

# Cross-Species Transmission of Emerging Coronaviruses in Humans and Domestic Mammals

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8 **Abstract**

9 Coronaviruses cause respiratory and digestive diseases in vertebrates. The recent pandemic, caused  
10 by the novel severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, is taking a heavy toll on society and  
11 planetary health, and illustrates the threat emerging coronaviruses can pose to the well-being of  
12 humans and other animals. Coronaviruses are constantly evolving, crossing host species barriers, and  
13 expanding their host range. In the last few decades, several novel coronaviruses have emerged in  
14 humans and domestic animals. Novel coronaviruses have also been discovered in captive wildlife or  
15 wild populations, raising conservation concerns. The evolution and emergence of novel viruses is  
16 enabled by frequent cross-species transmission. It is thus crucial to determine emerging  
17 coronaviruses' potential for infecting different host species, and to identify the circumstances under  
18 which cross-species transmission occurs in order to mitigate the rate of disease emergence. Here, I  
19 review (broadly across several mammalian host species) up-to-date knowledge of host range and  
20 circumstances concerning reported cross-species transmission events of emerging coronaviruses in  
21 humans and common domestic mammals. All of these coronaviruses had similar host ranges, were  
22 closely related (indicative of rapid diversification and spread), and their emergence was likely  
23 associated with high-host-density environments facilitating multi-species interactions (e.g., shelters,  
24 farms, markets) and the health or well-being of animals as end- and/or intermediate spillover hosts.  
25 Further research is needed to identify mechanisms of the cross-species transmission events that have  
26 ultimately led to a surge of emerging coronaviruses in multiple species in a relatively short period of  
27 time in a world undergoing rapid environmental change.

## 28 1 Introduction

29 Coronaviruses (CoVs) cause respiratory and digestive diseases in humans and other animals, and are  
30 responsible for several emerging diseases. The severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak  
31 in 2002–2003 resulted in 8422 human cases and 916 deaths in 33 countries (1). In 2012, Middle East  
32 respiratory syndrome (MERS) emerged, and over time has resulted in over 2,500 human cases and  
33 866 deaths in 27 countries (2,3). To date, the current novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
34 pandemic has claimed 3.4 million human deaths and 164 million cases in 219 countries and  
35 territories (4). Other animals have also been affected by these and other emerging coronaviruses, all  
36 of which resulted from cross-species transmission, and demonstrate the serious threat coronaviruses  
37 can pose to humans and other animals globally.

38 Named after their crown-shaped spike surface proteins, coronaviruses are enveloped,  
39 positive-sense single-stranded RNA viruses that belong to the family *Coronaviridae*, subfamily  
40 *Orthocoronavirinae* (5,6). They split into four genera: *Alphacoronavirus*, *Betacoronavirus*,  
41 *Deltacoronavirus*, and *Gammacoronavirus* (5). The first two genera infect primarily mammals,  
42 whereas *Gammacoronaviruses* infect birds, and *Deltacoronaviruses* infect both mammals and birds  
43 (7). Coronaviruses further split into species; however, they exist as quasispecies due to the rapid  
44 evolution driven by their high mutation rates and homologous RNA recombination (8).  
45 Coronaviruses have the largest genomes (26.4–31.7 kilobases) of all known RNA viruses; thus, their  
46 genomes are extra prone to accumulation of mutations and recombined segments over time, which  
47 contributes to their diverse host range and potential for disease emergence (9).

48 Bats are considered reservoirs for most *Alpha-* and *Betacoronaviruses*, while wild birds are  
49 probable reservoirs for *Gamma-* and *Deltacoronaviruses* (10). Coronavirus spillover from reservoirs  
50 to other species, and subsequent cross-species transmission, is primarily mediated by recombination  
51 in the receptor-binding domain (RBD) of the spike protein (S) gene (11). RBD enables coronaviruses  
52 to infect hosts by binding to a host receptor, e.g., angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) in the  
53 case of SARS coronaviruses, for cell entry (7,12,13). Although research has revealed reservoirs and  
54 molecular mechanisms enabling cross-species transmission, and that viral evolution is facilitated by  
55 frequent cross-species transmission events (14), less is known about the environments favoring  
56 emerging coronavirus evolution in non-reservoir hosts.

57 Agriculture and industrialization expanded the global abundance of humans and domestic  
58 mammals (i.e., livestock and pets). Today, their combined biomass makes up 96% of all mammalian  
59 biomass on Earth (15). This may be the primary reason for disease emergence in humans and other  
60 animals (16). To help curb coronavirus disease emergence, it is important to identify current host  
61 ranges of existing coronaviruses in humans and domestic animals, and the circumstances associated  
62 with their cross-species transmission.

63 This review aims to provide an updated succinct summary of known host ranges and cross-  
64 species transmissions of recently emerged coronaviruses in humans and domestic mammals. Finally,  
65 I discuss commonalities among the circumstances related to spillover and emergence of several  
66 coronaviruses in various mammalian hosts, and how these may inform One Health interventions for  
67 preventing disease emergence.

## 68 2 Emerging human coronaviruses

69 There are seven known human coronaviruses: the *Betacoronaviruses* SARS-CoV-1, MERS-CoV,  
70 and SARS-CoV-2, which caused SARS, MERS, and COVID-19, respectively, and the

71 *Alphacoronaviruses* NL63 and 229E and *Betacoronaviruses* OC43 and HKU1, which cause the  
 72 common cold in humans (17). The latter four may not be labeled as recently emerging coronaviruses,  
 73 although they have spilled over at some point in the past. Bats are considered reservoirs for NL63  
 74 and 229E, whereas rodents are putative reservoirs for OC43 and HKU1 (17–19). NL63 possibly  
 75 emerged several hundred years ago from recombination between ancestors to 229E in hipposiderid  
 76 bats and coronaviruses circulating in African trident bats (19,20). Based on phylogenetic analyses,  
 77 cattle and camelids have been identified as probable intermediate spillover hosts for OC43 and 229E  
 78 emergence one and two centuries ago, respectively (17,18,20). The bovine-to-human spillover that  
 79 led to OC43 emergence likely coincided with a pandemic in 1890 (17,21,22). Indeed, OC43 and  
 80 bovine coronavirus share 96% global nucleotide identity (23). Finally, extant lineages of HKU1 trace  
 81 their most recent common ancestor to the 1950s, when it possibly spilled over from rodents (20).

82 Next, this section covers plausible spillover events—from reservoirs to humans via potential  
 83 intermediate host species—that generated the recent SARS-CoV-1, MERS-CoV, and SARS-CoV-2,  
 84 and their cross-species transmission potential.

## 85 2.1 SARS-CoV-1

86 SARS emerged in Guangdong, China in 2002 (1). Successful efforts curbed the SARS epidemic, and  
 87 only a few cases occurred in 2003–2004 (24). There have been no known SARS-CoV-1-related cases  
 88 since.

89 Based on genetic and epidemiologic investigations, the first SARS-CoV-1-infected  
 90 individuals likely contracted the virus from masked palm civets or other wildlife in wet markets (24–  
 91 27). Civet isolates revealed ongoing adaptation, suggesting that they were not reservoir hosts, but  
 92 intermediate spillover hosts that contracted the virus from horseshoe bats (26–30). Substantial  
 93 evidence confirms bats as SARS reservoirs (26,28,29,31,32).

94 Wildlife samples from a market in Shenzhen revealed that SARS-CoV-1 shared 99.8%  
 95 nucleotide identity with isolates from civets and a raccoon dog, and that a ferret badger had  
 96 seroconverted against SARS-CoV-1 (24,26). Initial human cases reported direct or indirect contact  
 97 with these animals via handling, killing, meat serving, or residing near wet markets (33). Surveys  
 98 showed that animal (especially civet) traders, although asymptomatic, had disproportionately high  
 99 seroconversion against SARS-CoV-1, suggesting they have been exposed to SARS-CoV-related  
 100 viruses for several years before the SARS epidemic (24,26). Intermediate spillover hosts were not  
 101 necessarily required for the evolution of SARS-CoV-1, since a bat SARS-like coronavirus is able to  
 102 bind to ACE2 in humans and civets for cell entry (34). Nonetheless, civets may have amplified the  
 103 virus and brought it closer to humans (35).

104 Additional mammals are susceptible to SARS-CoV-1 infection. Cats, ferrets, guinea pigs,  
 105 golden hamsters, common marmosets, grivets, cynomolgus and rhesus macaques can be infected  
 106 under experimental inoculation, seroconvert, display similar pathological signs as humans, and the  
 107 monkeys and guinea pigs usually display mild clinical signs, while cats and golden hamsters show no  
 108 clinical signs (36–44). In two studies, inoculated ferrets only exhibited signs of lethargy (36,37).  
 109 Furthermore, cats and ferrets can shed SARS-CoV-1 and transmit the virus within each species (36).  
 110 Cats have also been naturally infected by SARS-CoV-1 in an apartment block where residents had  
 111 SARS, suggesting possible human-to-cat transmission (36). Although swine are susceptible to  
 112 SARS-CoV-1 both experimentally and naturally, viral replication in (and shedding from) swine is  
 113 poor (45–47). Mice and poultry are not susceptible to SARS-CoV-1 infection (45,48,49). Thus,  
 114 SARS-CoV-1 was not uniquely adapted to humans, yet likely restricted to mammals.

115 **2.2 MERS-CoV**

116 MERS cases are still being reported since it became endemic in the Arabian peninsula. MERS does  
 117 sporadically spread to other parts of the world, although with limited human-to-human transmission  
 118 (50,51). Most outbreaks originate from independent spillover events.

119 Bats are putative reservoirs for MERS, while dromedary camels and other camelids are  
 120 intermediate spillover hosts (52–54). Although rare, camel-to-human transmission does occur  
 121 (51,55). Infected camels shed MERS-CoV via bodily fluids, especially nasal secretions, and exhibit  
 122 sneezing, coughing, fever, and loss of appetite (56,57). Camel care-takers or consumers of camel  
 123 products are at risk of contracting MERS-CoV (51). People in direct or indirect contact with camels  
 124 have disproportionately high seroconversion against MERS-CoV (58). Surveys from 2010–2013 in  
 125 Saudi Arabia show that 90% of 310 and 74% of 203 camels were MERS-CoV seropositive (59,60).  
 126 Historical seropositive samples and phylogenetic analyses suggest that MERS-like coronaviruses  
 127 have been circulating in camels for at least a few decades before MERS recently emerged in humans  
 128 (52,60–63). Camel markets with both live and dead animals are believed to serve as hotspots for  
 129 MERS-CoV transmission (64).

130 MERS-CoV may infect additional species. Rhesus macaques, common marmosets, swine,  
 131 llamas, rabbits, and alpacas haven been infected experimentally, and the monkeys developed mild-to-  
 132 moderate and moderate-to-severe disease, respectively, swine and llamas displayed rhinorrhea, while  
 133 rabbits and alpacas showed no clinical signs, although alpacas shed MERS-CoV and transmitted it  
 134 within its species (65–68). A virological survey found MERS-CoV in sheep, goats, donkeys, and a  
 135 cow, but not in buffaloes, mules, or horses (69). A serological study confirms that equids might not  
 136 be susceptible to MERS-CoV infection, although *in vitro* inoculation suggests otherwise (70).  
 137 However, in an experimental inoculation study, sheep and horses did not show evidence of viral  
 138 replication or seroconversion (68). Mice, golden hamsters, ferrets, and poultry are not considered  
 139 susceptible to MERS-CoV infection, mainly because of their low host receptor homology with that of  
 140 the MERS-CoV-susceptible species (67,71).

141 **2.3 SARS-CoV-2**

142 The current COVID-19 pandemic originated in Wuhan, China in 2019 (72,73), although the origin of  
 143 its pathogen, SARS-CoV-2, is still unclear. Its ancestor probably originated in bats, since SARS-  
 144 CoV-2 is most closely related to the 2013 and 2019 isolates from horseshoe bats in Yunnan, China at  
 145 the genome level, although not at the RBD level, suggesting neither might bind to human ACE2, and  
 146 are thus not direct ancestors of SARS-CoV-2 (72,74,75).

147 Conversely, isolates (pangolin-CoVs) from smuggled and diseased pangolins in Guangdong  
 148 (2018–2019) are closely related to SARS-CoV-2 in the RBD region (76–79). Molecular binding  
 149 simulations show that S proteins of SARS-CoV-2 and pangolin-CoVs can potentially recognize  
 150 ACE2 in both humans and pangolins, suggesting possible pangolin-to-human spillover (76,77).  
 151 However, because pangolin-CoVs (including strains from Guangxi) are not the closest relatives to  
 152 SARS-CoV-2 at the genome level, they are likely not direct ancestors of SARS-CoV-2 (76,78,79).  
 153 Nevertheless, a 2019 pangolin-CoV isolate from Guangdong displayed high genome-wide similarity  
 154 with both SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-2's closest relative (from bats), suggesting SARS-CoV-2  
 155 may have originated from recombination among coronaviruses present in bats and other wildlife  
 156 (76,77,79,80).

157 Like SARS-CoV-1, SARS-CoV-2 infects species with high ACE2 homology. Cats, ferrets,  
158 golden hamsters, tree shrews, common marmosets, grivets, cynomolgus and rhesus macaques have  
159 been infected with SARS-CoV-2 experimentally, shed the virus, and displayed similar or milder  
160 clinical and pathological signs as humans, although cats may not show signs of disease (81–90).  
161 Conversely, dogs have low susceptibility to SARS-CoV-2, and show lack of clinical signs or dog-to-  
162 dog transmission, possibly due to their low levels of ACE2 in the respiratory tract (81,90–92). Yet,  
163 cat-to-cat, ferret-to-ferret, hamster-to-hamster, and bat-to-bat transmission of SARS-CoV-2 has been  
164 confirmed experimentally (81,89,90,93). However, mice, swine and poultry are not susceptible to  
165 SARS-CoV-2 infection (49,71,81).

166 Accumulating evidence supports naturally occurring human-to-cat SARS-CoV-2  
167 transmission, such as multiple reports worldwide of SARS-CoV-2-positive cats from confirmed or  
168 suspected SARS-CoV-2-positive owners (94). Natural human-to-dog transmission may be possible,  
169 as was confirmed by seroconversion and SARS-CoV-2 presence in two out of 15 dogs in close  
170 contact with COVID-19 patients, where the viral sequences from each dog-and-owner pair were  
171 identical (91). Serological and virological surveys conducted several months after the pandemic  
172 started indicate that SARS-CoV-2 prevalence is much lower in pet and street cats and dogs than in  
173 humans, even if pet owners had suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection (95–99). Thus, cats  
174 and dogs can get infected under natural conditions, but rarely. However, certain environments might  
175 amplify natural infections and cross-species transmission. Supported by epidemiological and  
176 phylogenetic studies, several countries reported suspected human-to-mink, subsequent mink-to-mink,  
177 and mink-to-human transmission of SARS-CoV-2 on fur farms (94,100–102). SARS-CoV-2 has also  
178 been transmitted to tigers, lions, and gorillas in zoos, raising concern for wildlife conservation (103).

### 179 **3 Emerging coronaviruses in domestic mammals**

180 Since the advent of agriculture (~8,000 BC), several spillover events led to the emergence of novel  
181 pathogens in humans and domesticated animals (16). Genetic analyses place the common ancestor to  
182 all known coronaviruses at around 8,000 BC, and those of each genus at around 2,400–3,300BC (10).  
183 Like humans, domestic mammals have been experiencing an increasing rate of novel coronavirus  
184 emergence, especially within the last century.

185 Bovine coronavirus (BCoV) likely emerged from rodent-CoVs around 1400 AD (17,104).  
186 BCoV is transmitted via the fecal–oral route, causing bloody diarrhea and respiratory infections in  
187 cattle (105–107). BCoV-like viruses have also been detected in other domestic and wild ruminants  
188 (105). BCoV can infect dogs experimentally, although subclinically (108). Turkeys show clinical  
189 signs of enteritis when infected with BCoV experimentally, but chickens are not susceptible (109).  
190 Equine-CoV, discovered in 1999, plausibly also descended from BCoV and causes enteritis in horses  
191 (110–112). Only one human case of a BCoV-like infection has ever been reported (113).

192 There are two dog coronaviruses: an *Alphacoronavirus* called canine enteric coronavirus  
193 (CCoV), transmitted fecal-orally, with serotypes CCoV-I and CCoV-II, and a *Betacoronavirus* called  
194 canine respiratory coronavirus (CRCoV), which causes kennel cough (114). CRCoV was discovered  
195 in 2003 from a kennel outbreak (115). It was later also detected in samples from 1996 (116). It is  
196 closely related to BCoV and HCoV-OC43, and genetic analyses suggest that CRCoV arose from a  
197 recent host-species shift of BCoV from bovine to canine hosts (115,117).

198 CCoV was first isolated from an outbreak in military dogs in 1971 (114). Initially, CCoV  
199 infections were believed to be restricted to the enteric tract causing mild diarrheal disease (118), but

200 an increasing number of lethal pantropic infections suggests that CCoV is responsible for an  
 201 emerging infectious disease in canines (114). There are three proposed subtypes of CCoV-II: original  
 202 CCoV-IIa, recombinant CCoV-IIb, and CCoV-IIc (114). The two biotypes of CCoV-IIa have  
 203 different tissue tropism and pathogenicity: “classical” CCoV-IIa is restricted to the small intestine  
 204 causing enteritis, but the emerging “pantropic” CCoV-IIa causes leukopenia and is often fatal  
 205 (114,119). In 2019, an Asian pantropic CCoV-IIa strain was also isolated from a wolf in Italy (120),  
 206 suggesting spillover to wildlife of imported strains (121). Cats and swine are also susceptible to  
 207 CCoV (122–124).

208 There are six porcine coronaviruses: four *Alphacoronaviruses*, transmissible gastroenteritis  
 209 virus (TGEV), porcine respiratory coronavirus (PRCoV), porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus (PEDV),  
 210 and swine acute diarrhoea syndrome coronavirus (SADS-CoV), one *Betacoronavirus*, porcine  
 211 haemagglutinating encephalomyelitis virus (PHEV), and one *Deltacoronavirus*, porcine  
 212 deltacoronavirus (PDCoV) (125). TGEV, PEDV, SADS-CoV and PDCoV cause severe enteritis that  
 213 are fatal in piglets, PHEV causes digestive and/or neurological disease, and PRCoV causes mild  
 214 respiratory disease (125).

215 TGEV, discovered in 1946 (126), likely emerged from CCoV-II (127), and its less virulent  
 216 descendent PRCoV was identified in 1984 (128). PHEV, first described in 1957, likely descended  
 217 from BCoV (125). PEDV emerged in the 1970s in Europe and Asia, likely from bat-CoVs, and was  
 218 introduced in North America in 2013 after a new PEDV strain emerged in China in 2010 (129–132).  
 219 A serological study indicates that PEDV subsequently spilled over from domestic to feral swine  
 220 populations in the US (133). PDCoV was first detected in swine samples from 2009 in Hong Kong  
 221 (10,130). In 2014, PDCoV caused the first-reported outbreaks in USA and South Korea (134,135). It  
 222 was proposed that the virus’ ancestor originated from recombination between sparrow-CoV and  
 223 bulbul-CoV (136). PDCoV is most closely related to *Deltacoronaviruses* sampled from Asian  
 224 leopard cats and ferret badgers in Guangdong and Guangxi markets (the first documented cases of  
 225 *Deltacoronaviruses* in mammals) (137), suggesting that these species could have acted as  
 226 intermediates for interspecies PDCoV spillover (138). In 2016, SADS outbreaks emerged in  
 227 Guangdong with evidence strongly suggesting bat-to-swine spillover origin (139).

228 There is one coronavirus that primarily infects cats: feline coronavirus (FCoV). This  
 229 *Alphacoronavirus* exists in two serotypes: FCoV-I and FCoV-II (140). Both cause digestive diseases  
 230 and are transmitted fecal-orally. FCoV-I is the most common type, but less virulent than FCoV-II  
 231 (141,142). Comparative sequence studies indicate FCoV-I is genetically similar to CCoV-I, and  
 232 FCoV-II emerged from recombination between FCoV-I and CCoV-II (119,140,143,144).  
 233 Conceivably, FCoV-I and CCoV-I evolved from a common ancestor, while CCoV-II and FCoV-II  
 234 arose as more virulent recombinants (127). For each serotype, there are two biotypes with different  
 235 pathogenicity: feline enteric coronavirus (FECV) and feline infectious peritonitis virus (FIPV).  
 236 FECV usually causes mild diarrhea, whereas FIP is lethal. FIPV evolves from FECV via within-host  
 237 mutations in the S gene that alter cell tropism, and emerges during persistent infection of FECV  
 238 (140,145). In 2004, a disease resembling FIP was also discovered in ferrets caused by an emerging  
 239 ferret systemic coronavirus, a decade after the first and less virulent ferret coronavirus (enteric) was  
 240 discovered (146). FIP likely emerged in the 1950s, within a decade after the first TGE cases in swine  
 241 in USA (126,147). Thus, FCoV is closely related to TGEV and CCoV, and recombinants among all  
 242 three have emerged (148–150), probably because all three can cross-infect cats, swine, and dogs  
 243 (123,149,151–153).

244 **4 Discussion**

245 Coronaviruses in humans and domestic animals are closely related (Figure), emerged recently and at  
246 an increasing rate. The circumstances associated with their emergence are high-animal-density  
247 environments that favor inter-species interactions (e.g., kennels, shelters, agricultural farms, fur  
248 farms, wet markets), which increase disease prevalence and promote cross-species transmission.  
249 Indeed, studies show that seroprevalence of CCoV is higher in kennels compared to the rest of the  
250 dog population, and shelters co-housing dogs with cats harbor recombinant canine-feline  
251 coronaviruses (114,149,151,154). Further, commercial agriculture have led to large numbers of  
252 domestic animals living in close proximity to humans, possibly driving the emergence of OC43 from  
253 cattle and MERS from camels.

254 Additionally, animals kept under detrimental conditions or exposed to stress (e.g., during transport)  
255 suffer from poor health and suppressed immune systems, rendering them more susceptible to  
256 infections (64,155). For example, mink fur farms, where animals are usually kept in small,  
257 unhygienic enclosures, generated new strains of SARS-CoV-2 causing secondary zoonoses (94,100–  
258 102). The wildlife trade and wet markets are conducive to disease emergence as well, since animals  
259 are transported and kept in small, unhygienic cages next to many different animal species (155).  
260 Indeed, a study showed that civets in markets were disproportionately positive for SARS-CoV-1  
261 compared to civets on the supplying farms (30). Further, SARS-CoV-1 isolates from a civet and a  
262 racoon dog at the same market, but from different regions of China, had an identical S-gene  
263 sequence, which differed from that of the other civet isolates, indicating the occurrence of cross-  
264 species transmission at the market (26). Accordingly, the concept of One Health is important for  
265 suppressing coronavirus emergence.

266 Little is still known about host ranges and cross-species transmissions of coronaviruses. Most studies  
267 on this topic have been motivated by finding appropriate animal models for vaccine development, or  
268 identifying potential host species enabling viral persistence. However, future studies should expand  
269 their surveys beyond domestic, captive or common laboratory animals for a fuller comprehension of  
270 coronavirus emergence and the extent of its radiation (Figure). Surveillance efforts of coronaviruses  
271 in the wild are underway (e.g., PREDICT, Global Virome Project), which are important for  
272 identifying new coronaviruses with zoonotic potential, tracking spillover pathways, and potentially  
273 filling in the host range gaps of known coronaviruses in humans and domestic mammals (156,157).

274 Concurrently with the global expansion of humans and domestic mammals, various coronaviruses  
275 have emerged as a result of cross-species transmission among humans, domestic, and wild animals.  
276 Conceivably, the human and domestic mammal population increase: yielded a large enough  
277 susceptible population to maintain coronavirus circulation, provided more opportunities for novel  
278 coronavirus emergence via spillover among different species, and brought humans and domestic  
279 animals in closer contact with wild reservoirs (158–160). The mechanisms governing the surge and  
280 radiation of these recently emerged coronaviruses require further investigation. Actions reducing  
281 people's dependency on domestic animals and demand for animal products, while improving the  
282 health of the animals remaining in captivity, may mitigate coronavirus emergence.

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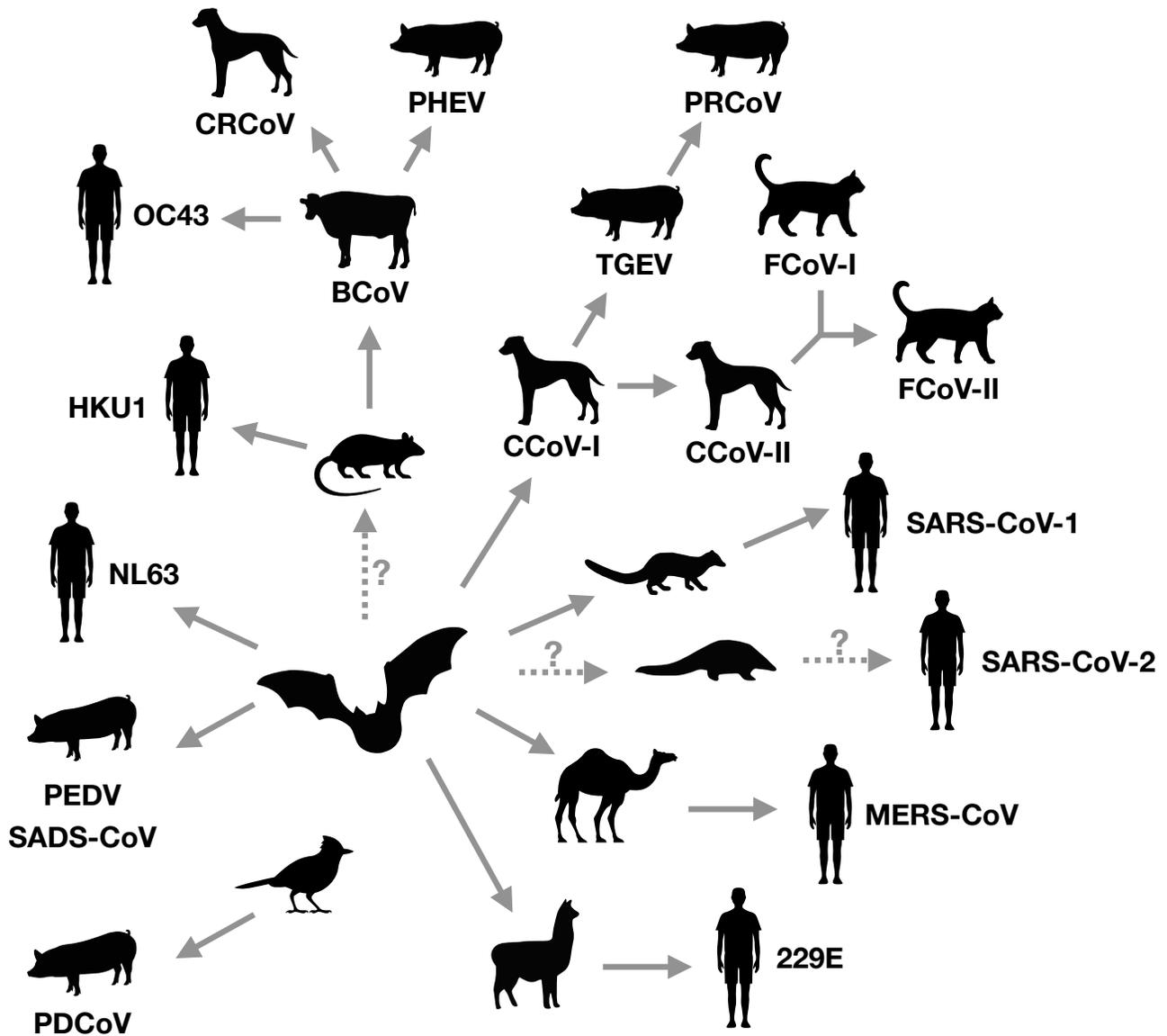
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804 **Figure.** The evolution and radiation of coronaviruses in humans and common domestic mammals.  
 805 Arrows indicate direction of spillover of coronavirus emergence (dashed arrows indicate less  
 806 established spillover pathways). The radiation suggests there could be a vicious cycle of coronavirus  
 807 emergence, whereby existing new viruses in new hosts increases the likelihood of producing more  
 808 new recombinants.