

RESULTS

In the current study , 300 patients ranged in age from 2 to 60 years were suffering from signs and symptoms of typhoid fever . 170 of them were attended the out patients clinics of Mansoura Fever Hospital and 130 patients were attended Benha Fever Hospital . Out of 300 cases , 100 cases were diagnosed bacteriologically as typhoid fever and paratyphoid fever.

1- Results of bacteriologic examination

Table (1) shows the relation between the number of patients and the time of sample's collection in both hospitals. The number of cases with typhoid fever is more during August, followed by July, September and finally April. Typhoid fever was detected throughout the period of the study. It was more prevalent in August and July and report on resistance isolates.

Table (2) Shows the number of *Salmonella* isolated from Mansoura and Benha Fever Hospitals were 100 (33.3%) isolates. 60 isolates from Benha fever & 40 isolates from Mansoura Fever Hospital .

Table (3) Shows serotyping of isolated *Salmonella*

- * 48 isolates were *Salmonella typhi*
- *24 isolates were *Salmonella paratyphi A*
- * 28 isolate swere *Salmonella paratyphi B*

Table (1) *Salmonella* infection among studied cases with suspected typhoid fever in different months.

Month	NO. of isolate d	Salmonella isolate		Salmonella resistant isolates	
		NO.	%	NO .	%
April	19	10	10%	0	0 %
May	32	17	17%	1	4 %
June	43	15	15%	4	16 %
July	70	23	23%	8	32 %
August	79	25	25%	10	40 %
September	57	10	10%	2	8 %
Total	300	100	100%	25	100%

Salmonella incidence is high during August.

Table (2) *Salmonella* infection in Banha Fever Hospital and Mansoura Fever Hospital in the studied cases .

Hospital	Salmonella infection	
	NO.	%
Benha Fever Hospital	60 from 130	46.1%
Mansoura Fever Hospital	40 from 170	23.5%

The total number of *Salmonella* isolated in both hospitals was 100 isolates. 60 isolates were isolated from Benha Fever Hospital and 40 isolates were isolated from Mansoura Fever Hospital.

Table (3) Serotyping of isolated *Salmonella*.

Serotyping	Number of Strains	%
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	48	48%
<i>Salmonella paratyphi A</i>	24	24%
<i>Salmonella paratyphi B</i>	28	28%

2 - Antibigram Results of The Isolated Salmonella

Table (4) : Showed the Antibigram of isolated Salmonella and revealed that:

a) Salmonella typhi

- Strain number (24) was resistant to 6 antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents Streptomycin, Cephalothin, Cephadrine, Chloramphenicol, Sulfamethiazole and Co-trimoxazole.
- Strain number 1 , 2 , 25 were resistant to 5 antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents . Strain number (1) was resistant to Cephadrine, Cephalothin, Sulfamethiazole, Chloramphenicol and Co-trimoxazole while strain number (2) was resistant to cephalothin , cephadrine , chloramphenicol , sulfamethiazol and co-trimoxazol . (25) was resistant to Chloamphenicol, Cephaloxin, Oxytetracycline, Sulfamethiazole and Co-trimoxazole.
- Strain number (16), was resistant to four antimicrobial agents Oxytetracycline, Chloramphenicol, Sulfamethiazole, and Co-trimoxazole.
- Strain number 6 ,8 ,11 , 13 , 15 , 19 , 22 were resistant to three antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents Sulfamethiazole, Co-trimoxazole, and Chloramphenicol.

b) *Salmonella paratyphi A*

- Strain number (17) was resistant to 7 antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents viz., Streptomycin, Amikacin, Cephalothin, Cephrodine, Sulfamethazole, Co-trimoxazole and Chloramphenicol.
- Strain number (23) was resistant to 6 antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents Streptomycin, Cephalothin, Oxytetracycline, Chloramphenicol, Sulfamethazole and Co-trimoxazole.
- Four Strains were resistant to 3 antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents viz., Chloramphenicol, Sulfamethiazol and Co-trimoxazole isolates number 5 , 18 , 20 , 21 .

c) *Salmonella paratyphi B*

- Strain number (10) was resistant to 6 antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents which were Cephalaxin, Cefotoxim, Chloramphenicol, Sulfamethiazole, Co-trimoxazole and Naldexic acid.
- Strain number (12) was resistant to 5 antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents viz., Cephalaxin, Chloramphenicol, Sulfamethiazole, Co-trimoxazole and Naldexic acid.
- Two strains were resistant to 4 antimicrobial chemotherapeutic agents. Strain number (4) was resistant to Chloramphenicol, Cephrodine, Cephalaxin and Sulfamethiazole while Isolate number (7) was resistant to Chloramphenicol, Sulfamethiazole, Co-trimoxazole and Naldexic acid.
- Strains number (3), (9) and (14) were resistant to Chloramphenicol and Sulphamethiazole .

Table(4) :Antibiogram of Salmonella isolats

Type of Isolates⇒ ↓	Number of Isolates							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	S.typhi	S.typhi	Para B	Para B	Para A	Typhi	Para B	Typhi
S	+	++	++	+	++	+	++	+
PN	+	++	+++	+	+	+	++	++
PRL	+	+	+++	++	+++	++	++	+++
KF	-	-	+++	+	++	+	+	++
CE	-	-	+++	-	++	++	+	+
CL	+	+	++	-	+++	+	+	++
CTX	++	+++	+++	++	++	+++	+++	++
AN	++	+++	+++	++	+++	++	++	++
GM	++	++	+++	++	+++	++	++	+++
K	++	+	++	++	+++	++	++	++
N	+	++	++	+	++	+	+	++
OFX	+++	+	++	+++	++	+++	+++	+
NOR	+++	++	+++	+++	+	+++	+++	++
OT	+	+	++	+	+++	++	+	++
C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SXT	-	-	++	+	-	-	-	-
NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	++

S Streptomycin

PRL Piperacillin

CE Cephadrine

CTX Cefotoxim

PN Ampicillin

KF Cephalothin

CL Cephalaxin

AN Amikacin

GM Gentamycin

K Kanamycin

N Neomycin

OFX Ofloxacin

NOR Norfloxacin

OT Oxytetracycline

C Chloramphenicol

TH Sulfamethiazole

NA Naldixic Acid

SXT Co-trimoxazole

(-) = Resistant (+) = Intermediate Sensitive (++)=Sensitive (+++) =Highly Sensitive

Table(4) Antibigram of Salmonella (follow)

Type of Isolates→ ⇓	<u>Number of Isolates</u>							
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Para B	Para B	Typhi	Para B	Typhi	Para B	Typhi	Typhi
S	++	++	+++	+	+	++	+	++
PN	+++	+	+++	++	++	++	++	+
PRL	++	+	++	+	+	++	+	+++
KF	+	+++	+	++	+++	+++	+++	+
CE	+	++	++	++	+	+++	++	++
CL	++	-	++	-	++	+++	++	++
CTX	++	-	++	++	++	+++	++	++
AN	++	++	++	++	++	+++	++	++
GM	+++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
K	+++	++	+++	++	++	++	++	++
N	+++	++	+++	++	+++	++	++	+++
OFX	++	++	+++	++	++	+	+++	+++
NOR	++	++	+++	+++	+++	+	+++	+++
OT	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	-
C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SXT	++	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
NA	++	-	+	-	+	+	++	+

Table(4) :Antibiogram of isolated *Salmonella* (follow)

Type of Isolates⇒ Antibiotic↓	Number of Isolates								
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Para A	Para A	Typhi	Para A	Para A	Typhi	Para A	Typhi	Typhi
S	-	+	+	++	+	++	-	-	+
PN	++	++	+	+++	+	++	++	++	+
PRL	+	++	++	+++	++	++	+++	+++	+
KF	-	++	+	+++	+	+	-	-	+
CE	-	+++	+	+++	+	+	+	-	+
CL	++	+++	+	++	+++	++	++	++	-
CTX	+++	+++	++	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
AN	-	+++	++	++	+++	+++	++	++	+++
GM	+++	++	++	+	+++	+++	++	+++	++
K	++	+	+	+	++	+++	+	++	+++
N	++	++	++	+	++	+++	+	+++	+++
OFX	+++	++	+++	++	+++	++	+++	+	++
NOR	+++	++	+++	++	+++	++	++	+++	+++
OT	++	+++	+++	++	++	++	-	+	-
C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SXT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+

Table (4) shows that all *Salmonella* (25) isolates were susceptible to the following antibiotics: PRL (Piperacillin), GM (Gentamycin), K (Kanamycin), N (Neomycin) and OFX (Ofloxacin), NOR (Norfloxacin) and all isolates were resistant to Chloramphenicol and sulphamethiazol antibiotics.

Table(5): Number of *Salmonella* strains in relation to each antibiotics pattern .

Antibiotic	Resistant	Intermediate Sensitive	Sensitive
Agents	NO%	NO%	NO %
S	3	11	11
PN	0	9	16
PRL	0	8	17
KF	5	10	10
CE	5	9	11
CL	4	5	16
CTX	1	0	24
AN	1	0	24
GM	0	1	24
K	0	5	20
N	0	6	19
OFX	0	3	22
NOR	0	2	23
OT	3	5	17
C	25	0	0
TH	25	0	0
SXT	21	2	2
NA	3	18	4

All *Slmonella* strain were sensitive to GM , K , N , OFX and NOR and resistant to C , TH.

Table(6): The relation between the type of *Salmonella* and resistant marker

Type of <i>Salmonellas</i>	NO. of isolates	Resistance Pattern	Number of resistant Marker
<i>SALMONELLA</i> <i>TYPHI</i>	1	CE,KF, TH, SXT, C	5
	2	KF, CE, C, TH, SXT	5
	6	TH, SXT, C	3
	8	C, TH, SXT	3
	11	C, TH, SXT	3
	13	C, TH, SXT	3
	15	C, TH, SXT	3
	16	OT, C, TH, SXT	4
	19	C, TH, SXT	3
	22	C, TH, SXT	3
	24	S, KF, CE, C, TH, SXT	6
	25	C, CL, OT, TH, SXT	5
<i>SALMONELLA</i> PARA <i>TYPHI</i> A	5	C, TH, SXT	3
	17	C, KF, CE, TH, SXT,S,AN	7
	18	C,TH, SXT	3
	20	C,TH, SXT	3
	21	C,TH, SXT	3
	23	S, KF, OT, C, TH, SXT	6
<i>SALMONELLA</i> PARA <i>TYPHI</i> B	3	C, TH	2
	4	CE, CL, TH, C	4
	7	C,TH , SXT, NA	4
	9	C, TH	2
	10	CL, CTX, C, TH, SXT, NA	6
	12	CL, C, TH, SXT, NA	5
	14	C,TH	2

All 25 isolates were resistant from 2 to 7 antimicrobial agent .

Results of Genetic Study

1-Plasmid profile of *Salmonella* isolates

1) Plasmid screening

All *Salmonella* isolates were screened for the presence of plasmids by agarose gel electrophoresis. The data of plasmid screening were summarised and shown in tables 7 and 8 and the photos of the gel electrophoresis No. (1, 2, 3).

a) - Result of *Salmonella typhi*

Table (7):Reveal the following

- *Isolate number (6) contains 6 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (13) contains 4 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (16) contains 7 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (24) contains 8 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (19) contains 3 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (22) contains 3 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (25) contains 7 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (15) contains 4 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (8) contains 5 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (11) contains 4 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (1) contains 7 plasmids.
- *Isolate number (2) contains 5 plasmids.
- *All isolates of *Salmonella typhi* showed from three plasmids to 8 plasmids whicht ranged between 7.1 to 1.2 M.D.
- *Two isolates shared a common plasmid of molecular weight 5.2 , 2.7 , 1.7 M.D which are Isolates number 19 & 22.

* Plasmids of molecular weight 2.7 , 1.7 is present in all of the strain . It may responsible for resistance to C , TH .

b) - Result of Salmonella Paratyphi B

*Isolate number (10) contains 8 plasmids.

*Isolate number (12) contains 4 plasmids.

*Isolate number (4) contains 4 plasmids.

*Isolate number (7) contains 1 plasmids.

*Isolate number (3 , 9 , 14) were plasmid less .

* Four isolates showed one plasmid up to 8 plasmid their molecular weight ranged from 5.2 to 1.7 . Isolates number (3 , 9 , 14) were plasmid less .

c) - Results of Salmonella Paratyphi A

*Isolate number (23) contains 4 plasmids.

*Isolate number (5) contains 2 plasmids.

*Isolate number (18) contains 1 plasmid.

*Isolate number (17) contains 2 plasmids.

*Isolate number (20) contain 1 plasmids.

*Isolate number (21) was plamid less plasmids.

* Five isolates showed one plasmid up to four plasmids their molecular weight ranged between 5.4 to 1.2 .

* Two isplates shared a common plasmid of molecular weight 3.7 M.D. (Isolates number 23 & 5) .

Table (7) The number & the size of plasmids extracted from 25

Salmonella isolates .

Type of strain	No.of strain	No.of plasmids	Plasmid Mol. wt. in (MD)
<i>Salmonella Typhi</i>	6	6	7.1 , 5.2 , 3.7 , 2.7 , 1.7 , 1.2
	13	4	5.7 , 3.7 , 2.7 , 1.7
	16	7	5.7 , 3.7 , 3 , 2.7 , 1.7 , 1.5 , 1.2
	24	8	5.7 , 3.9 , 3.7 , 3 , 2.7 , 1.7 , 1.5 , 1.2
	19	3	5.2 , 2.7 , 1.7
	22	3	5.2 , 2.7 , 1.7
	25	7	5.7 , 3.7 , 3.5 , 2.7 , 1.8 , 1.7 , 1.5
	15	4	4.8 , 2.7 , 1.7 , 1.2
	8	5	5.7 , 4.8 , 2.7 , 1.7 , 1.2
	11	4	3.7 , 3.4 , 2.7 , 1.7
	1	7	7.2 , 5.2 , 3.9 , 3.5 , 3 , 2.7 , 1.7
	2	5	5.2 , 3.9 , 3 , 2.7 , 1.7
<i>Salmonella Para Typhi B</i>	10	7	5.2 , 4.4 , 3.5 , 3 , 2.7 , 2.2 , 1.7
	12	4	5 , 4.3 , 2.9 , 2.6
	4	4	5.2 , 4.2 , 3.1 , 1.7
	7	1	1.7
	3 , 9 , 14	-	plasmid less
<i>Salmonella Para Typhi A</i>	23	4	3.7 , 3.5 , 3.1 , 2.7
	5	2	3.7 , 2.9
	18	1	3.9
	17	2	2.7 , 1.2
	20	1	5.4
	21	-	plasmid less

From the previous table the approximate size of the plasmid in *Salmonella typhi* ranged from 7.1 to 7.1 and *Salmonella paratyphi B* ranged from 5.2 to 1.7 and 3 isolates were plasmid less and *Salmonella paratyphi A* ranged from 5.4 to 1.2 and one isolate was plasmid less .

Vs17 6 13 16 24 19 22 25 15 8 11 1 2

romosomal) chrom
 5.2
 3.5
 3
 1.7
 1.5
 1.2

Fig (1) :Plasmid profile of resistant strains of *Salmonella typhi* lane Vs17 , molecular size standard (5.2 , 3.5 , 3 , 1.7 , 1.5 , 1.2) Lanes 6 , 13 , 16, 24 , 19 , 22 , 25 , 15 , 8 , 11 , 1,2 , are resistant strains of *Salmonella typhi* . The number of bands from 2 to 8 bands each band indicate a plasmid .

V517 7 4 3 9 10 14 12

chrom
5.2
3.5
3
1.7
1.5
1.2

Fig (2) : *Plasmid profile of resistant strains of Salmonella paratyphi B*
lane V517 , molecular size standard .Lans 7 , 4 , 3 , 9 , 10 , 14 ,
12 , are resistant strains of *Salmonella paratyphi B* the number of
bands from 1 to 8 bands each one indicate a plasmid .

V₅₁₇ 5 17 23 18 20 21

(chromosomal) chrom
 5.2
 3.5
 3
 1.7
 1.5
 1.2

Fig (3) : *Plasmid profile of resistant strains of Salmonella paratyphi A lane V₅₁₇ , molecular size standard and lane 5, 17 , 23 , 18 , 20 , 21 resistant strains the number of bands from 2 to 4 and strain number 21 is plasmid less*

Table (8):Relation between plasmid molecular weight and number of plasmid

Plasmid Molecular Weight in M.d.	Number of plasmid	Frequency %
<u>Salmonella typhi</u>		
1.7	12	100 %
2.7	12	100 %
5.7	5	40.7 %
5.2	5	40.7 %
3.7	6	50 %
1.5	3	25 %
1.2	4	33.3 %
<u>Salmonella Para B</u>		
1.7	3	42.8 %
2.7	1	14.3 %
<u>Salmonella Para A</u>		
3.7	2	33.3 %
2.7	2	33.3 %

* A plasmid of molecular weight 1.7 & 2.7 M.d. are present in all strains of *Salmonella typhi* and in 2&3 strains of *Salmonella paratyphi B&A* .

* Plasmid of molecular weight 5.7 & 502 M.D. are present in 5 strains of *Salmonella typhi*.

* Plasmids of molecular weight 3.7 M.d. is present in 6 strains of *Salmonella typhi* and 2 strains of *Salmonella paratyphi A* .

* Plasmid of molecular weight 1.5 M.d. is present in 3 strains of *Salmonella typhi* .

* Plasmid of molecular weight 1.2 is present in 4 strains of *Salmonella typhi* .

2. Plasmid profiles and resistance patterns in *Salmonella* isolates

1- The photos of agarose gel electrophoresis numbers 1, 2, 3, of 25 isolates of *Salmonella* with different resistance patterns, revealed that 21 of the isolates showed different plasmid profiles and 4 were plasmidless.

2- The plasmid profile and the resistance patterns of the individual isolate are shown in the table (10) in which the plasmid profile was very heterogeneous. There was no single profile that was common in two of the isolates.

3- With the increase of the resistance pattern to the antibiotic there was more increase in the number of isolates plasmids. For example, isolate number (24) which was resistant to 6 antibiotics harboured 8 plasmids and Isolate number (25) which was resistant to 5 antibiotics contained 7 plasmids, while strains 3,9,14,21 had no plasmids .

Table(9): Plasmid profile and resistance pattern of *Salmonella* isolates.

Type of strain	NO. of isolates	Resistance pattern	Plasmid profile Mol ecular Weight(M.D)
SALMONELLA TYPHI	6	C,TH,SXT	7.1, 5.2, 3.7, 2.7, 1.7,1.2
	13	C,TH,SXT	5.7, 3.7, 2.7,1.7
	16	OT,C,TH,SXT	5.7, 3.7,3, 2.7, 1.7, 1.5, 1.2
	24	S,KF,CE,C,TH,SXT	5.7,3.9,3.7,3,2.7,1.7,1.5,1.2
	19	C,TH,SXT	5.2, 2.7, 1.7
	22	C,TH,SXT	5.2, 2.7, 1.7
	25	C,CL,OT,T,SXT	5.7,3.7,3.5,2.7,1.8,1.7,1.5
	15	C,TH,SXT	4.8,2.7,1.7,1.2
	8	C,TH,SXT	5.7,4.8,2.7,1.7,1.2
	11	C,TH,SXT	3.7,3.4,2.7,1.7
	1	CE,KF,TH,SXT,C	7.2,5.2,3.9,3.5,3,2.7,1.7
	2	KF,CE,C,TH,SXT	5.2,3.9,3,2.7,1.7
SALMONELLA PARA TYPHI A	10	CL,CTX,C,TH,SXT,NA	5.2,4.4,3.5,3,2.7,2.2,1.7
	12	CL,C,TH,SXT,NA	5 , 4.3 , 2.9 , 2.6
	4	CE,CL,TH,C	5.2,4.2,3.1,1.7
	7	C,TH,SXT,NA	1.7
	3,9,14	C , TH	plasmid less
SALMONELLA PARA TYPHI B	23	C,TH,SXT,S,KF,OT	3.7,3.5,3.1,2.7
	5	C,TH,SXT	3.7 , 3.1
	18	C,TH,SXT	3.9
	17	C,KF,CE,TH,SXT	2.7, 1.2
	20	C,TH,SXT	5.4
	21	C,TH,SXT	plasmid less

Plasmids of molecular weight 2.7 , 1.7 are present in all strains of *Salmonella typhi* and in most strains of paratyphi A & B .

3. Transfer of plasmids

Salmonella isolates (21) harbouring plasmids were used by experimental trials to transfer their content to *E.coli* K₁₂ which is sensitive strain to all antibiotics and resistant to nalidixic acid . This was done by conjugation and transformation techniques .

Conjugation

The data of table (10) indicate that most of the detected plasmids were transferable by conjugation to the recipient strain . This is confirmed by the patterns of resistance of the donor and recipient strain which turned out to be identical . The rate of conjugation was comparable among the tested strains with a range from 3×10^{-8} to 1.3×10^{-7} .

All resistant plasmids of *Salmonella* were transferred by conjugation to the sensitive strain *E.coli* K₁₂ which is nalidixic resistant and the transconjugants colony appeared and can be counted on plates which contain sulfamethiazol(25ug) and co-trimoxazol(25ug) and nalidixic acid(50ug) calculated according to (MIC). The donor is resistant to sulfamethiazol and co-trimoxazol . The recipient is resistant to nalidixic acid and sensitive to all antibiotics. Transconjugant is strains resistant to sulfamethiazole and co-trimoxazol and nalidixic acid .

Table (10) Conjugation frequency of plasmid of *Salmonella* donor and corresponding E. coli K12 transconjugants.

Donor Designition	Number of transconjugants	Conjugation Frequency
1	4	4×10^{-8}
2	6	6×10^{-8}
6	7	7×10^{-8}
8	5	5×10^{-8}
11	9	9×10^{-8}
13	6	6×10^{-8}
15	8	8×10^{-8}
16	11	1.1×10^{-7}
19	3	3×10^{-8}
22	13	1.3×10^{-8}
24	4	4×10^{-8}
25	7	7×10^{-7}
20	5	5×10^{-8}

The data of table (10) and photos indicate that one or two plasmids were transferable by conjugation to the recipient E. coli K12. The frequency of conjugation with the range of 3×10^{-8} to 1.3×10^{-7} .

Transformation

The data of the table (11) indicate that the number of the transformed cell is from 44 to 170 cells / plate .Transformation frequency ranged between 1.1×10^{-5} and 2.5×10^{-6} with an average of 1.3×10^{-6} and the resistance marker is positive by using antibiotic plates and by photo of transformed plasmid in agarose gel .

Since transformation is a known result in the transfer of one plasmid or more it is used in the present work for 21 isolates of *Salmonella typhi* and *paratyphi A&B* and a potent recipient strain *E.coli K12* .

The marker of the individual transformants was subjected to antibiotic susceptibility test using antibiotic disc and the result mentioned that all transformant cell produced by the individual donor gave identical antibiotic susceptibility to the donor .

3 2 1

1 2 3 4

Fig (4): Agarose gel electrophoresis of plasmid DNA .Lane 1 plasmid less recipient *E.coli* K₁₂ .Lane 2 donor *Salmonella paratyphi A* strain NO. 20 .Lane 3 transconjugant contain the same plasmid of donor cell .

Fig (5): Agarose gel electrophoresis of plasmid DNA .Lane 1 *E.coli* K₁₂ .Lane 2 transconjugant .Lane 3 transconjugant . Lane 4 donor *Salmonella typhi* strain 8 .

1 2 3

Fig (6): Agarose gel electrophoresis of plasmid DNA .Lane 1 transconjugant .Lane 2 donor *Salmonella typhi* 13.Lane 3 recipient *E.coli* K₁₂ .

Table (11): Transformation rate and frequency of the *Salmonella* isolates .

Isolate Designation	Number of Transformed Cell	Transformation Frequency
<u><i>Salmonella typhi</i></u>		
1	120	6×10^{-6}
2	160	8×10^{-6}
6	144	7.2×10^{-6}
8	130	6.5×10^{-6}
11	170	8.5×10^{-6}
15	100	5×10^{-6}
16	110	5.5×10^{-6}
19	74	3.7×10^{-6}
22	50	2.5×10^{-6}
24	66	3.3×10^{-6}
25	50	2.5×10^{-6}

The number of transformed *E.coli* C₆₀₀ cells counted on the plate was ranged from 50 to 170 and the transformation frequencies ranged from 2.5×10^{-6} to 8.5×10^{-6}

Table (11) : follow

Isolate Designation	Number of Transformed Cell	Transformation Frequency
<i>Salmonella</i> <u>paratyphi A&B</u>		
4	124	6.2×10^{-6}
7	44	2.2×10^{-6}
10	74	3.7×10^{-6}
12	100	5×10^{-6}
5	52	2.6×10^{-6}
17	66	3.3×10^{-6}
18	144	7.2×10^{-6}
20	50	2.5×10^{-6}
23	120	6×10^{-6}

The transformation frequency of *Salmonella paratyphi A* & *Salmonella Paratyphi B* strains ranged from 2.2×10^{-6} to 7.2×10^{-6}

1 2 3 4

Fig (7): Agarose gel electrophoresis of plasmid DNA of donor and transformed plasmid . Lane 1 donor strain 24 *Salmonella typhi* . Lane 2 recipient transformed cell . Lane 3 recipient transformed cell .Lane 4 donor strain 25 *Salmonella typhi* .

DISCUSSION

In the present study, the monitoring of *Salmonella* genus as a causative agent of enteric, typhoid and paratyphoid fever has been conducted on patients attending the Out-Patient clinics of *Benha and Mansoura Fever Hospitals*. This study revealed that the incidence of resistant-*Salmonella* infection was 25 out of 100 cases (25%) of

typhoid fever.

The spread of multi-resistance strains, especially in countries of high endemi like Egypt, is a very serious consequences (*El-Bahrawi and Amin, 1989*).

By monitoring the results of susceptibility of *Salmonella* to the antimicrobial chemothrapeutic agents in this study, it has been noticed that 100 isolates, tested against (18) antimicrobial agents (25) isolates of them showing different type of resistance (25%) , while 75 of the isolates were completely sensitive.

In the present study, multiple drug resistance to 3 to 7 or more