

Salmonella Hvittingfoss

Background: *Salmonella enterica* subsp. *enterica* serovar Hvittingfoss (antigenic formula 16:b:e,n,x) is a serovar of the O:16 (I) serogroup. Found in [wild](#) and domesticated reptiles and amphibians, and in [food-producing mammals](#), this is a rare serovar, though it has been linked to human foodborne outbreaks.

Animal reservoir: Serovar Hvittingfoss has been recovered from amphibians (both those raised as pets and for [food items](#)) and reptiles.

Geographical distribution: S. Hvittingfoss has been reported in Thailand, Nigeria, Australia, Europe and the United States.

Outbreaks: Outbreaks linked to S. Hvittingfoss have been reported.

Year	Location	Associated source	Number of cases
2016	Australia	Rockmelons	97
2010	US-IL	Unknown	97

Relevant links and references:

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