***Jensenia*, A New Genus of the Actinomycetales**

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It has been brought to our attention that in the absence of a type species the new genus *Jensenia* proposed in our recent paper (Bisset & Moore, 1949) is invalid according to the international rules of bacteriological nomenclature (Buchanan, St John-Brooks & Breed, 1948, 1949). We therefore now formally propose a new genus *Jensenia* (Actinomycetales, Actinomycetaceae) based on the new species *Jensenia canicruria*.

***Jensenia* Bisset & Moore, n.g.**

Cells short, often irregular in shape, occasionally branched. Aerobic.

Type species *Jensenia canicruria* Bisset & Moore.

***Jensenia canicruria* Bisset & Moore, n.sp.**

Rods and very short filaments containing one to four or five cells, each 1.0–1.2 by 5–10 μ . Angular forms common. Occasional, short, impermanent branches. Non-sporing, non-capsulated. Outline irregular.

Non-motile. Gram-positive, non-acid-fast.

Obligate aerobe. Optimum temperature 30–33°.

Grows slowly on routine media; growth apparent after 48 hr.

Surface colonies circular, white, waxy, emulsifiable in saline. Forms a pellicle on fluid media. Does not ferment carbohydrates nor hydrolyse polysaccharides or proteins. Does not reduce nitrates. Capable of utilizing pyridine and allied cyclic compounds as sole carbon, nitrogen and energy source.

Isolated from soil.

Subcultures of the type culture have been deposited at the National Collection of Type Cultures, Colindale, London, N.W. 9.

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