This Word module should be used for all taxonomic proposals.

Please complete **Part 1** and:

either **Part 3** for proposals to create new taxa or change existing taxa

or **Part 2** for proposals of a general nature.

Submit the completed Word module, together with the accompanying Excel module named in Part 3, to the appropriate ICTV Subcommittee Chair.

For guidance, see the notes written in blue, below, and the help notes in file Taxonomic\_Proposals\_Help\_2018.

**Part 1:** **TITLE, AUTHORS, etc**

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| **Code assigned:** | ***2018.083B*** | | (to be completed by ICTV officers) |
| **Short title:** (e.g. “6 new species in the genus *Zetavirus”*)  **To create one (1) new genus, *Otagovirus*, containing two (2) species in the family *Myoviridae*.** | | | |
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| **List the ICTV study group(s) that have seen this proposal:** | | | |
| A list of study groups and contacts is provided at <http://www.ictvonline.org/subcommittees.asp> . If in doubt, contact the appropriate subcommittee chair (there are six virus subcommittees: animal DNA and retroviruses, animal ssRNA-, animal ssRNA+, fungal and protist, plant, bacterial and archaeal) | | **Bacterial and Archaeal Viruses Subcommittee** | |
| **ICTV Study Group comments (if any) and response of the proposer:** | | | |
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| Date first submitted to ICTV: | | | May 2018 |
| Date of this revision (if different to above): | | |  |

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| **ICTV-EC comments and response of the proposer:** |
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**Part 2:** **NON-STANDARD**

Template for any proposal regarding ICTV procedures, rules or policy, not involving the creation of new taxonomy.

| **Text of proposal:** |
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**Part 3:** **PROPOSED TAXONOMY**

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| **Name of accompanying Excel module: 2018.083B.N.v1.Otagovirus** |

The taxonomic changes you are proposing should be presented on an accompanying Excel module, 2017\_TP\_Template\_Excel\_module. Please enter the file name of the completed module in this box.

**Supporting material:**

| additional material in support of this proposal |
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| Please explain the reasons for the taxonomic changes you are proposing and provide evidence to support them. The following information should be provided, where relevant:   * **Species demarcation criteria**: Explain how new species differ from others in the genus and demonstrate that these differences meet the criteria previously established for demarcating between species. If no criteriahave previously been established, and if there will now be more than one species in the genus, please state the demarcation criteria you are proposing. * **Higher taxa**:   + There is no formal requirement to state demarcation criteria when proposing new genera or other higher taxa. However, a similar concept should apply in pursuit of a rational and consistent virus taxonomy.   + Please indicate the **origin of names** assigned to new taxa at genus level and above.   + For each new genus a **type species** must be designated to represent it. Please explain your choice. * **Supporting evidence**: The use of Figures and Tables is strongly recommended (note that copying from publications will require permission from the copyright holder). For phylogenetic analysis, try to provide a tree where branch length is related to genetic distance. |

**Species demarcation criteria** We have chosen 95% DNA sequence identity as the criterion for demarcation of species in this new genus. Each of the proposed species differs from the others with more than 5% at the DNA level as confirmed with the BLASTN algorithm.

**Source of the name of this taxon:** Named after the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand where research on the type phage was conducted.

**History:** Pseudomonas syringae pv. actinidiae causes bacterial canker of kiwifruit (Actinidia sp.). Rebekah A. Frampton et al. (University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand) isolated a sequenced numerous phages against this pathogen. Phage phiPsa374 was directly isolated from soil (Dunedin, New Zealand), is member of the *Myoviridae* with heads 75.0 nm in diameter and contractile tails 204.6 nm in length. The authors note the overall genomic similarity to phage JG004 but the overall how sequence identity. Phage VCM was isolated by Andrew Millard (Warwick University, UK).

**GenBank Summary:**

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| Phage name | RefSeq No. | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNA | Overall DNA sequence identity (\*) | % conserved proteins (\*\*) |
| phiPsa374 | NC\_023601.1 | KJ409772.1 | 97.91 | 47.7 | 173 | 11 | 100% | 100% |
| VCM | NC\_029065.1 | LN887844.1 | 98.77 | 48.5 | 172 | 17 | 56 | 73.4 |
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(\*) Determined using BLASTN at NCBI; (\*\*) Determined using CoreGenes 3.5

**BLASTN homologs:** See above

**Phylogeny:** The phylogenetic tree was constructed, using phylogeny.fr, using the DNA ligase protein homologs of phiPsa374 and related phages.



| **References:** |
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| 1: Frampton RA, Taylor C, Holguín Moreno AV, Visnovsky SB, Petty NK, Pitman AR,  Fineran PC. Identification of bacteriophages for biocontrol of the kiwifruit  canker phytopathogen Pseudomonas syringae pv. actinidiae. Appl Environ Microbiol.  2014 Apr;80(7):2216-28. |