# GENBANK EMAIL STRING – EMAIL FROM GENBANK REJECTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FULL GENOMES DUE TO THE USE OF "Unknown Hominnid" AS A GENUS SPECIES NAME.

----Original Message----

From: gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov [mailto:gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 9:52 AM

To: awatts

Subject: GenBank Submissions grp 3827463

Dear Dr. Watts:

We have received the following 1 sequence submission(s) from you:

BankIt1563470: (1)

The organism source has been listed as "unknown hominid". Please provide more information about the source organism(s) from which the sequence(s)

were obtained including genus species name(s), if appropriate.

Until we receive your reply, we are unable to assign Accession Numbers or to

further process your submission(s).

Send your reply to: gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

For your reference, find preliminary records below.

Please reply using the original subject line.

This will allow for faster processing of your correspondence.

Sincerely,

XXXXXXXX, PhD

The GenBank Submissions Staff

Bethesda, Maryland USA

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gb-sub@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov (for new direct submissions to GenBank)

gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov (for replies/updates to records in GenBank)

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www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK51157/ GenBank Submissions Handbook

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preliminary GenBank flatfile(s):

LOCUS BankIt1563470 669 bp DNA linear

31-AUG-2012

**DEFINITION** Unknown hominid.

**ACCESSION** 

**VERSION** 

KEYWORDS.

SOURCE mitochondrion unknown hominid

ORGANISM unknown hominid

Unclassified.

REFERENCE 1 (bases 1 to 669)

AUTHORS Ketchum, M.S. and Watts, A.B.

TITLE The Sasquatch Genome Project

JOURNAL Unpublished

REFERENCE 2 (bases 1 to 669)

AUTHORS Ketchum, M.S. and Watts, A.B.

**TITLE Direct Submission** 

JOURNAL Submitted (31-AUG-2012) Quality, Integrated Forensic

Laboratories,

Inc., 901 Clinic Dr., Suite D110, EULESS, TX 76039, USA

COMMENT Bankit Comment: bankit1563470.

Bankit Comment: BankIt ID:1563470. Bankit Comment: LocalID:BankIt1563470. ##Genome-Assembly-Data-START## Sequencing Technology :: Illumina Assembly Method :: genemapper v. 2.2.1

Assembly Name :: 117

Coverage:: 30x

##Genome-Assembly-Data-END## FEATURES Location/Qualifiers

source 1..669

/organism="unknown hominid"

/organelle="mitochondrion"

/mol\_type="genomic DNA"

BASE COUNT 216 a 205 c 93 g 155 t

#### **ORIGIN**

- 1 aaactaatac accagtettg taaaccggag atgaaaacct ttttccaagg acaaatcaga
- 61 gaaaaagtet ttaacteeae cattageaee caaagetaag attetaattt aaactattet
- 121 ctgttctttc atggggaagc agatttgggt accacccaag tattgactca cccatcaaca
- 181 acceptatgt atttegtaca ttactgecag ceaccatgaa cattgtacgg taccataaat
- 241 acttgaccae etgtagtaca taaaaaccca atccacatca aaaccccete eccatgetta
- 301 caagcaagta cagcaatcaa cettcaacta teacacatca aetgeaacte caaagceace
- 361 cettacecae taggatacea acaaacetae ceaccettaa cagtacatag tacataaage
- 421 catttaccgt acatagcaca ttacagtcaa atcccttctc gtccccatgg atgaccccc
- 481 teagataggg gteeettgae caccateete egtgaaatea atateeegea eaagagtget
- 541 actotecteg etcegggeee ataacacttg ggggtageta aagtgaactg tateegacat
- 601 etggtteeta etteagggte ataaageeta aatageeeae aegtteeeet taaataagae
- 661 atcacgatg

#### DR KETCHUM INFORMS DR WATTS TO CHANGE THE GENUIS SPECIES TO "Homo Sapeins"

From: "Aliece Watts"
To: "Melba Ketchum" >

Subject: FW: GenBank Submissions grp 3827463

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2012 17:49:04

### Please change the genus/species to homo sapiens.

DR WATTS CHANGES THE GENIUS SPECIES TO "Homo Sapiens" AND ATTMEPTS TO UPLOAD THE THREE COMPLETE SASQUATCH GENOMES AGAIN. GENBANK REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE GENOMES BECAUSE HOMO SAPIENS WAS ASSUMBED TO BE HUMAN. GENBANK WANTED ADDITION INFORMATION INCLUDING A POSSIBLE "permission and informed concent".

From: gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov [mailto:gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 8:55 AM To: awatts

Subject: GenBank Submissions grp 3827463

Dear Dr. Watts:

Thanks for your reply, However, we require additional information before we can process this submission. Please provide details as to how this sample was obtained, how the sequence was obtained and whether this is part of a study. Since this sequence was obtained from a human source, we may require additional permissions and informed consent from the participant.

Sincerely, XXXXXXXXXXX, PhD GenBank Submissions Staff Bethesda, Maryland USA

DR WATTS ATTEMPTS TO CALL GENBANK AND EXPLAIN THAT THE THREE GENOMES REPRESENT A "NEW" SPECIES. GENBANK RESPONED TO THE PHONE MESSAGE FROM DR WATTS AND REFUSED TO TAKE HER CALL. GENBANK INSISTED ALL CORRESPONDENSE BE BY EMAIL FOR TRACKING PURPOSES.

----Original Message----

From: gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov [mailto:gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 2:11 PM

To: awatts

Subject: GenBank Submissions grp 3827463

#### Dear Dr. Watts:

We received your phone message regarding your submission Bankit 1563470. We would prefer to receive your reply via email since we keep track of all correspondence for each submission that we receive. Can you please send your reply to: gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

# DR WATTS ATTEMPTED REPEATEDLY TO CONTACT GENBANK AND LEFT MULTIPLE VOICE MAILS WITH OUT A RESPONSE. AFTER REPEATED IGNORED ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT GENBANK VIA TELEPHONE TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION GENBANK CLOSED THE SUBMISSION REQUEST

From: gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov [mailto:gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2012 11:08 AM

To: awatts

Subject: Follow-up GenBank Submissions grp 3827463

Dear Dr. Watts:

We are following up on the included email that was sent to you recently regarding your sequence submission. As of this writing, we have not received a reply from you. Please read the letter below and reply at your earliest convenience.

We will assume that you are no longer interested in submitting this sequence data and will delete the submission(s) from our system if we do not hear from you by Oct 11, 2012.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.
Please reply using the original subject line.
This will allow for faster processing of your correspondence.
Sincerely,
XXXXXXXXXX, PhD
The GenBank Submissions Staff
Bethesda, Maryland USA

#### DR WATTS RESPONDS AND PLEADS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GENBANK

From: "Aliece Watts"

To: <gb-admin@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

Cc: "Melba Ketchum"

Subject: RE: Follow-up GenBank Submissions grp 3827463

Date: Thu, 27 Sep 2012 11:24:07

## Dr. XXXXXXXX,

Since we have not been able to speak on the phone, I do not know how to respond to the issue of species. We don't know the species - that is the topic of our paper. The sequences don't match anything in GenBank. If you have any other suggestions as to how to put the sequences in without filling out the species, please advise. Otherwise, we will cease our attempts to submit the sequences to you and hope the reviewers will understand.

Sincerely, Aliece Watts

GENEBANK DID NOT RESPOND TO DR WATTS EMAIL AND REFUSED TO REPSOND TO HER REPEATED PHONE MESSAGES.