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All necessary codes and raw data to reproduce our results are available at a public github repository: <https://github.com/Augustpan/Individual-Bat-Virome>. Raw meta-transcriptomic sequences have been deposited in the NCBI SRA database, and all assembled genomes have been deposited in the NCBI GenBank database. Accession numbers to these data have been made public upon publication.

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Population characteristics	N/A
Recruitment	N/A
Ethics oversight	N/A

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Sample size	149 individuals of bat were captured and used for analysis. Sample size for samples from coalescent/vaccinated individuals was chosen according to or exceeding standards in the field, and in most cases exceeded 10 samples per group. The number of bat individual for dominant bat genera was at least 20, and this guaranteed enough sample size for viral diversity comparison and cross-species transmission analysis in our major results.
Data exclusions	No data exclusions.
Replication	All raw meta-transcriptomic sequences and assembled genomes are publicly available at NCBI databases, so that anyone can reanalyze these data. And we also provided detailed methods, codes and necessary data to fully reproduce our analysis.
Randomization	All samples were randomly allocated into different groups according their biological characteristics, such as species.
Blinding	All data were analyzed blindingly without grouping factors informed, only statistical comparison were taken according to grouping information.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	Goat Anti-Human IgG conjugate with HRP used in ELISA were produced by Jackson ImmunoResearch (catalog number: #109-035-098).
Validation	Based on immunoelectrophoresis and/or ELISA, the antibody reacts with the Fc portion of human IgG heavy chain but not with the Fab portion of human IgG. No antibody was detected against human IgM or IgA, or against non-immunoglobulin serum proteins. The antibody has been tested by ELISA and/or solid phase adsorbed to ensure minimal cross-reaction with bovine, horse, and mouse serum proteins, but it may cross-react with immunoglobulins from other species.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	The cell line used in this study (HEK293T) was obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, catalog number: CRL-3216).
Authentication	The cell line was authenticated using Short Tandem Repeat (STR) makers. We compared the nine STR makers that are widely used for identifying HEK293T, which are Amelogenin, CSF1PO, D13S317, D16S539, D5S818, D7S820, TH01, TPOX and vWA. The STR profile supported that the cells used in this study was indeed HEK293T.
Mycoplasma contamination	The cell line was test negative for mycoplasma.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	The most commonly misidentified cell line is HEK293. Our STR profiling indicate that the cells we used in this study is indeed HEK293T instead of HEK293.

Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	Laboratory animals not involved.
Wild animals	Live bat individuals of 15 species (mainly <i>Aselliscus stoliczkanus</i> , <i>Rousettus leschenaultii</i> , and <i>Rhinolophus pusillus</i>) from six bat genera were captured using nets near their natural habitats, primarily caves. The captured individuals were immediately transported to the laboratory by placing them in cages or bags inside a vehicle. Subsequently, they were anesthetized and dissected. Organ and tissue samples were then stored at -80 degrees Celsius.
Reporting on sex	Sex-based analysis not included.
Field-collected samples	Bat individuals were collected from six different counties within Yunnan Province, China. The housing environment for the collected bat individuals was suitable, regularly maintained, with an appropriate temperature range and a proper photoperiod. The field-collected bat samples were handled according to appropriate end-of-experiment-protocols and ethical requirements.
Ethics oversight	This research, including the procedures and protocols of specimen collection and processing was reviewed by the Medical Ethics Committee of the Yunnan Institute of Endemic Diseases Control and Prevention (No. 20160002).

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