

**Part 1:** **TITLE, AUTHORS, APPROVALS, etc**

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| **Short title:** Create one new genus (*Layangcvirus*) and news species (*Layangcvirus* *LY3*) in the subfamily *Northropvirinae* | | |
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**ICTV Study Group comments and response of proposer**

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**Authority to use the name of a living person**

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**Part 2:** **NON-TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

**Text of proposal**

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**Part 3:** **TAXONOMIC PROPOSAL**

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**Abstract**

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| In this study, a new phage vB\_BceP\_LY3 was isolated from the Datansha Wastewater Treatment Plant in Guangzhou, China, with low similarity and coverage (76.15% similarity and 22% coverage) to the known Bacillus phage SerPounce. For accuracy, further comparisons were performed using VIRIDIC, which showed that the similarity of vB\_BceP\_LY3 was less than 46.5%, well below the defined threshold of 70% in this genus. More importantly, the results of vConTACT2 analysis revealed that vB\_BceP\_LY3 formed a new subset of VC clusters with phages of the subfamily *Northropvirinae*, which was further supported by the phylogenetic tree of the terminase large subunit. In summary, we propose to create a genus *Layangcvirus* within the subfamily *Northropvirinae*. |

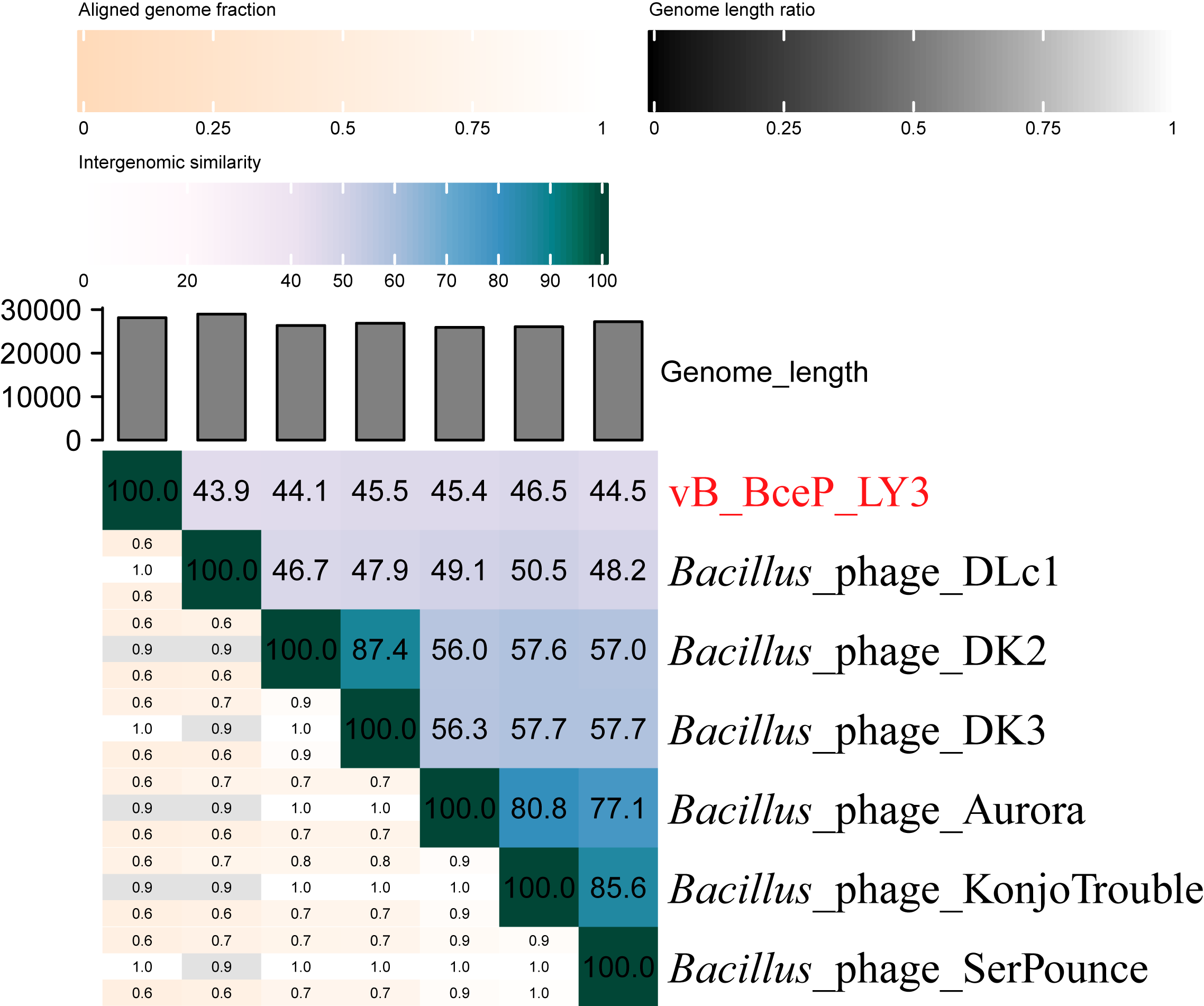
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| |  | | --- | | **Species demarcation criteria:** The intergenomic similarity matrix made with the VIRIDIC tool, possibly better estimating the intergenomic similarities [1]. Its defining threshold is default 95% for species and 70% for genus [2].  **Origin of genus name:** The origin of names etymology (Layang) is derived from the Chinese word for *Bacillus cereus*. The 'c' immediately after it represents the third taxon discovered by our group. The genus will represent a new *Bacillus cereus* phage taxon. | |

**Supporting evidence**

**Source of the name of this taxon:** *Bacillus cereus* phage vB\_BceP\_LY3 isolated from Datansha Wastewater Treatment Plant, Guangzhou, China.

**VIRIDIC heat map:** VIRIDIC (Virus Intergenomic Distance Calculator; [2]) computes pairwise intergenomic distances/similarities amongst phage genomes. VIRDIC analysis of strains with high similarity after BLAST comparison showed that Bacillus phage vB\_BceP\_LY3 had the highest similarity with *Claudivirus* (SerPounce, Aurora and KonjoTrouble) and *Hemphillvirus*(DLn1, DK2 and DK3)phage, but both were well below the genus level (< 70%) similarity threshold. Therefore, phage vB\_BceP\_LY3 was an unclassified phage in the subfamily *Northropvirinae*.



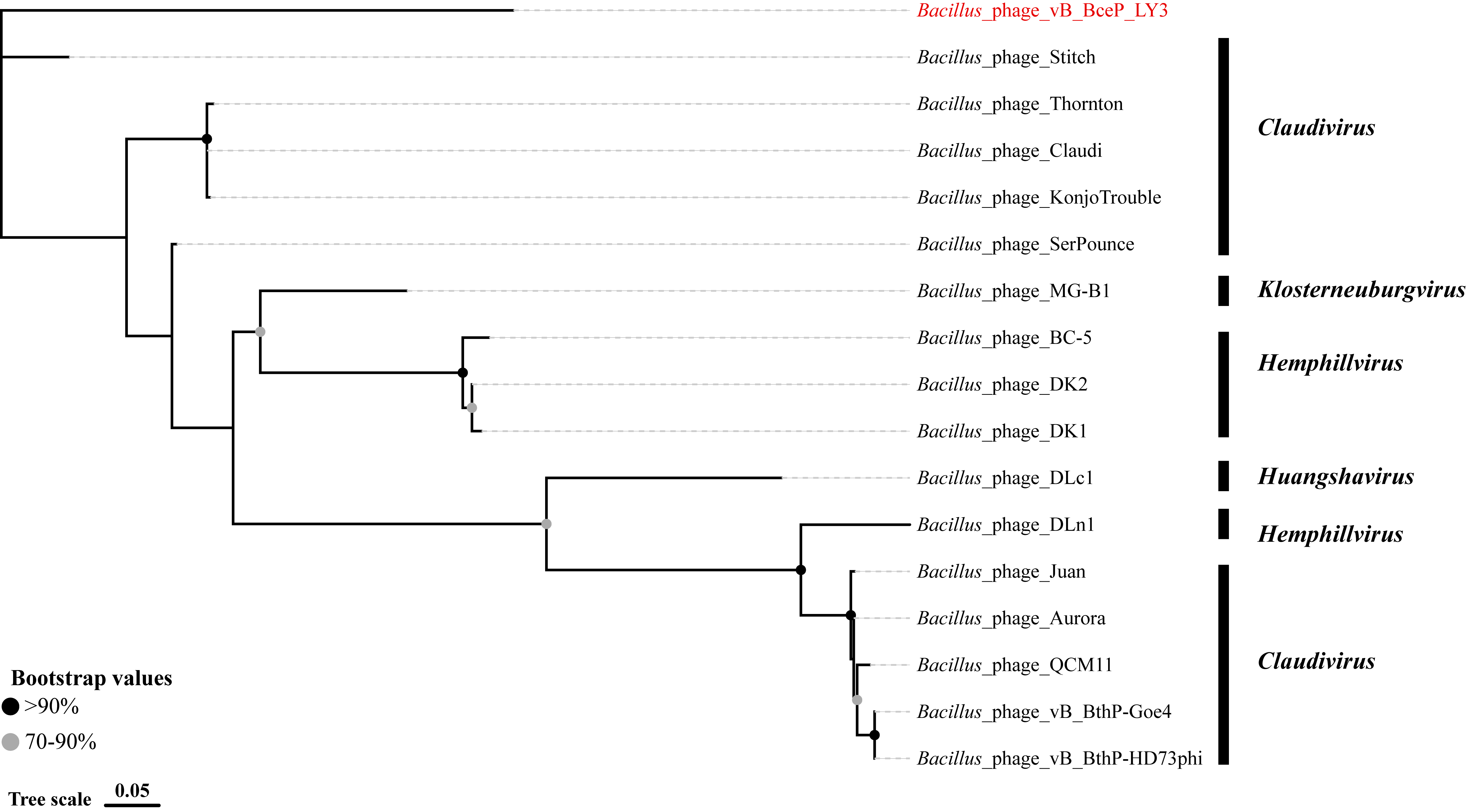
**Figure 1. The heat map by VIRIDIC analysis**

**vConTACT2 analysis:** vConTACT2 [3] is a network based on the shared proteins for virus classification. There are 18,324 phages (nodes) in Figure 2A, which show 835,836 relationships between them (connecting lines), and twenty-three phages with association with phage vB\_BceP\_LY3 were selected for analysis (Figure 2B). and these phages separated from the core viral cluster and formed a small cluster independently, both belonging to the family *Salasmaviridae*. It is known that the phages associated with phage vB\_BceP\_LY3 are both *Bacillus* phages and belong to two viral clusters (VC\_782\_0 and VC\_785\_0). Among them, vB\_BceP\_LY3 belongs to VC\_785\_0, a cluster containing the genus *Huangshavirus* under the family *Salasmaviridae* and the genera *Claudivirus*, *Hemphillvirus* and *Klosterneuburgvirus* under the subfamily *Northropvirinae*, family *Salasmaviridae*.



**Figure 2. The gene sharing networks analysis**

**Phylogenetic analysis**: Phylogenetic tree was conducted using the maximum likelihood estimation method in IQ-TREE by terminase large subunit(terL). The results indicate that phage vB\_BceP\_LY3 is located in the same branch as the family *Salasmaviridae*, especially the subfamily *Northropvirinae* phages, which are most recently evolutionarily related to the *Claudivirus* genus phages. In conclusion, we propose to create a genus *Layangcvirus* under the subfamily *Northropvirinae*.

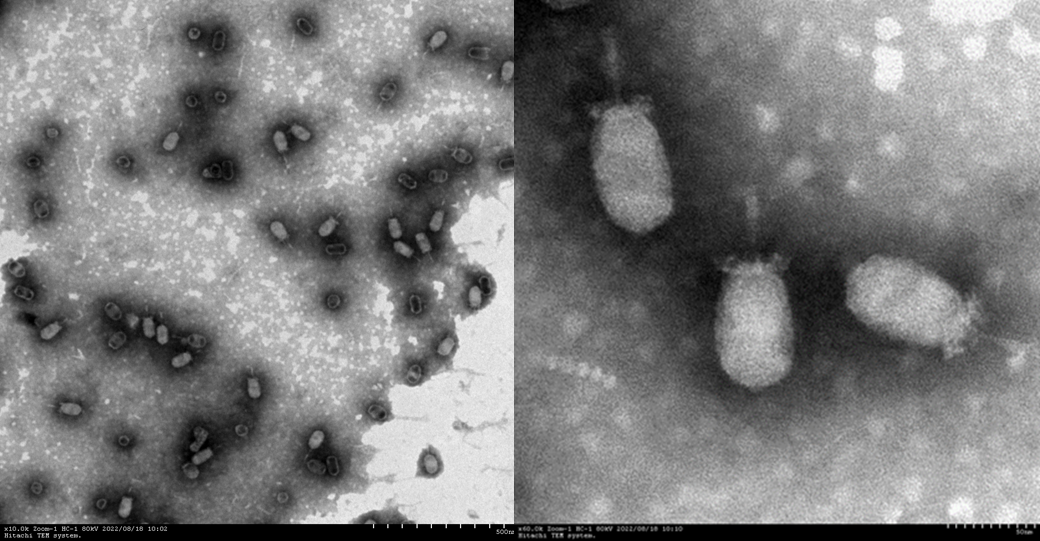


**Figure 3.** Phylogenetic tree of phage vB\_BceP\_LY3based on the terminase large subunit

**GenBank Summary:**

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| Phage name | INSDC | Size (Kb) | GC% | Protein | tRNAs |
| *Bacillus* phage vB\_BceP\_LY3 | ON366412 | 28.1 | 29.92 | 47 | 0 |

**Electron micrograph:**



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