

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

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| **Short title:** Create a new genus (*Snuvirus*) with a single species (*Caudoviricetes*) | | |
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| Bacterial Viruses Subcommittee, Caudoviricetes 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** |
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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) |  |

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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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| Only a single species in the genus *Snuvirus* exists, but there are multiple strains. |

**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 after **S**eoul **N**ational **U**niversity where the first phage of its type, Erwinia phage pEa\_SNUABM\_7 was isolated.

**Historical aspects:** This phage was isolated from a South Korean stream against Erwinia amylovora in 2021 by Sang Guen Kim, Sung Bin Lee, Jun Kwon. It could be considered as a genus within a subfamily along with *Alexandravirus* and *Sasquatchvirus*, but we do not choose to create a subfamily at this time.

**Electron micrograph:** N/A

**Genome summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | Overall % DNA sequence identity (\*) | Overall % homologous proteins (\*\*) |
| Erwinia phage pEa\_SNUABM\_7 | [MZ475896.1](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MZ475896.1) | 265.64 | 49.0 | [346](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/browse/#!/proteins/106747/1720465|Erwinia phage pEa_SNUABM_7/viral segment/) | 100 | 100 |

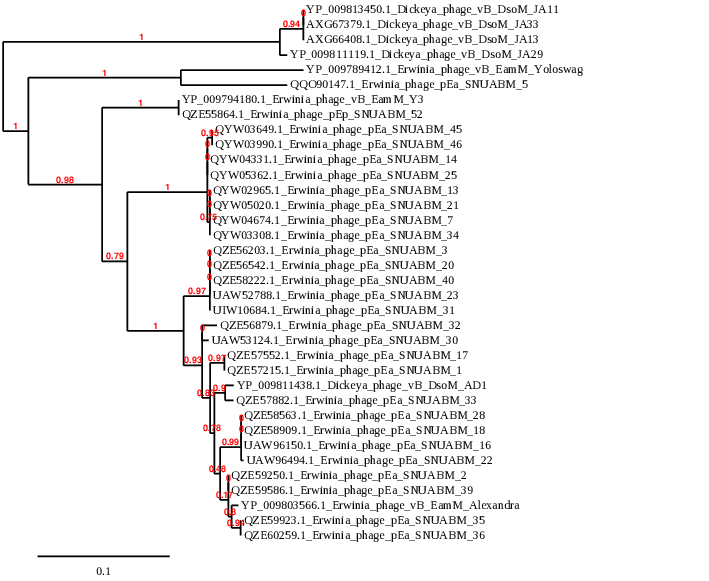
**(\*) determined using BLASTn [1] or VIRIDIC [2]**

**(\*\*) 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.

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**Phylogeny:** The phylogenetic tree was constructed using the portal proteins from pEa\_SNUABM\_7 and related phages with phylogeny.fr in “one click” mode [6]. 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 [7] for details. The members of the *Snuvirus* are indicated with a **blue rectangle**.



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