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| Bacterial Viruses Subcommittee, Tevenvirinae Study Group |

**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** |
| Teven phages | 2 | 0 | 0 |
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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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**ICTV-EC comments and response of the proposer**

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| ICTV-EC: Two genus names already exist in the taxonomy. Please provide new names.  Proposer: Done |

**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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**Abstract**

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| Building on the recent description of the *Kyanoviridae* family, this proposal adds further cyanophages into the family *Kyanoviridae* by the creation of seven new genera. |

**Text of proposal**

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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 using VIRIDIC [3].  **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 [5].  Phylogenetic analysis was carried out using signature genes as detailed below. Gene sequences were aligned with MAFFT [2] using default settings and trees constructed with Fasttree [4]. For calculation of genomic similarity genomes were compared with VIRIDIC [3].  Building on the recent description of the Kyanoviridae family, this adds further cyanophages family Kyanoviriade by the creation of seven new genera. With the genus Tamkungvirus that is currently unclassified at the family level, moved into the family Kyanoviriade. | |

**Supporting evidence**

**Origin of the name of this taxon:** Proposed name *Huanghaivirus,* after the Huanghai sea which was the source of isolation.

*Huanghaivirus snothree*

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNA |
| Synechococcus phage S-N03 | MT162466 | 167069 | 50.053 | 243 | 1 |

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator) heatmap was computed using top hits as identified using mash distance.



**Phylogenetic analysis**

Phylogeny was constructed from the nucleotide sequence of the *terL* gene. The top 100 hits were extracted as identified by blastn and T4 *terL* used as an outgroup. Genes were aligned using MAFFT and trees constructed with Fasttree. Bootstrap values are represented by black circles with the size proportional to percentage from 70-100%.

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**Origin of the name of this taxon:**

Named after the road the institute is located on that was the source of isolation. *Yushanluvirus satich*

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNA |
| Synechococcus phage S-H9-2 | MW147367 | 187320 | 40.32 | 204 | 15 |

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**Phylogenetic analysis**

Phylogeny was constructed from the nucleotide sequence of the *terL* gene. The top 100 hits were extracted as identified by blastn and T4 *terL* used as an outgroup. Genes were aligned using MAFFT and trees constructed with Fasttree. Bootstrap values are represented by black circles with the size proportional to percentage from 70-100%. Synechococcus phage S-H9-2 forms a single clade and is sufficiently different based on VIRIDIC analysis to forma a new genus within the family *Kyanoviridae*

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**Origin of the name of this taxon:**

Named after the mythical sea creature Scylla

*Scyllavirus aitchnine*

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNA | Overall % DNA sequence identity (\*) | Overall % homologous proteins (\*\*) |
| Synechococcus phage S-H9-1 | MW117966 | 192454 | 40.994 | 226 | 13 |  |  |

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator) heatmap was computed using top hits as identified using mash distance.



**Phylogenetic analysis**

Phylogeny was constructed from the nucleotide sequence of the *terL* gene. The top 100 hits were extracted as identified by blastn and T4 terL used as an outgroup. Genes were aligned using MAFFT and trees constructed with Fasttree. Bootstrap values are represented by black circles with the size proportional to percentage from 70-100%.

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Synechococcus phage S-H9-1 forms a single clade, that is sister to S-RSM4. Based on VIRIDIC analysis the genomes share < 70% nucleotide identity and thus represents a new genus.

**Origin of the name of this taxon:**

Named after the Institute building where the first isolate was obtained (Zhoulongquan)

*Zhoulongquanvirus*

*Zhoulongquanvirus esscess*

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNA |
| Synechococcus phage S-SCSM1 | MK867354 | 228827 | 36.842 | 281 | 9 |

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator) heatmap was computed using top hits as identified using mash distance from INPHARED database(Cook et al. 2021).



A phylogeny was constructed from the nucleotide sequence of the *terL* gene. The top 100 hits were extracted as identified by blastn and T4 terL used as an outgroup. Genes were aligned using MAFFT and trees constructed with Fasttree. Bootstrap values are represented by black circles with the size proportional to percentage from 70-100%.

Synechococcus phage S-SCSM1 forms a single clade within the Kyanoviridae , based on VIRIDIC analysis none of the genomes in sister clades share >70% ANI, thus supporting the creation of a new genus with S-SCMS1 the sole member.

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**Origin of the name of this taxon:**

Named after the location of the reservoir the sample was taken from for phage isolation (*Serangoonvirus).*

*Serangoonvirus essarone*

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNA |
| Synechococcus phage S-SRM01 | MW015081 | 240842 | 35.642 | 367 | 12 |

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator) heatmap was computed using genomes that are currently within the genus



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**Origin of the name of this taxon:**

The *Kyanoviridae* was recently created and includes all “T4like” cyanophages. The genus *Tamkungviru*s, remains unclassified at the family level. The similarity of the phage ST4 to other cyanophages places this within the family *Kyanoviridae*. Phage ST4 is still the only isolate to date within this genus.

Phylogenetic analysis of the terL gene clearly places ST4 with other cyanophages in *Kyanoviridae* family.

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A phylogeny was constructed from the nucleotide sequence of the *terL* gene. The top hits were extracted as identified by blastn and T4 *terL* used as an outgroup. Genes were aligned using MAFFT and trees constructed with Fasttree. Bootstrap values are represented by black circles with the size proportional to percentage from 70-100%.

**Origin of the name of this taxon:**

Named after the location of the site of the sample was taken from for phage isolation (Yellow Sea) .

*Yellowseavirus thirtyeight*

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNA |
| Synechococcus phage S-H38 | MW117965 | 180224 | 42.42 | 214 | 8 |

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator) heatmap was computed using the most closely related genomes as identified by mash.

A phylogeny was constructed from the nucleotide sequence of the *terL* gene. The top hits were extracted as identified by blastn and T4 terL used as an outgroup. Genes were aligned using MAFFT and trees constructed with Fasttree. Bootstrap values are represented by black circles with the size proportional to percentage from 70-100%. S-H38 falls with other cyanophages within the family Kyanoviriade, as a single clade. Combined with the lack of genomic similarity as determined by VIRIDIC analysis, represents a new genus.

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**Origin of the name of this taxon:**

Named after sandskrit for “sea dragon”, a mythical sea creature that looks different. *Makaravirus*

*Makaravirus thirtyfour*

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | CDS | tRNA |
| Synechococcus phage S-H34 | MT162467 | 167040 | 42.42 | 248 | 5 |

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator) heatmap was computed using the most closely related genomes as identified by mash comparison



A phylogeny was constructed from the nucleotide sequence of the *terL* gene. The top hits were extracted as identified by blastn and T4 *terL* used as an outgroup. Genes were aligned using MAFFT and trees constructed with Fasttree. Bootstrap values are represented by black circles with the size proportional to percentage from 70-100%. S-H34 falls with other cyanophages within the family Kyanoviriade, as a single clade. Combined with the lack of genomic similarity as determined by VIRIDIC analysis, represents a new genus.

**Diagram

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