A NEW SALMONELLA SEROTYPE: S. SEDGWICK

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SUMMARY. A new Salmonella serotype (44:b:e, n, z15) was described and the designation S. sedgwick was assigned to it. The culture was isolated from the stool of a male child who was not ill at the time.

The Salmonella serotype to be described, Salmonella sedgwick (4451-63), was isolated from the stool of a male child, aged 13 years, who did not have symptoms of gastroenteritis at the time. Salmonella newport also was isolated from the stool of this individual.

The biochemical reactions given by culture 4451-63 indicated it was a motile member of the genus Salmonella. In the terminology of Kauffmann (1960, 1963) the strain would be classified as subgenus I although certain biochemical reactions were aberrant (e.g. sodium malonate was utilized in three days). It failed to produce urease or phenylalanine deaminase and failed to grow in KCN medium. Gelatin was liquefied after 18 days' incubation. Nitrate was reduced to nitrite, and lysine and ornithine decarboxylases as well as arginine dihydrolase were produced. When tested according to the method of Kauffmann and Petersen (1956), mucate and D-tartrate were utilized in one day, sodium citrate in two days, while L- and I-tartrates were not utilized. Tests for β-galactosidase activity (ONPG, method of LeMinor and Ben Hamida, 1962) were negative. Acid and gas were produced from glucose, maltose, mannitol, rhamnose, arabinose, inositol, dulcitol, xylose, sorbitol, and trehalose within 24 hours. Cellobiose was fermented after five days. Lactose, sucrose, salicin, raffinose, glycerol and adonitol were not attacked.

Culture 4451-63 belonged to Salmonella O group 44 and was agglutinated to the titer of S. niaremb O serum (44).
In adsorption tests the strain removed all agglutinins from that serum.

The H antigens of 4451-63 were diphasic. Phase 1 flagellar antigen was flocculated to the titer of *S. paratyphi B* phase 1 H (b) serum and in absorption tests, removed all agglutinins from it. Phase 2 of 4451-63 was agglutinated in diagnostic dilutions by serums containing agglutinins for antigens e, n, ... When tested with single factor serums for antigens x, z15, z16, z17, and z18, agglutination occurred only in z15 and z17 serums. Single factor z15 was agglutinated only when double the diagnostic dose of serum was used. Phase 2 was agglutinated to the titer of *S. san diego* phase 2 H (c, n, z15, z17) serum and reduced the titer of that serum from 1:6400 to 1:400 in absorption tests.

Culture 4451-63 was designated as the standard strain of a new serotype with the antigenic formula 44:b:e, n, z15 and the name *Salmonella sedgwick* proposed for it.

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