Correction of the name *Amycolatopsis albidoflavus* to *Amycolatopsis albidiflava* corrig. Request for an Opinion

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**Abstract**

The name *Amycolatopsis albidoflavus* Lee and Hah 2001 is malformed because the genus name *Amycolatopsis* has the feminine gender. It is here proposed to correct the name to *Amycolatopsis albidiflava* corrig.

The generic name *Amycolatopsis* Lechevalier et al. 1986 [1] has the feminine gender (see [2] for further information about the gender of names of genera of prokaryotes that end on -*opsis*). Therefore, adjectives used as specific epithets for species of these genera must also have the feminine gender (Rule 12c of the Prokaryotic Code [3]). This rule was not followed for *Amycolatopsis albidoflavus* Lee and Hah 2001 [4] and the name is therefore malformed. Also for *Amycolatopsis jiangsuensis* the gender of the adjective was indicated to be masculine [5], but here correction of the etymology does not have any orthogonal implications [6].

Based on Rule 61 of the Prokaryotic Code, such unintentional typographical or orthographic errors can be corrected, and such corrections do not affect the status and date of valid publication of the names. However, the text of the Note to Rule 61 ('Except for changes of gender in specific epithets when species are transferred to other genera (comb. nov.) no grammatical or orthographic corrections will be accepted for names on the Approved Lists of Bacterial Names, the Validation Lists and the Notification Lists') severely restricts the possibility to correct errors in validly published names of taxa of prokaryotes. A proposal to modify the Note to Rule 61 by deleting the above-quoted lines is pending [7].

A Request for an Opinion to the Judicial Commission is therefore submitted to approve the following corrected name: *Amycolatopsis albidiflava* corrig. (al.bi.do fla’va. L. adj. albidus white; L. adj. flavus yellow; N.L. fem. adj. albidoflava whitish-yellow).

In this corrected name the connecting vowel was changed in accordance with the current orthography rules of Appendix 9 to the Prokaryotic Code [3]. If the Judicial Commission prefers to restrict the correction to the adjustment of the gender of the epithet based on Rule 12 c, the proposed name will be: *Amycolatopsis albidoflava* corrig. (al.bi.do fla’va. L. adj. albidus white; L. adj. flavus yellow; N.L. fem. adj. albidoflava whitish-yellow).

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