Opinion 38

Conservation of the Generic Name *Lactobacillus* Beijerinck

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International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology)*

The generic name *Lactobacillus* Beijerinck 1901 is conserved against *Saccharobacillus* van Laer 1892 and all earlier objective synonyms. The type species is *L. delbrueckii* Beijerinck with neotype strain ATCC 9649 = NCDO 213. Although *L. delbrueckii* was used by Beijerinck as a simplified version of the subspecific name "*Lactobacillus fermentum* var. *delbrucki*," it shall be held to be validly published by Beijerinck as a species name. The name *Lactobacillus caucasicus* Beijerinck 1901 is placed in the list of rejected names, and *L. caucasicus* ceases to be the type species of *Lactobacillus* Beijerinck.

The Judicial Commission (2) approved the request (3, 4) for conservation of the generic name *Lactobacillus* Beijerinck 1901 (1) against *Saccharobacillus* van Laer 1892 (5) and with the type species *L. delbrueckii* Beijerinck 1901. It was noted that although Beijerinck used *L. delbrueckii* as a simplified form of the subspecific name "*Lactobacillus fermentum* var. *delbrucki*," it is here conserved as a specific name and is attributed as such to Beijerinck 1901.

Opinion 38. The generic name *Lactobacillus* Beijerinck 1901 is conserved over *Saccharobacillus* van Laer 1892 and all earlier objective synonyms. The type species of this genus is *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* Beijerinck 1901, the neotype strain of which is ATCC 9649 = NCDO 213.

The name *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* Beijerinck 1901, although used by Beijerinck as a simplified version of the subspecific name "*Lactobacillus fermentum* var. *delbrucki*," shall be held to be validly published by Beijerinck as a species name.

The name *Lactobacillus caucasicus* Beijerinck 1901 is placed in the list of rejected names, and *L. caucasicus* ceases to be the type species of *Lactobacillus* Beijerinck.

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Opinion 39

Rejection of the Generic Name *Gaffkya* Trevisan

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The generic name *Gaffkya* Trevisan 1885 was placed on the list of rejected names by the Judicial Commission of the International Committee on Nomenclature of Bacteria.