In the review comments to Vietnamese submission to CJK Unified Ideographs Extension E, the concerns on Kangxi radical attributes were expressed. Because no delegates from Vietnam in IRG#38, the decision of the concerned characters are postponed; if Vietnam agrees to the proposed change of the radicals, they will be included; if disagrees, they will be postponed to CJK Unified Ideographs Extension F.

I feel strong sympathy with the comment saying that the radical of V04-403E is looking like “龍”. But the concerned characters (V04-403E, V04-4044, V04-4678, V04-515F, V04-566F, and V04-4F40) are single-source (V-Source) characters, so it is questionable if IRG can request the change of the radical attribute. Apparently, the radical preferred by Vietnam is included in the characters, so it is difficult to deal their preference as mistake.

When the characters submitted by multiple members are found to be unifiable, and the preferred radicals are different, IRG will have to request the consensus of the
submitters, to determine the code position. But I could not find any existing rule that IRG can request the change of the preferred radical in the single source submission.

If there is a case that IRG may request the change of the radical attribute even when the proposed radical is included as a component, it should be clarified. The prioritization to the upper, left, or enclosing components in the radical determination is very popular, but this convention is not applied strictly (because Kanxi had already different assignment of the radicals with the consideration of the origin of the character).

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