Opinion

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The adjectival form of the epithet in *Tannerella forsythensis* Sakamoto *et al.* 2002 is to be retained and the name is to be corrected to *Tannerella forsythia* Sakamoto *et al.* 2002. Opinion 85

Judicial Commission of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

The Judicial Commission rules that the adjectival form is to be conserved in the specific epithet *forSythia* in *Tannerella forsythia*.

At its meetings in July 2005, at the IUMS Congress in San Francisco, the Judicial Commission of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes ruled that, on the transfer of *Bacteroides forsythus* Tanner *et al.* 1986 to the genus *Tannerella* Sakamoto *et al.* 2002, the adjectival form of the specific epithet is to be conserved. The Request for an Opinion of Maiden *et al.* (2003) has provided ample background to explain the basis on which the original name was formed (Tanner *et al.*, 1986). The altered form proposed on transfer to the genus *Tannerella* Sakamoto *et al.* 2002 was based on a misunderstanding of the intent of the original authors. The authorship of the species name *Tannerella forsythia* corrig. is to be attributed to Sakamoto *et al.* (2002).

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