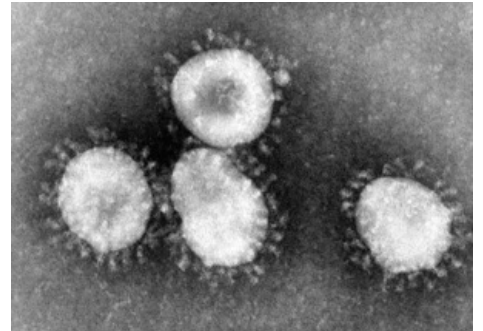


SARS



SARS – Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome is also a disease caused by a coronavirus. However, the causative agent of SARS is completely different from other human coronaviruses. Therefore, it is assumed that it came to humans from its animal host - civet. (The virus isolated from healthy civet was almost identical to the causative agent of SARS.) The disease occurred mainly in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan - areas where civet meat is considered a delicacy. The virus was also easily transmitted to nursing staff and spread by airplanes to other countries - such as Canada. Effective therapy is not known yet.



Coronavirus – the agent of SARS

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