NOTE ON THE CONSERVATION OF THE NAME
LACTOBACILLUS

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Pederson (1952) stated that Saccharobacillus Van Laer (1892) antedates Betabacterium Orla-Jensen (1919), which thus becomes a synonym. The suggestion of replacing Betabacterium with Saccharobacillus was accepted by the 7th edition of Bergey's Manual (1957) p.542. Apparently it has been overlooked that Saccharobacillus also antedates the name Lactobacillus Beijerinck (1901), and in the event that Saccharobacillus is actually a valid generic name, Lactobacillus will have to be treated as a synonym.

The present arrangement in Bergey's Manual having a genus Lactobacillus with two subgenera, Lactobacillus and Saccharobacillus, would thus be altered to a genus Saccharobacillus with the subgenera Saccharobacillus and Lactobacillus (International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria and Viruses, Rule 5c). In order to avoid a change by which a long forgotten name Saccharobacillus is to replace one of very wide usage it is suggested that the name Lactobacillus be designated a nomen conservandum. This would be the safe and most direct procedure for the conservation of the name Lactobacillus.

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