Methanobacterium thermoautotrophicus Should Be *Methanobacterium thermoautotrophicum*

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After the paper entitled "*Methanobacterium thermoautotrophicus* sp. n., an Anaerobic, Autotrophic, Extreme Thermophile" was published (J. Bacteriol. **109**:707-713, 1972), it was called to our attention by E. F. Lessel and R. E. Buchanan that the spelling of the specific epithet should be *thermoautotrophicum*, not

thermoautotrophicus, to agree with the neuter gender of the generic name *Methanobacterium*.

It is here proposed that the spelling of the specific epithet be so changed, and the correct name of the organism is therefore *Methanobacterium thermoautotrophicum*.