

# Virulence of layer farm or egg associated *Salmonella* isolates



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Improved understanding of the public health significance of *Salmonella* serovars and extent of invasiveness and virulence.



This research was conducted to evaluate the virulence of *Salmonella* serovars commonly isolated from egg layer farms, through a study of the pathogenesis of egg/layer farm-related *Salmonella* serovars in a well-differentiated human intestinal cell culture model (in vitro) followed by a mouse model (in vivo). The study also investigated the ability of *Salmonella* serovars to colonise the chicken oviduct organ cultures developed from *Salmonella* free laying hens. The *Salmonella* serovars were classified as high, medium and low invasive serovars. The genome of selected high, medium and low *Salmonella* serovars was also studied.

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