

From: Chan, Amy achan@eoas.ubc.ca
Subject: Re: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 4, 2023 at 8:52 PM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca
Cc: vera tai vtai4@uwo.ca, Chan, Amy achan@eoas.ubc.ca, Marli Vlok marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca



Yes, i agree, Sounds great!
Thank you :)

On Dec. 4, 2023 12:41 p.m., "Lang, Andrew" <aslang@mun.ca> wrote:

[CAUTION: Non-UBC Email]

Dear Vera and Amy,

As part of ongoing changes to viral taxonomy at the ICTV, all viral species names are being converted to latin binomials. The Study Group I chair, for the family *Marnaviridae*, missed the ICTV's original deadline to do this (my fault!) and I am now trying to get this done ASAP. Otherwise, people not associated with this group will just rename everything and I would prefer it doesn't happen that way.

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Since you were both instrumental in the discovery and characterization of HaRNAV, we though you should both be part of this new name - I hope you agree!

Virus: HaRNAV
Genus: *Marnavirus*
Previous species name: *Heterosigma akashiwo RNA virus*
Proposed species name: *Marnavirus taichaniae*

We are required to obtain permission to use your name for this purpose so we would appreciate it if you could please respond to this message indicating whether or not you agree with this.

Thanks!

Andrew

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From: Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Virus species naming permission
Date: December 5, 2023 at 6:03 PM
To: Alexander (Alex) Culley aculley@hawaii.edu
Cc: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca



Awesome, thanks Alex!

Sadly, I don't do much marine RNA work anymore (well once we get the last paper out) – some may say I've sold out to human health and wastewater. But I've been enjoying the taxonomic work so I'm sure our paths will cross there.

Cheers,
Marli

From: Alexander (Alex) Culley <aculley@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:54 PM
To: Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Virus species naming permission
Importance: High

Hi Marli,

I have been really impressed with how you have moved our early RNA stuff forward and I look forward to meeting you in person at some point. Wow, this is an unexpected honor, and yes I give you permission.

Sincerely,

Alex

On Dec 4, 2023, at 8:28 AM, Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Alex

This e-mail may feel a little random but I'm blaming Andrew (cc'ed) and his dedication to the ICTV. I also don't know how you and I managed to never meet – I was a PhD student in Curtis' lab and continued with your RNA virus work.

I'm reaching out to ask for your permission in naming a virus species after you. The ICTV has been in a continuous state of change and has requested we create binomial names to replace the current species names. Wanting to pay homage to people who made substantial contributions to the study of aquatic RNA viruses, the Andrew and I are proposing naming the currently classified species after these researchers. Below is the information concerning the species we'd like to name after you.

| Genus | Current species name | Virus name | Abbrev | Binomial species name |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Sogarnavirus</i> | <i>Jericarnavirus A</i> | Marine RNA virus JP-A | JP-A | <i>Sogarnavirus culleyi</i> |

Action item: Please respond to this email asap either giving or denying permission to name this viral species after you.

Thanks so much,
Marli



From: Joe DeRisi jderisi@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Virus species naming permission
Date: December 5, 2023 at 2:22 PM
To: marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca
Cc: Derisi, Joe Joseph.DeRisi@ucsf.edu, aslang@mun.ca, Worth, Brittany brittany.worth@ucsf.edu

Hello Marli -

Thanks for your email. I gave permission to name this viral species as you've described, "Locarnavirus derisii"

Interestingly, this came from our 2010 wastewater metagenomic efforts, long before it was popular to do wastewater surveillance in the COVID era.

Thanks!
 joe

On Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 1:34 PM Worth, Brittany <Brittany.Worth@ucsf.edu> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC)" <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
Date: December 4, 2023 at 10:28:50 AM PST
To: "Derisi, Joe" <Joseph.DeRisi@ucsf.edu>
Cc: "Worth, Brittany" <Brittany.Worth@ucsf.edu>, aslang@mun.ca
Subject: Virus species naming permission

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Hi Dr Derisi

I'm reaching out on behalf of the *Marnaviridae* ICTV study group to ask for your permission in naming a virus species after you. The ICTV has been in a continuous state of change and has requested we create binomial names to replace the current species names. Wanting to pay homage to people who made substantial contributions to the study of aquatic RNA viruses, the study group is proposing naming the currently classified species after these researchers. Below is the information concerning the species we'd like to name after you.

| Genus | Current species name | Virus name | Abbrev | Binomial species name |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Locarnavirus</i> | <i>Sanfarnavirus 2</i> | Marine RNA virus SF-2 | SF-2 | <i>Locarnavirus derisii</i> |

Action item: Please respond to this email asap either giving or denying permission to name this viral species after you.

Thanks for your time,

Marli

Marli Vlok Ph D M Sc

From: Alex Greninger agrening@uw.edu
Subject: Re: Virus species naming permission
Date: December 4, 2023 at 6:41 PM
To: Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca
Cc: aslang@mun.ca



Hi Marli,

Sounds fun. Happy to support.

Best wishes,
alex

On Dec 4, 2023, at 10:28 AM, Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Dr Greninger,

I'm reaching out on behalf of the *Marnaviridae* ICTV study group to ask for your permission in naming a virus species after you. The ICTV has been in a continuous state of change and has requested we create binomial names to replace the current species names. Wanting to pay homage to people who made substantial contributions to the study of aquatic RNA viruses, the study group is proposing naming the currently classified species after these researchers. Below is the information concerning the species we'd like to name after you.

| Genus | Current species name | Virus name | Abbrev | Binomial species name |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Locarnavirus</i> | <i>Sanfarnavirus 1</i> | Marine RNA virus SF-1 | SF-1 | <i>Locarnavirus greningerii</i> |

Action item: Please respond to this email asap either giving or denying permission to name this viral species after you.

Thanks for your time,

Marli

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From: julia.gustavsen@agroscope.admin.ch
Subject: RE: Virus species naming permission
Date: December 4, 2023 at 4:24 PM
To: marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca
Cc: aslang@mun.ca



Hi Marli,

Thanks for the nice message. I don't really feel deserving of such an honour, but I accept nonetheless! 😊

All is well here and I see that you are now in Winnipeg! Hope the prairies are treating you well.

Cheers, Julia

De : Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
Envoyé : lundi, 4 décembre 2023 19:28
À : Gustavsen Julia AGROSCOPE <julia.gustavsen@agroscope.admin.ch>
Cc : aslang@mun.ca
Objet : Virus species naming permission
Importance : Haute

Hi Julia,

Long time no see, hope you and the family are doing well!

I'm reaching out on behalf of the *Marnaviridae* ICTV study group to ask for your permission in naming a virus species after you. The ICTV has been in a continuous state of change and has requested we create binomial names to replace the current species names. Wanting to pay homage to people who made substantial contributions to the study of aquatic RNA viruses, the study group is proposing naming the currently classified species after these researchers. Below is the information concerning the species we'd like to name after you.

| Genus | Current species name | Virus name | Abbrev | Binomial species name |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Sogarnavirus</i> | <i>Britarnavirus 2</i> | Marine RNA virus BC-2 | BC-2 | <i>Sogarnavirus gustavseniae</i> |

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Thanks so much,
Marli

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From: 木村 圭 kimurak@cc.saga-u.ac.jp
Subject: Re: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 7, 2023 at 10:54 AM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca
Cc: Marli Vlok marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca



Dear Dr. Andrew,

Received your email.
I am honored to receive your excellent proposal.
I have no reason to object to giving my name to the virus.
I accept your proposal.

I appreciate it.

Thanks,

Kei

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送信元: "Lang, Andrew" <aslang@mun.ca>
日付: 2023年12月6日 水曜日 1:05
宛先: 木村圭 <kimurak@cc.saga-u.ac.jp>
Cc: Marli Vlok <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
件名: Virus naming permission request

Dear Dr. Kimura,

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Virus: CtenRNAVII
Genus: *Sogarnavirus*
Previous species name: *Chesteruisogarnavirus II*

From: Jaclyn Miranda jackie.a.miranda@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Virus species naming permission
Date: December 6, 2023 at 12:39 PM
To: Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca
Cc: aslang@mun.ca



Hi Marli,

Thank you for reaching out. I hope all is well with you also. Yes, it was a niche community working on RNA viruses, you worked with Curtis Suttle right?

I would be honored to have a virus named after me! Yes, I give permission.

It is crazy timing, as I have been in industry for the past 8 years and just started looking into academic roles in the past month or so. I'm itching to get back to studying marine viruses.

Maybe we will connect again soon with some more data analysis.

Thanks again and have a wonderful holiday season.

All the best,
Jackie

On Wed, Dec 6, 2023, 10:47AM Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jaclyn,

Hope you are well. You probably don't remember me, we communicated years ago when we were both slogging through RNA virus metagenomics as PhD students.

I'm reaching out on behalf of the *Marnaviridae* ICTV study group to ask for your permission in naming a virus species after you. The ICTV has been in a continuous state of change and has requested we create binomial names to replace the current species names. Wanting to pay homage to people who made substantial contributions to the study of aquatic RNA viruses, the study group is proposing naming the currently classified species after these researchers. Below is the information concerning the species we'd like to name after you.

| Genus | Current species name | Virus name | Abbrev | Binomial species name |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Salisharnavirus</i> | <i>Palmarnavirus 128</i> | Marine RNA virus PAL128 | PAL128 | <i>Salisharnavirus mirandaeae</i> |

Action item: Please respond to this email asap either giving or denying permission to name this viral species after you.

Thanks for your time,

Marli

Marli Vlok, Ph.D, M.Sc.

Research Scientist - Enteroviruses and Enteric Viruses Laboratory

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From: keizon3@yahoo.co.jp
Subject: Re: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 5, 2023 at 5:39 PM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca



Hi, Andrew!
I agree to your proposal.

Keizo

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From: "Lang, Andrew" <aslang@mun.ca>
To: "nagasaki@kochi-u.ac.jp" <nagasaki@kochi-u.ac.jp>; "Keizo Nagasaki" <nagasaki@affrc.go.jp>
Cc: "Marli Vlok" <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
日時: 2023/12/06 水 00:58
件名: Virus naming permission request

Dear Keizo,

As part of ongoing changes to viral taxonomy at the ICTV, all viral species names are being converted to latin binomials. The Study Group I chair, for the family Marnaviridae, missed the ICTV's original deadline to do this (my fault!) and I am now trying to get this done ASAP. Otherwise, people not associated with this group will just rename everything and I would prefer it doesn't happen that way.

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Virus: RsRNAV01
Genus: Bacillarnavirus
Previous species name: Rhizosolenia setigera RNA virus 01
Proposed species name: Bacillarnavirus nagasakii

We are required to obtain permission to use your name for this purpose so we would appreciate it if you could please respond to this message indicating whether or not you agree with this.

Thanks!

Andrew

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From: Forest Rohwer frohwer@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 5, 2023 at 2:34 PM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca
Cc: Marli Vlok marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca



Dear Andrew and Marli,
Viral taxonomy! You are a tougher people than me:)
Yes, you have my permission to name some unsuspecting virus using my name. Thanks for thinking of me.
And have a wonderful Saturnalia!
Forest

On Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 12:33 PM Lang, Andrew <aslang@mun.ca> wrote:

Dear Forest,

As part of ongoing changes to viral taxonomy at the ICTV, all viral species names are being converted to latin binomials. The Study Group I chair, for the family *Marnaviridae*, missed the ICTV's original deadline to do this (my fault!) and I am now trying to get this done ASAP. Otherwise, people not associated with this group will just rename everything and I would prefer it doesn't happen that way.

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Virus: Marine RNA virus SF-3
Genus: *Locarnavirus*
Previous species name: *Sanfarnavirus 3*
Proposed species name: *Locarnavirus rohwerii*

We are required to obtain permission to use your name for this purpose so we would appreciate it if you could please respond to this message indicating whether or not you agree with this.

Thanks and I hope all is well with you!

Andrew

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From: Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Virus species naming permission
Date: December 5, 2023 at 6:33 PM
To: Grieg Steward grieg@hawaii.edu
Cc: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca



Excellent, thanks for accepting!
Any chance you have contact information for Jaclyn Miranda? We've got a permission request for her too.

Things are good here, I've exchanged the oceans for wastewater, but at least the genomes are still RNA!

Cheers,
Marli

From: Grieg Steward <grieg@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:37 AM
To: Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Virus species naming permission
Importance: High

Dear Marli,
Nice to hear from you. I hope all is well. I am surprised and honored by this request and am happy to give permission to proceed with the naming as you indicate.

Thank you for thinking of me, and thanks to all of you serving on the committee for your efforts.

Warm regards,

Grieg

Grieg F. Steward, Professor
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Honolulu, HI 96822

On Dec 4, 2023, at 8:28 AM, Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Grieg,

From: Suttle, Curtis csuttle@eoas.ubc.ca
Subject: RE: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 4, 2023 at 11:02 PM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca
Cc: Marli Vlok marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca



Hi Andrew and Marli

That is so thoughtful of you! As far we know it doesn't kill anyone 😊, so I guess I am safe.

I am a bit mystified by the endings of the species names, but I will assume there will also be vlokensis, cullyei, and langei. I am happy to endorse the proposal.

We were supposed to be on a plane to Germany, but Munich airport is closed, so we are rebooked for tomorrow.

All the best
Curtis

From: Lang, Andrew <aslang@mun.ca>
Sent: 4-Dec-23 12:45 PM
To: Suttle, Curtis <csuttle@eoas.ubc.ca>
Cc: Marli Vlok <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
Subject: Virus naming permission request

[CAUTION: Non-UBC Email]

Dear Curtis,

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Virus: Marine RNA virus BC-4
Genus: *Salisharnavirus*
Previous species name: *Britarnavirus 4*
Proposed species name: *Salisharnavirus suttleii*

We are required to obtain permission to use your name for this purpose so we would appreciate it if you could please respond to this message indicating whether or not you agree with this.

From: 高尾祥丈 takyoshi@fpu.ac.jp
Subject: Re: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 10, 2023 at 8:24 PM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca



Dear Prof. Lang

After due consideration, I have decided to accept your very honorable proposal.
Thank you very much for your proposal.

Sincerely,

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2023/12/08 3:56、Lang, Andrew <aslang@mun.ca>のメール:

Hi again,

I just wanted to see if you've had a chance to consider this? We are not able to proceed without your permission so would appreciate it if you could respond ASAP.

Thanks again!

Andrew

On Dec 5, 2023, at 12:32 PM, Lang, Andrew <aslang@mun.ca> wrote:

Dear Dr. Takao,

As part of ongoing changes to viral taxonomy at the ICTV, all viral species names are being converted to latin binomials. The Study Group I chair, for the family *Marnaviridae*, missed the ICTV's original deadline to do this (my fault!) and I am now trying to get this done ASAP. Otherwise, people not associated with this group will just rename everything and I would prefer it doesn't happen that way.

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Virus: AssRNAV01
Genus: *Labyrnavirus*
Previous species name: *Aurantiochytrium single-stranded RNA virus 01*
Proposed species name: *Labyrnavirus takaoii*

We are required to obtain permission to use your name for this purpose so we would appreciate it if you could please respond to this message indicating whether or not you agree with this.

Thanks!

Andrew

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From: Vera Tai vtai4@uwo.ca
Subject: Re: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 5, 2023 at 11:01 AM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca, Chan, Amy achan@eoas.ubc.ca
Cc: Marli Vlok marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca



Hi Andrew,

I am honoured that you thought of Amy and I to name the virus. Definitely cool to have something named after us. Honestly though, I'm not a big fan of naming species after people. And I'd be in favour of naming the virus after what it infects, i.e. Heterosigma. Or, where it was isolated also works. But if you are naming all the viruses after people, then I'd be in favour of using our names, in the context of gender equality 😊. Then if so, it should probably be taichanarum or taichaniarum? (but with the ending "arum" to indicate multiple women). I'm sure you put good thought into the type of names to give these viruses and the order of combined names, and there are rules to follow. So if there is precedent for that, could you explain? And, I hope Janice is also getting a virus name, as she is someone else who also put a lot of work into characterizing marnaviruses.

Thanks!
-Vera.

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From: Lang, Andrew <aslang@mun.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 7:37 PM
To: Chan, Amy <achan@eoas.ubc.ca>
Cc: Vera Tai <vtai4@uwo.ca>; Marli Vlok <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Virus naming permission request

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Thanks

Please excuse this message's faults as I'm using my phone.

On Dec 4, 2023, at 8:52 PM, Chan, Amy <achan@eoas.ubc.ca> wrote:

Yes, i agree, Sounds great!
Thank you :)

On Dec. 4, 2023 12:41 p.m., "Lang, Andrew" <aslang@mun.ca> wrote:

[CAUTION: Non-UBC Email]

From: 外丸 裕司 tomaru_yuji42@fra.go.jp
Subject: RE: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 5, 2023 at 7:39 PM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca, tomaruy tomaruy@affrc.go.jp
Cc: marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca



Dear Andrew,

Thank you, it is a great honor.
I agree with your propose.

Best,
Yuji

From: Lang, Andrew <aslang@mun.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:52 AM
To: tomaruy <tomaruy@affrc.go.jp>
Cc: marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca
Subject: Virus naming permission request

Dear Dr. Tomaru,

As part of ongoing changes to viral taxonomy at the ICTV, all viral species names are being converted to latin binomials. The Study Group I chair, for the family *Marnaviridae*, missed the ICTV's original deadline to do this (my fault!) and I am now trying to get this done ASAP. Otherwise, people not associated with this group will just rename everything and I would prefer it doesn't happen that way.

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Virus: CsfrRNAV01
Genus: *Bacillarnavirus*
Previous species name: *Chaetoceros socialis forma radians RNA virus 1*
Proposed species name: *Bacillarnavirus yujii*

Virus: AglaRNAV1
Genus: *Kusarnavirus*
Previous species name: *Astarnavirus*
Proposed species name: *Kusarnavirus tomaruii*

Virus: Csp02RNAV01
Genus: *Sogarnavirus*
Previous species name: *Chaetarnavirus 2*
Proposed species name: *Sogarnavirus tomaruii*

We are required to obtain permission to use your name for this purpose so we would appreciate it if you could please respond to this message indicating whether or not you

From: Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Virus naming permission request
Date: December 4, 2023 at 5:27 PM
To: Lang, Andrew aslang@mun.ca



Yes yes, you hereby have my permission to name the virus species after me. BC-1 was always my favourite of the bunch.

Marli

From: Lang, Andrew <aslang@mun.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Vlok, Marli (PHAC/ASPC) <marli.vlok@phac-aspc.gc.ca>
Subject: Virus naming permission request

Dear Marli,

As you know, we are renaming viruses in the family *Marnaviridae*. I need to obtain your permission to name the below virus after you, in recognition of your work on the discovery of viruses in this group.

Virus: Marine RNA virus BC-1
Genus: *Salisharnavirus*
Previous species name: *Britarnavirus 1*
Proposed species name: *Salisharnavirus vlokiae*

Thanks for considering this request!

Andrew

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