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.

The Word module explains and justifies your proposal. The Excel module is a critical document that will be used to implement the proposed taxonomic changes once they are approved and ratified. If proposals presented in the Word module are not presented accurately in the Excel module, the taxonomic changes cannot proceed.

For guidance, see the notes written in blue, below, and the Help Notes in file Taxonomic\_Proposals\_Help\_2019.

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

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| **Code assigned:** | ***2019.077B*** |  |
| **Short title:** Abolish one species and create a new type species in the genus *Psimunavirus*, family *Siphoviridae* |
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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 Caudovirales Study Group** |
| **ICTV Study Group comments (if any) 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:** 2019.077B.A.v1.Psimunavirus\_abol1sp\_1nsp.xlsx |

The taxonomic changes you are proposing should be presented on an accompanying Excel module, 2019\_TP\_Template\_Excel\_module. Please enter the file name of the completed module in this box.

**Supporting material:**

*Methanobacterium virus psiM1* is the type species of the genus *Psimunavirus* (family *Siphoviridae*). The virus, Methanobacterium virus psiM1, infects methanogenic archaea and contains a double-stranded DNA genome of approximately 27.1 kbp. Unfortunately, the genome sequence of psiM1 is not available. However, the complete genome of a spontaneous deletion mutant of psiM1, named Methanobacterium virus psiM2, which lacks 0.7 kbp compared to psiM1, has been fully sequenced (26,111 bp; GenBank accession number: AF065411) (Pfister et al., 1998).

We propose to abolish the *Methanobacterium virus psiM1* species and, instead, create *Methanobacterium virus psiM2* species and designate it as the type species of the genus *Psimunavirus*.

| 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, please provide a tree where branch length is **proportional to genetic** distance, generated using an appropriate algorithm (Neighbour-Joining, Maximum Likelihood, or Bayesian) and provide evidence of the reliability of the branching (e.g., by bootstrapping).

Please refer to the Help Notes file (Taxonomic\_Proposals\_Help\_2019) for more information. |

| **References:** |
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| Pfister P, Wasserfallen A, Stettler R, Leisinger T. Molecular analysis of *Methanobacterium* phage psiM2. Mol Microbiol. 1998; 30(2):233-44. |