

1 **Explore the antimicrobial resistance and prevalence of microbial isolates**
2 **in chicken processing environment**

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5 **Outline**

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7 2. Microbiological quality and *Salmonella* prevalence, serovar distribution and
8 antimicrobial resistance associated with informal raw chicken processing in Accra,
9 Ghana
10 3. Prevalence and antimicrobial resistance of *Campylobacter* from antibiotic-free
11 broilers during organic and conventional processing
12 4. Conclusion

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14 **Abstract**

15 Chicken meat is highly susceptible to spoilage and frequently implicated in foodborne
16 disease outbreaks. When appropriate handling practices, processing and storage facilities are
17 lacking, as is often the case in the informal sector, there is an increased risk of transmission of
18 zoonotic diseases and rapid spoilage with economic and health-related losses. Globally,
19 chicken meat is considered a significant product pathogen pathway for Salmonellosis and
20 campylobacteriosis. The first study was to investigate the provides empirical evidence of the
21 microbiological pathogens on chicken carcasses and processing environments, and the
22 prevalence, distribution and MDR *Salmonella* serovars in poultry environments in Accra,
23 Ghana. The result show that most prevalent *Salmonella* serovars in chicken processing
24 environments were *S. Typhimurium*, *S. Infantis*, *S. Enteritidis* and *S. Newport*. The aim of the
25 second study was to evaluate the determine the effects of organic and RWA methods
26 on *Campylobacter* prevalence and AMR during processing. All of these observations indicate
27 that raising broilers using RWA methods may not result in lower levels of AMR *Campylobacter*.
28 Finally, as there was no major difference in AMR between organic and conventional isolates,
29 and conventional birds were treated with nicarbazin and zoalene, this indicates that use
30 of ionophores as anti-coccidia measures may not select for co-resistance to any of the
31 antimicrobials tested.

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