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<b>Code(s) assigned:</b>	<b>2008.042- 045BB.01</b>	(to be completed by ICTV officers)			
<b>Short title:</b> create new genus the LUZ24-like viruses (e.g. 6 new species in the genus <i>Zetavirus</i> ; re-classification of the family <i>Zetaviridae</i> etc.)					
<b>Modules attached</b> (please check all that apply):	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
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**ICTV-EC or Study Group comments and response of the proposer:**

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## MODULE 4: **NEW GENUS**

(if more than one genus is to be created, please complete additional copies of this section)

Code	<b>2008.042B.01</b>	(assigned by ICTV officers)
<b>To create a new genus assigned as follows:</b>		
Subfamily:		Fill in all that apply. Ideally, a genus should be placed within a higher taxon, but if not put "unassigned" here.
Family:	<i>Podoviridae</i>	
Order:	<i>Caudovirales</i>	

Code	<b>2008.043B.01</b>	(assigned by ICTV officers)
<b>To name the new genus: <i>The LUZ24-like viruses</i></b>		

Code	<b>2008.044B.01</b>	(assigned by ICTV officers)
<b>To assign the following as species in the new genus:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pseudomonas</i> phage PaP3</li> <li>• <i>Pseudomonas</i> phage LUZ24</li> </ul>		

Code	<b>2008.045B.01</b>	(assigned by ICTV officers)
<b>To designate the following as the type species in the new genus:</b>		
<i>Pseudomonas</i> phage LUZ24		

### **Argument to justify the creation of a new genus:**

The proposed taxonomic classification is based on available proteomic data. Using developed programs (CoreExtractor & CoreGenes) and careful review of available literature data, phages can be grouped. These programs parse-out/quantify the relationship between two phages into a single correlation score (= the relative number of homologous proteins between two sequenced phages).

Analysis and biological interpretation of the molecular correlations among all tailed phages (*Caudovirales*) with known genome sequence, shows this approach supports the current ICTV classification and proves that horizontal gene transfer does not mask the evolutionary relationship between phages.

Using a cut-off score of 40% homologous proteins between two phages, phages cluster correctly within existing genera. Hence, using this parameter, new genera may be defined.

The virulent *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteriophage LUZ24 (45,625 bp) was isolated from hospital sewage. It belongs to the family of the Podoviridae, and carries a bidirectionally transcribed dsDNA genome delineated by two direct terminal repeats of 184 bp. Phage LUZ24 encodes 68 proteins, 47 of which are arranged in rightward orientation while 21 aim leftward.

**Argument to justify the creation of a new genus:**

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteriophage PaP3 contains contains 45 503 bp with GC content of 52.1% and is described as a temperate phage.

The genome of LUZ24 displays an overall nucleotide identity of 71% to phage PaP3. Eight insertions/deletions are present and 88% of the encoded gene products are related between both phages. However, the *cos* site identified in PaP3 is not conserved in LUZ24, and no difference in restriction patterns could be observed if samples were heated to 80 °C prior to separation on a 1% agarose gel (data not shown). Moreover, only two tRNA genes (tRNA<sup>Asn</sup> and tRNA<sup>Pro</sup>) are present at the right end of the LUZ24 genome, compared to four in PaP3. This suggests these phages should be considered as separate species within this genus.

**Origin of the new genus name:**

After the type species *Pseudomonas* phage LUZ24

**Argument to justify the choice of type species:**

Although PaP3 was the first phage sequenced, the recent genome paper of LUZ24 casts doubt on a number of physiological characteristics of PaP3 (e.g. lysogenic state).

**Species demarcation criteria in the genus:**

If there will be more than one species in the new genus, list the criteria being used for species demarcation and explain how the proposed members meet these criteria.

Presence of genome-wide DNA homology; proteomic correlation

**References:**

\*\* Ceysens PJ, Hertveldt K, Ackermann HW, Noben JP, Demeke M, Volckaert G, Lavigne R. (2008) The intron-containing genome of the lytic *Pseudomonas* phage LUZ24 resembles the temperate phage PaP3. *Virology*. 1;377(2):233-8.

\*\* Tan Y, Zhang K, Rao X, Jin X, Huang J, Zhu J, Chen Z, Hu X, Shen X, Wang L, Hu F. (2007) Whole genome sequencing of a novel temperate bacteriophage of *P. aeruginosa*: evidence of tRNA gene mediating integration of the phage genome into the host bacterial chromosome. *Cell Microbiol*. 9(2):479-91.

**Annexes:**

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