

Quantitative Microbiological Risk Assessment of Nontyphoidal *Salmonella* in Ground Pork from China and Broiler Chickens from Canada

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Abstract

Foodborne disease caused by nontyphoidal *Salmonella* (NTS) is one of the most important food safety issues worldwide. *Salmonella* Heidelberg resistant to ceftiofur (a third-generation cephalosporin antimicrobial agent) posed a risk to public health in Canada. The objectives of this study were to carry out microbial monitoring on the prevalence of NTS in commercial ground pork and *S. Heidelberg* in broiler chicken, investigate consumption patterns, and conduct a quantitative microbiological risk assessment (QMRA). The results showed that the prevalence of NTS in ground pork purchased in Chengdu was 69.64% (95% confidence interval [CI], 60.2–78.0), with a mean contamination level of -0.164 log CFU/g. After general cooking, NTS in ground pork could be eliminated (contamination level of zero). The estimated probability of causing salmonellosis per day was $9.43\text{E-}06$ (95% CI: $8.82\text{E-}06$ – $1.00\text{E-}05$), while the estimated salmonellosis cases per million people per year were 3442 (95% CI: 3218–3666). The risk in Canada was reduced by 90% or 20% when two separate scenarios designed to capture the effect of withdrawing preventive ceftiofur use from poultry production were simulated using different approaches; A 50% reduction in the probability of human prior exposure to antimicrobials, which has a selective and competitive effect for *Salmonella* spp. following ingestion of contaminated products, reduced the risk by 65%. Other promising measures that could be considered for further risk management included improved cleaning and disinfection between broiler flocks on farm (risk reduction by 26%), exclusive use of air chilling (risk reduction by 34%), and the improvement of meat storage and preparation conditions, e.g., no temperature abuse at retail (risk reduction by 88%). These findings showed the importance of a structured approach to assessing and potentially implementing effective interventions to reduce the risk associated with ceftiofur-resistant *S. Heidelberg* at different steps along the agri-food chain.

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