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Part 1: **TITLE, AUTHORS, etc**

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| **Code assigned:** | ***2017.004M*** | | | | (to be completed by ICTV officers) |
| **Short title: Renaming of the genus *Bornavirus* (order *Mononegavirales*) and its included species** | | | | | |
| **Modules attached**  (Modules 1, 4 and either 2 or 3 are required. | | **1**  **2  3  4** | | | |
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| **List the ICTV study group(s) that have seen this proposal:** | | | | | |
| A list of study groups and contacts is provided at <http://www.ictvonline.org/subcommittees.asp> . If in doubt, contact the appropriate subcommittee chair (there are six virus subcommittees: animal DNA and retroviruses, animal ssRNA-, animal ssRNA+, fungal and protist, plant, bacterial and archaeal) | | | ICTV *Bornaviridae* Study Group | | |
| **ICTV Study Group comments (if any) and response of the proposer:** | | | | | |
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**Part 2**: **PROPOSED TAXONOMY**

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| Present the proposed new taxonomy on accompanying spreadsheet |
| **Name of accompanying spreadsheet: 2017.004M.N.v1.Bornaviridae\_ren** |

Please display the taxonomic changes you are proposing on the accompanying spreadsheet module 2017\_TP\_Template\_Excel\_module. Submit both this and the spreadsheet to the appropriate ICTV Subcommittee Chair.

| **Text of proposal:** |
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| The family *Bornaviridae* currently includes eight species assigned to a single genus, but further genera may be classified in the future. The name of this genus, *Bornavirus*, uses a word stem eponymous with that used for the family name, i.e. “borna”. The vernacular “bornavirus” or “bornaviral” is therefore ambiguous as it is unclear whether these words refer to all members of the family or only to those of the genus *Bornavirus*. Because the family *Bornaviridae* is expanding rapidly and the establishment of additional genera in the family is foreseeable, we propose to prospectively abolish the above-described ambiguity by replacing the genus name “*Bornavirus*” with “*Orthobornavirus*”. Members of the existing family could then still be referred to as “bornaviruses” whereas all members of the genus would be “orthobornaviruses”—all orthobornaviruses would be bornaviruses, but not all bornaviruses would necessarily be orthobornaviruses. |