

# Salmonella Saphra

**Background:** *Salmonella enterica* subsp. *enterica* serovar Saphra (antigenic formula 16:y:1,5) is a serovar of the O:16 (I) serogroup.

**Animal Reservoir:** There is not clear evidence of the animal reservoir for this serovar.

**Geographical distribution:** Serovar Saphra has been reported in cantaloupes from Mexico and ground spices in Italy.

**Outbreaks:** There are limited reports of outbreaks associated with *Salmonella* Saphra in humans.

Year	Location	Associated food	Number of cases
1997	US-California	cantaloupes from Mexico	24

**Recalls:** Food recalls are occasionally linked to S. Saphra.

Year	Location	Recalled product	Type
2016	Italy	ground black pepper	herbs & spices

**Relevant links and references:**

1. [https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/rasff-window/portal/?event=notificationDetail&NOTIF\\_REFERENCE=2016.0486](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/rasff-window/portal/?event=notificationDetail&NOTIF_REFERENCE=2016.0486)
2. <http://jid.oxfordjournals.org/content/180/4/1361.long>