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Past lessons play a key role in coping with COVID-19

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We should have made use of what We learned in SARS and MERS in the past for coping with COVID-19. WHO and CDC did not use the valuable archived document of SARS and MERS (1). The document says that “Droplet precautions should be added to standard precautions when providing care to all patients with symptoms of acute respiratory infection. Contact precautions and eye protection should be added when caring for suspected or confirmed cases of MERS. Airborne precautions should be applied when performing aerosol-generating procedures.” In other words, airborne precautions could have saved many human lives in the world (2).

References:

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