Revival of the Name *Vibrio vulnificus*

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The name *Vibrio vulnificus* (Reichelt et al.) Farmer was validly published as a new combination in *The Lancet*, October, 1979. However, the editors of the *Bacteriological Code* did not include a mechanism to validate those names validly published in the literature outside the *International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology* during October, November, or December, 1979. Thus, all these new names and combinations lost standing because they could not be included on the Approved Lists of Bacterial Names. *V. vulnificus* comb. nov. is hereby proposed as a revived name so it can again have standing in nomenclature.

In October, 1979, a proposal was made to transfer the bacterium known as *Beneckeia vulnifica* Reichelt, Baumann, and Baumann 1979 (3, 4) (synonym = "L⁺ vibrio") to the genus *Vibrio*, where its name became *Vibrio vulnificus* comb. nov. (1). This new combination was immediately brought to the attention (in a letter dated 23 November 1979) of the editor of the *International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology* (IJSB) for validation. However, the *Bacteriological Code*, which specifies the mechanism for validating new names and new combinations, did not include a way to validate names published in the literature (outside the IJSB) during October, November, or December, 1979. The name *V. vulnificus* comb. nov. was published during this time and could not be validated in the IJSB in time to appear on the Approved Lists of Bacterial Names (5). Through this oversight in the *Bacteriological Code*, *V. vulnificus* comb. nov. lost standing in nomenclature. The name *Vibrio vulnificus* is hereby revived as a new combination with its original meaning (1). The type strain remains ATCC 27562 (3, 4). The descriptions given previously

by Hollis et al. for "L⁺ vibrio" (2) and by Reichelt et al. (4) for *Beneckeia vulnifica* apply to *Vibrio vulnificus* comb. nov., nom. rev.

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