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Opinion 41

Conservation of the Generic Name *Moraxella* Lwoff

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The generic name *Moraxella* Lwoff 1939 is conserved over *Diplobacillus* McNab 1904 and over all earlier objective synonyms. The type species is *Moraxella lacunata* (Eyre) Lwoff 1939, and the neotype strain of this species is Morax 260 = ATCC 17967.

A request (3) to conserve the name *Moraxella* Lwoff 1939 (7) was referred to the International Subcommittee on *Moraxella* and Allied Bacteria (5, 6). The subcommittee unanimously recommended the conservation of *Moraxella* Lwoff over *Diplobacillus* McNab 1904 (8) for reasons of clarity, even though there is some question concerning the validity of publication of the latter name. The neotype strain of *M. lacunata* (Eyre [2]) Lwoff, the type species, is Morax 260 = ATCC 17967 (4). The Judicial Commission (1) accepted the recommendation of the subcommittee and approved the following Opinion.

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