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SARS Coronavirus

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A species of enveloped, spherical or pleomorphic, kidney-shaped or rod-shaped viruses in the Coronaviridae family and Coronavirus genus. The genome is composed of linear, single-stranded, positive-sense RNA. SARS coronaviruses are found in humans and cause severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). SARS coronaviruses are transmitted via direct person-to-person contact with infected secretions or excretions, and aerosols of respiratory droplets.