

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

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| **Code assigned:** | ***2022.037B*** |  |
| **Short title:** Create a new genus (*Hzauvirus*)in the family *Guelinviridae* including a new species (*Caudoviricetes*) |
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| Bacterial & Archaeal Virus Subcommittee |

**ICTV Study Group comments and response of proposer**

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**ICTV Study Group votes on proposal**

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| **Study Group** | **Number of members** |
| **Votes support** | **Votes against** | **No vote** |
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**Authority to use the name of a living person**

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| **Is any taxon name used here derived from that of a living person (Y/N)** | N |

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| **Taxon name** | **Person from whom the name is derived** | **Permission attached (Y/N)** |
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| Date of this revision (if different to above) |  |

**ICTV-EC comments and response of the proposer**

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**Part 2:** **NON-TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

**Text of proposal**

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**Part 3:** **TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

**Name of accompanying Excel module**

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| 2022.037B.N.v1.Hzauvirus\_ng.xlsx  |

**Abstract**

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| A new *Clostridium* phage LPCPA6 was isolated, and ViPTree analysis grouped this phage with members of the family *Guelinviridae*. According to the VIRIDIC and ViPTree analysis results, LPCPA6 differ significantly enough (less than 70% identity with phages of other *Clostridium* species) to classify it as a separate genus.Therefore, we propose to classify LPCPA6 as a newgenus *Hzauvirus*, including one species Clostridiumphage LPCPA6. The genome of LPCPA6 is available from the NCBI GenBank database under the accession number: OM638104.1. |

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| **Species demarcation criteria:** Two phages are assigned to the same species if their genomes are more than 95% identical over their genome length for isolates. These values can be calculated by a number of tools, such as BLASTn – usually calculated using intergenomic distance calculator VIRIDIC [1].**Genus demarcation criteria:** In search for criteria that create cohesive and distinct genera that are reproducible and monophyletic, the Bacterial Viruses Subcommittee has established 70% nucleotide identity of the genome length as the cut-off for genera. Genus-level groupings should always be monophyletic in the signature genes, as tested with a phylogenetic tree.[2] |

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**Supporting evidence**

**ViPTree analysis:** ViPTree analysis (https://www.genome.jp/viptree/; [3]) is based upon Rohwer and Edwards (2002) famous Phage Proteomic Tree [4]. The phages of interest are indicated with **red arrow and box.**

 

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator [1]; http://rhea.icbm.uni-oldenburg.de/VIRIDIC/) computes pairwise intergenomic distances/similarities amongst phage genomes.



**Phylogeny:**The phylogenetic tree was constructed using the major head proteins of phages [5]. MUSCLE was used for multiple alignment and MEGA(v11.0.10) was used for building phylogenetic tree using maximum-likelihood method with 500 bootstrap [6]. The new genus is indicated with red box and new species is indicated with red arrow.



**Origin of the name of this taxon:** This genus is named based on Huazhong Agricultural University, a university located in China*.*

**Historical aspects:** Clostridium phage LPCPA6 was isolated from the dog faeces by Huazhong Agricultural University in 2020, using Clostridiumas the host bacterium.

**Specific References:** None

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | RefSeq No. | INSDC  | Size (Kb) | GC%  | Protein  | tRNA | Overall % DNA sequence identity (\*) | Overall % homologous proteins (\*\*) |
| *Clostridium* phage LPCPA6 |  | OM638104.1 | 18.554 | 30.56% | [26](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/browse/#!/proteins/84820/708377%7CMycobacterium%20phage%20Anthony/viral%20segment/) | 0 | 100 | 100 |

**(\*) Determined using VIRIDIC [2]**

**(\*\*) Determined using CoreGenes 3.5 at** [**http://binf.gmu.edu:8080/CoreGenes3.5/**](http://binf.gmu.edu:8080/CoreGenes3.5/) **[8]**

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