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Data collection no software was used.

Data analysis Trinity version 2.8.5; SPAdes version 3.13.0; BWA version 0.7.17; MAFFT version 7; ModelTest-NG version 0.1.6; Bowtie2 version 2.3.5.1.

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All data generated in this study have been deposited in NCBI SRA/GenBank. Transcriptome (NBU-B: SRR13050950; NBU-Q: SRR13052369; FY-Q: SRR13039280;). sRNA (NBU-B: SRR13050947; NBU-Q: SRR13050948; FY-Q: SRR13082984). Newly identified viral contigs (MW256664-MW256706 and MW227222- MW227223).

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Sample size	For cross-injection experiment, a pool of 20-30 whiteflies were collected for MEAM1 and MED at each time point, and three independent biological replicates were performed.
Data exclusions	Data were not excluded from analysis.
Replication	Three independent biological replicates were performed for cross-injection experiment.
Randomization	Whiteflies used for cross-injection experiment were selected randomly.
Blinding	Blinding is not typically used in the field. Blinding during collection was not needed because conditions were well controlled.

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Laboratory animals	This study did not involve laboratory animals.
Wild animals	This study did not involve wild animals.
Field-collected samples	The MED whitefly was originally collected from soybean plants in Suzhou (An' hui province, China) in June 2019. The whitefly culture were reared separately in insect-proof cages on cotton plants (<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> L. cv. Zhemian 1793) at $25 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$, 50-70% relative humidity, and 14 h light/10 h darkness.
Ethics oversight	No ethical approval or guidance was required because whitefly is an agricultural pest.

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