

■ **The first microarray based on the SARS* coronavirus genome has been developed** by CombiMatrix Corporation, according to Acacia Research Corporation. This comes after the recent sequencing of the coronavirus genome by researchers from the Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, US, and the Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre, Canada. The fast turnaround custom microarray system will enable researchers to confirm the link between the coronavirus and SARS. It will also help in the development of tests to screen for the virus and potential medicines for the treatment of SARS.

* severe acute respiratory syndrome

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