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| **Short title:** Create a new genus (*Roslyckyvirus)* with a single species (*Caudoviricetes*) | | |
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**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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**Submission dates**

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**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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**Abstract**

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| We have created a new genus, *Roslyckyvirus*, named after the first person to isolate Agrobacterium phages, Eugene B. Roslycky (1927-2008). Phages in this genus are expected to be lytic podoviruses. |

**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.  These values can be calculated by a number of tools, such as BLASTn [1] – usually calculated using intergenomic distance calculator VIRIDIC [2].  **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. [8] | |

**Supporting evidence**

**Origin of the name of this taxon:** This taxon is named in honour of Dr. Eugene B. Roslycky (b. 1927 in Towste, Western Ukraine; d. 2008 London, Ontario, Canada). He was awarded a PhD in 1960 by the University of Wisconsin for his pioneering work on the phages of Agrobacterium. He then joined the Research Institute, Canada Department of Agriculture in London, Ontario, Canada – now knows as the London Research and Development Centre of Agriculture and AgriFood Canada. The Canadian Federal Government bestowed upon him the 125th Anniversary Canada Medal.



(downloaded from: <https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-130042/ROSLYCKY_ROSLYCKY>)

**Historical aspects:** Lytic Agrobacterium podophage Atu\_ph08 was isolated against Agrobacterium tumefaciens C58 at the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO (U.S.A.). Its is peripherally related to Sinorhizobium phage PBC5.

**Electron micrograph:** N/A

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | Overall % DNA sequence identity (\*) | Overall % homologous proteins (\*\*) |
| Agrobacterium phage Atu\_ph08 | [MF403009.1](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF403009.1) | 58.97 | 59.7 | [75](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/browse/#!/proteins/63798/466419|Agrobacterium phage Atu_ph08/viral segment/) | 100 | 100 |

**(\*) determined using BLASTn [1] or VIRIDIC [2]**

**(\*\*) determined using CoreGenes 3.5 [5]**

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator; VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator; [2]; http://rhea.icbm.uni-oldenburg.de/VIRIDIC/) computes pairwise intergenomic distances/similarities amongst phage genomes. The black box delineates strains. N/A

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**Phylogeny:** The phylogenetic tree was constructed using the TerL proteins from Atu\_ph08 and related phages with phylogeny.fr in “one click” mode [6]. It also includes the use of Gblocks to eliminate poorly aligned positions and divergent regions. See: Anisimova M., Gascuel O. Approximate likelihood ratio test for branches: A fast, accurate and powerful alternative [7] for details." The members of the *Roslyckyvirus* are indicated with a **blue rectangle**.

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