

"There is confusion (on the part of authors and editorial staff) concerning the presence of what seem like duplicates in the upper hierarchies. This includes but may not be limited to 41146007 | Bacterium (organism) that is a subtype of but also appears to duplicate 409822003 | Superkingdom Bacteria (organism) as well as 23496000 | Fungus (organism) a subtype of "micro-organism" and 414561005 | Kingdom Fungi (organism) a subtype of 415671008 | Superkingdom Eukaryota (organism).

The existing (draft) elaboration document (see home page) indicates in section 4.1.1 that the concept class 41146007 | Bacterium (organism) is to be retired and its "non-linnaean" content aligned under the 409822003 | Superkingdom Bacteria (organism) concept class.

The existing elaboration document does not present a similar proposal for the fungi. The existing elaboration document focuses, almost entirely, on bacteria. The issues in the 414561005 | Kingdom Fungi (organism) subtypes are SIMILAR BUT NOT IDENTICAL to the problems in bacteria. 23496000 | Fungus (organism) appears to have been created primarily to accommodate non-linnaean classes. There are at least two substantial differences:

1. Most of the non-linnaean classes appear to be morphologic forms of the fungi rather than organism classes. These are the subject of a separate project (in construction phase) related to organism life-cycle stages / forms.
2. The dimorphic classes of fungi have been classified (historically) using two separate "Linnaean" schemes. In these classes, two different forms (infective and non-infective essentially) have been given distinct "Latin" names.