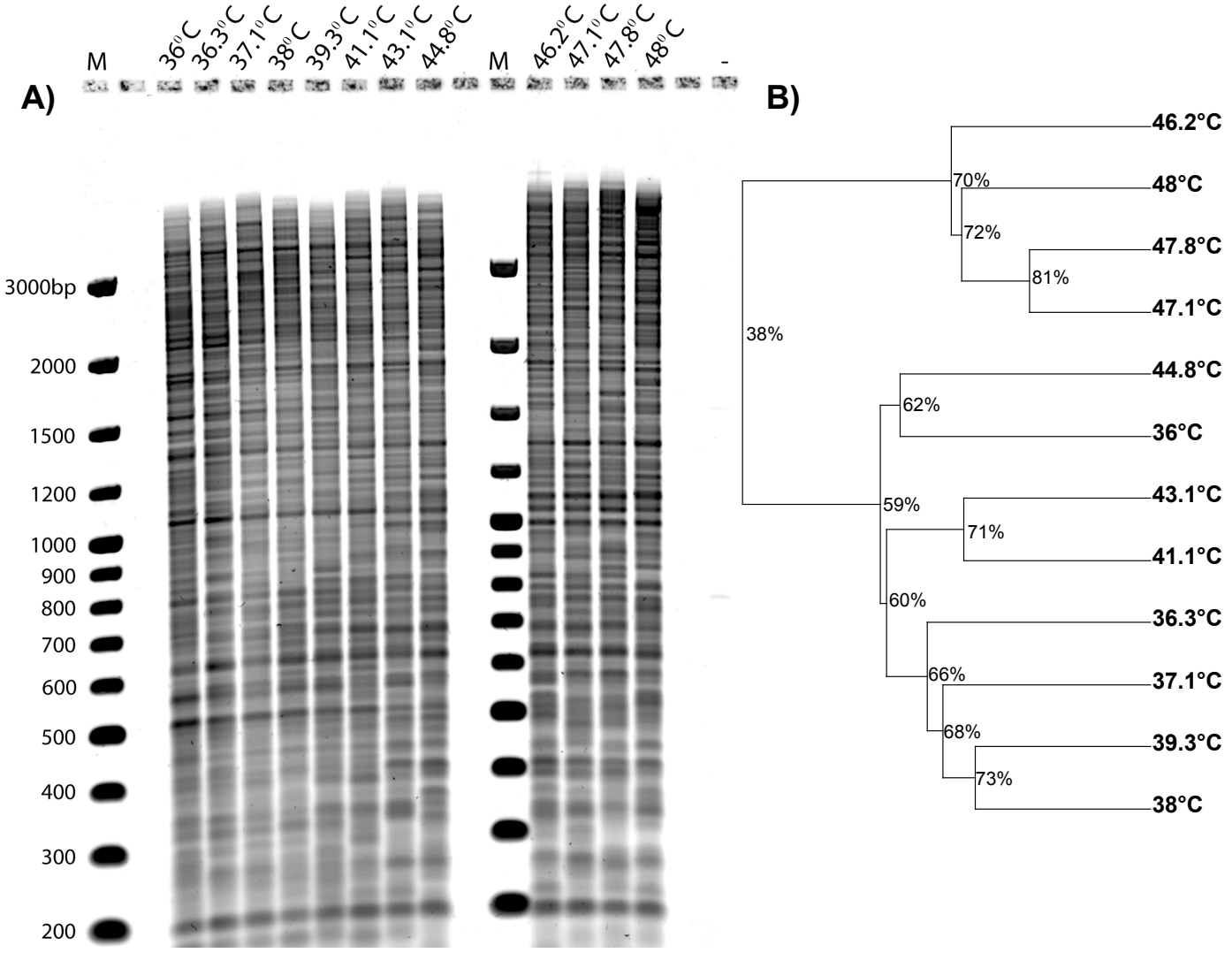

Supplementary Fig. S1. Gradient of annealing temperatures for primer HCB-1. A) RAPD-PCR fingerprints of whole viral assemblages from a single Delaware soil sample across a gradient of annealing temperatures, 36 to 48° C. Lanes marked "M" are marker lanes; Lane marked "-" is no-template control. B) Hierarchical clustering dendogram (UPGMA) of Dice's similarities between banding patterns at different annealing temperatures. Similarity values are shown at each node.

Supplementary Table S2. Viral metagenome libraries used in the design of RAPD-PCR primers. Detailed information on the viral metagenome libraries used in RAPD-PCR primer design can be found at http://virome.dbi.udel.edu

Environment	Habitat	Location	Viral libraries	Reference
Water				
	Estuary	Chesapeake Bay	CBAY_Bench	(Bench et al, 2007)
			CBAY_JCVI	
			CBAY_IND-01	
			CBAY_IND02	
			CBAYVIR01	
			CBAYVIR02	
			CBAYVIR03	
			CBAYVIR04	
	Ocean	Dry Tortugas [Gulf of Mexico]	DRYTV1R015	
		Gulf of Maine	GOMV1R04	
Extreme Environments	Hot springs	Bear Paw hot spring [Yellowstone National Park]	HOTSPR_BP	(Schoenfeld et al, 2008)
		Octopus hot spring [Yellowstone National Park]	HOTSPR_05	(Schoenfeld et al, 2008)
	Deep Sea	Hydrothermal vent [Pacific Ocean]	VENT_GWAB	
			VENT_GWAC	
			VENT_GWAD	
Sludge				
	Human sewage sludge	H.C. Morgan water pollution control facility [Auburn]	SLUDGE_AS	(Parsley et al, 2010)
			SLUDGE_IN	
Soil				
	Agricultural	Matapeake soil [Delaware]	SOIL_DE	
		Wisconsin soil [Wisconsin]	SOIL_WI	
	Desert	Mojave Desert [California]	SOIL_JT	(Fierer et al, 2007)
	Prairie	Konza Prairie [Kansas]	SOIL_KS	(Fierer et al, 2007)
	Forest	Manu National Park [Peru]	SOIL_PERU	(Fierer et al, 2007)

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