Salmonella Abony

Background: Salmonella enterica subsp. enterica serovar Abony (antigenic formula 1,4,[5],12,[27]:b:e,n,x) is a serovar of the O:4 (B) serogroup. Salmonell a Abony was found to have 17 virulence-associated genes and lacked all genes localised within bacteriophages and plasmids.

Animal reservoir: Salmonella Abony is rarely isolated from cattle, chelonians & reptiles, and black-headed gulls.

Geographical distribution: S. Abony has been isolated several times in Europe, and is responsible for a food product recall in the United States.

Outbreaks: Outbreaks of S. Abony have been reported.

Year	Location	Associated source	Number of cases
2016	US-multistate	Alfalfa sprouts	6*

*1 patient was infected with serovar Abony alone, while 5 were co-infected with another Salmonella serotype.

Relevant links and references:

- 1. https://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/reading-08-16/index.html
- 2. https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10482-018-1079-8