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<p>APPENDIX 8. PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR AN OPINION</p>	<p>APPENDIX 8. PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR AN OPINION</p>		
<p>In these cases where strict adherence to the rules of nomenclature would produce confusion or would not result in nomenclatural stability, exceptions to the rules may be requested of the Judicial Commission of the ICSP. Requests for Opinions must be accompanied by a fully documented statement of the relevant facts. The Judicial Commission will consider all Requests for Opinions and should issue an Opinion in the IJSEM whether or not the proposal is accepted. The title of a manuscript should provide a concise statement of the contents of the manuscript. If an opinion of the Judicial Commission is requested in the text, “Request for an Opinion” should appear as a subtitle. When a request is not supported by adequate evidence, it will be returned to the author for revision. A Request for an Opinion submitted in an acceptable form will be published as soon as possible in the IJSEM, and microbiologists are invited to submit statements in support of or in opposition to the Request. When an Opinion is challenged, the basis of the challenge should be stated and supported by a documented statement of the relevant facts.</p>	<p>In cases wherein strict adherence to the rules of nomenclature would produce confusion or would not result in nomenclatural stability, exceptions to the rules may be requested of the Judicial Commission of the ICSP. Requests for Opinions must be accompanied by a comprehensively documented statement of the relevant facts. The Judicial Commission will consider all Requests for Opinions and should issue an Opinion in the IJSEM whether or not the proposal is accepted or rejected. The title of a manuscript should provide a concise statement of the contents of the manuscript. If an opinion of the Judicial Commission is requested, “Request for an Opinion” should appear as a subtitle. A Request for an Opinion submitted in an acceptable form, as determined by peer review, will be published in the IJSEM. If a request is not supported by adequate evidence, it will be returned to the author for revision. When an Opinion is challenged, the basis of the challenge must be stated and supported by a documented statement of the relevant facts. Requests for Opinions will be considered by the Judicial Commission within 6 months. More information is found in Article</p>	<p>The Editorial Board suggests deleting the sentence: ‘and microbiologists are invited to submit statements in support of or in opposition to the Request.’ Some members of the editorial board also proposed deleting: ‘When an Opinion is challenged, the basis of the challenge must be stated and supported by a documented statement of the relevant facts.’</p>	<p>Whitman WB, Bull C, Busse H-J, Fournier, PE, Oren A, Ventura S. Request for revision of the Statutes of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes. <i>Int J Syst Evol Microbiol</i> 2019;69: 584-593.</p>

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