

***Enterobacteriaceae* in Dehydrated Powdered Infant Formula Manufactured in Indonesia and Malaysia**

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Abstract

To determine the occurrence of *Salmonella* and *Shigella* in infant formula from Southeast Asia, 74 packages of dehydrated powdered infant follow-on formula (recommended age, >4 months) from five different manufacturers, four from Indonesia and one from Malaysia, were analyzed. None of the 25-g test portions yielded *Salmonella* or *Shigella*. However, further identification of colonies growing on selective media used for *Salmonella* and *Shigella* detection revealed the frequent occurrence of several other *Enterobacteriaceae* species. A total of 35 samples (47%) were positive for *Enterobacteriaceae*. Ten samples (13.5%) from two Indonesian manufacturers yielded *Enterobacter sakazakii*. Other *Enterobacteriaceae* isolated included *Pantoea* spp. ($n = 12$), *Escherichia hermannii* ($n = 10$), *Enterobacter cloacae* ($n = 8$), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* subsp. *pneumoniae* ($n = 3$), *Citrobacter* spp. ($n = 2$), *Serratia* spp. ($n = 2$), and *Escherichia coli* ($n = 2$). To our knowledge, this is the first report to describe the contamination of dehydrated powdered infant formula from Indonesia with *E. sakazakii* and several other *Enterobacteriaceae* that could be opportunistic pathogens. Improper preparation and conservation of these products could result in a health risk for infants in Indonesia.

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