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| Short title: *Caliciviridae* species name changes and merger of the species *European brown hare syndrome virus* and *Rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus* into the species *Lagovirus europaeus*. | | |
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**ICTV Study Group comments and response of proposer**

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| **Is any taxon name used here derived from that of a living person (Y/N)** | No |

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| **Taxon name** | **Person from whom the name is derived** | **Permission attached (Y/N)** |
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**Part 2:** **NON-TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

**Text of proposal**

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**Part 3:** **TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

**Name of accompanying Excel module**

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| 2023.001S.N.v1.Caliciviridae\_12sprenamed.xlsx |

**Abstract**

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| We submit *Caliciviridae* binomial species names. We also propose that the current *Lagovirus* species *European brown hare syndrome virus* and *Rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus* are merged into one species as *Lagovirus europaeus*. |

**Text of proposal**

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| |  | | --- | | Lagoviruses belong to the *Caliciviridae* family. They were first recognized as highly pathogenic viruses of the European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) and European brown hare (*Lepus europaeus*) that emerged in the 1970–1980s, namely, rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV) and European brown hare syndrome virus (EBHSV), according to the host species from which they had been first detected. However, the diversity of lagoviruses has recently expanded to include new related viruses with varying pathogenicity, geographic distribution and host ranges. Together with the frequent recombination observed amongst circulating viruses, there is a clear need to establish precise guidelines for classifying and naming lagovirus strains. So, the two virus species, RHDV and EBHSV, were merged into one species as *Lagovirus europaeus* as described in Le Pendu et al (Journal of General Virology 2017;98:1658–1666).  For compliance with the recently approved species naming rules by the ICTV, we also propose the following compliant names as outlined in the Excel module:    *Bavovirus bavariaense*  *Lagovirus europaeus*  *Minovirus pimephalis*  *Nacovirus meleagridis*  *Nebovirus newburyense*  *Norovirus norwalkense*  *Recovirus tulani*  *Salovirus nordlandense*  *Sapovirus sapporoense*  *Valovirus valerienense*  *Vesivirus felis*  *Vesivirus exanthema* | |

**Supporting evidence**

See cited reference (Le Pendu *et al.* 2017).

**References**

Le Pendu et al., Journal of General Virology 2017;98:1658–1666 DOI 10.1099/jgv.0.000840