

Human polyomavirus 2

Human polyomavirus 2, commonly referred to as the [JC virus](#) or John Cunningham virus, is a type of human polyomavirus (formerly known as papovavirus).

[Human polyomavirus 2](#) was identified by [electron microscopy](#) in [1965](#) by ZuRhein and Chou, and by Silverman and Rubinstein, and later isolated in culture and named using the two initials of a patient, John Cunningham, with [progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#) (PML).

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