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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International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology)*

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.

A proposal (3) to reject the name *Gaffkya* Trevisan 1885 (4) was referred to the International Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of the Staphylococci and Micrococci (1). The recommendation of this subcommittee to reject the name *Gaffkya* Trevisan was accepted by the Judicial Commission (2), which approved the following Opinion.

Opinion 39. The generic name *Gaffkya* Trevisan 1885 is placed on the list of rejected names.

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Opinion 40

Rejection of the Names *Mima* De Bord and *Herellea* De Bord and of the Specific Epithets *polymorpha* and *vaginicola* in *Mima polymorpha* De Bord and *Herellea vaginicola* De Bord, Respectively

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The generic names *Mima* De Bord 1939, 1942 and *Herellea* De Bord 1942 were placed on the list of rejected names. The specific epithets *polymorpha* and *vaginicola* in the names *Mima polymorpha* De Bord 1939, 1942 and *Herellea vaginicola* De Bord 1942, respectively, were placed on the list of rejected epithets. The tribal name *Mimeae* De Bord 1939, 1942 therefore has no standing in nomenclature because it is based on a rejected generic name.

A request (6) to conserve the name *Moraxella lwoffii* Audureau 1940 (1) was referred to the International Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of *Moraxella* and Allied Bacteria (4). After considering this and related names, the subcommittee unanimously recommended rejection of the generic names *Mima* De Bord (2, 3) and *Herellea* De Bord (3) and the specific epithets *polymorpha* [in *Mima polymorpha* De Bord (2, 3)] and *vaginicola* [in *Herellea vaginicola* De Bord (3)]. The generic name *Mima* was used by De Bord in 1939 (2) in combination with the specific epithet *polymorpha*, but it was not used by De Bord separately as a generic name until 1942 (3). Furthermore, De Bord 1939 (2) and De Bord 1942 (3) are variously given as the authority for the names *Mima polymorpha* and *Mimeae*. Because there is some uncertainty concerning the actual date of publication of these names, both dates are cited

here. The Judicial Commission (5) approved publication of the following Opinion.

Opinion 40. The generic names *Mima* De Bord 1939, 1942 and *Herellea* De Bord 1942 are placed on the list of rejected names. The specific epithets *polymorpha* and *vaginicola* in *Mima polymorpha* De Bord 1939, 1942 and *Herellea vaginicola* De Bord 1942, respectively, are placed on the list of rejected epithets. The tribal name *Mimeae* De Bord 1939, 1942 therefore loses its standing in nomenclature.

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