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:** | ***2019.086B*** | |  |
| **Short title:** Create one new genus (*Schmittlotzvirus*) including one new species in the family *Myoviridae* | | | |
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| **Author(s) and email address(es):** | | | |
| List authors in a single line *Archives of Virology* citation format (e.g. Smith AB, Huang C-L, Santos, F) | | Provide email address for each author in a single line separated by semi-colons | |
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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** | |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Authority to use the name of a living person:**  Please provide the following information if you propose taxon name(s) which are derived from the name of a living person or persons*.* Please attach documents to verify that permission has been obtained. | | | | **Taxon name** | **Person from whom the name is derived** | **Permission obtained (Y/N)** | | *Schmittlotzvirus* | Rüdiger Schmitt | Y | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  | | |   **ICTV Study Group comments (if any) and response of the proposer:** | | | |
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| Date first submitted to ICTV: | | |  |
| 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:** 2019.086B.A.v1.Schmittvirus\_1gen.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:**

| 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. |

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**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:** This genus is named in honour of Prof. Dr. rer.nat. Rüdiger Schmitt

(b. 1936) who is a German geneticist and molecular biologist. He is professor emeritus at the University of Regensburg, and was the scientist to studied and sequenced Agrobacterium phage 7-7-1. It also recognizes Dr. Wolfgang Lotz, (b. 1938; retired from University of Erlangen, Institute of Microbiology in 2003) who isolated this phage.

**History:**  Virulent flagellotrophic Agrobacterium phage 7-7-1 infects motile cells of *Agrobacterium* sp H13-3 [10]. It was isolated in Germany from compost in 1971.

**References:**

1: Lotz W, Mayer F. Electron microscopical characterization of newly isolated Rhizobium lupini bacteriophages. Can J Microbiol. 1972;18(8):1271-4.

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3: Lotz W, Acker G, Schmitt R. Bacteriophage 7-7-1 adsorbs to the complex flagella of Rhizobium lupini H13-3. J Gen Virol. 1977;34(1):9-17.

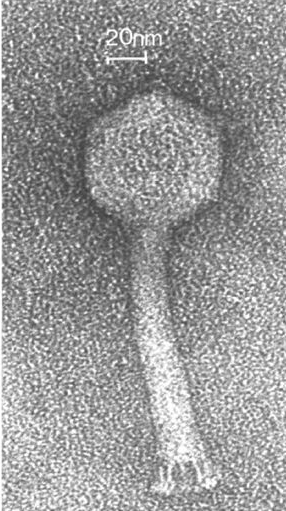
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**GenBank Summary:**

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| Phage name | RefSeq No. | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNA |
| Agrobacterium phage 7-7-1 | [NC\_019519.1](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/NC_019519.1) | [JQ312117.1](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JQ312117.1) | 69.39 | 52.4 | 127 | 0 |

**BLASTN homologs:** The next most closely related phage is Agrobacterium phage Milano which shares 62.1% identity with phage 7-7-1 [1-3]. While this is sufficient to be considered part of a subfamily we do not choose to create one at this time.

**Electron micrograph:**

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**Phylogeny:** The phylogenetic tree was constructed using the DNA polymerase protein homologs of 7-7-1 and related phages with phylogeny.fr in “one click” mode [8]. "The "One Click mode" targets users that do not wish to deal with program and parameter selection. By default, the pipeline is already set up to run and connect programs recognized for their accuracy and speed (MUSCLE for multiple alignment and PhyML for phylogeny) to reconstruct a robust phylogenetic tree from a set of sequences." It also includes the use of Gblocks to eliminate poorly aligned positions and divergent regions. "The usual bootstrapping procedure is replaced by a new confidence index that is much faster to compute. See: Anisimova M., Gascuel O. Approximate likelihood ratio test for branches: A fast, accurate and powerful alternative [9] for details."

**DNA polymerase proteins**

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