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

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| **Short title:** Rename the genus *Banyangvirus* and the species *Huaiyangshan banyangvirus* (*Bunyavirales*: *Phenuiviridae*) | | | |
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**Part 3:** **PROPOSED TAXONOMY**

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Severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome virus (SFTSV) was originally classified into a new phlebovirus species named *SFTS virus* included in the now dissolved family *Bunyaviridae*. This species name was later changed to *SFTS phlebovirus*, a name still not considered valid due the incorporation of an abbreviation (*SFTS*) within a species name. Recently, the species was moved into a novel genus, *Banyangvirus* (*Bunyavirales*: *Phenuiviridae*), designated as type species of this genus, and renamed *Huaiyangshan banyangvirus.*

We consider this genus and species name politically problematic as SFTSV was first designated Dabie Mountain virus (DBMV) according to the place of its first discovery, and this designation, rather than *Huaiyangshan* and *Banyang* (a portmanteau of Bhanja and *Huaiyangshan*), should receive priortity recognition. We therefore propose to rename the genus to *Bandavirus* (a portmanteau of Bhanja virus and Dabie Mountain virus), to change the species name *Huaiyangshan banyangvirus* to *Dabie bandavirus* and to change the genus name components of the remaining species in the genus from *banyangvirus* to *bandavirus*.