*  Here we propose several changes to both documents to improve their qualities. Suggestions (and issues to be discussed) are pointed out via tracked changes and comment bubbles in two attached documents:   * 2024.002G.N.v1.ICVCN and Statutes harmonization Supp1 Statutes * 2024.002G.N.v1.ICVCN and Statutes harmonization Supp2 ICVCN   *Justification:*  We hope to engage the ICTV Executive Committee subsequent to submission and during the possible revision process of this TaxoProp to improve and finalize both documents in 2024. |

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| **References:** |
| **N/A** |

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| **Tables, Figures: none** |

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