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Salmonella Strains were isolated from 16 cases (6%) out of 250 stool specimens collected over a peroid of 3 months. On XLD, DCA, and SS medium. Salmonella appeared as transparent or red colonies with black centers, reflecting H2S production.

All (100%) salmonellae strains produced mauve colonies on CAS medium 14 cases after 18 hours and 2 cases needed 48 hours of incubation.

Gram negative isolates other than Samonella were Shigella 25 (10 %), Proteus 22 (8.8 %), Pseudomonas 7 (3%) Klebsiella 10 (4 %), Citrobacter 3 (1.2%) and Escherichia coli 167 (66 %).

Table (2): Organisms isolated from stool samples.

Causative organisms isolated	Number of organisms	%	
E. coli	167	66	
Shigella	25	10	
Proteus	22	8.8	
Salmonella	16	6	
Klebsiella	10	4	
Pseudomonas	7	3	
Citrobacter	3	1.2	

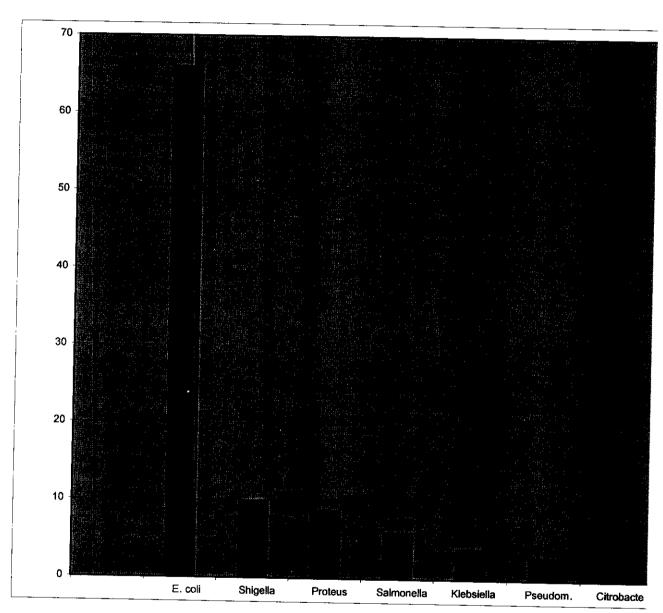


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Fig(1): Organisms isolated from stool samples.

Table (3): Evaluation of appearance of salmonella isolates on CAS medium according to colonies colour.

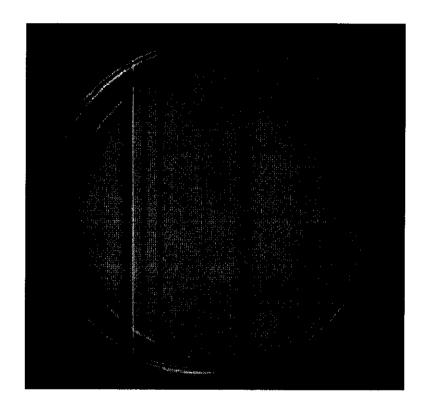
Colonies Colour	True Mauve	False Mauve	True Blue	False Blue	Positive Predictive Value	Negative Predictive Value	Efficiency
Total Number 250	16 (6 %)	6 (2%)	228 ( 92%)	0 (0%)	72.73	100	97.6

True Mauve: Means Salmonella colonies giving mauve colouration on CAS medium

False Mauve: Means non-Salmonella colonies giving mauve colouration on CAS medium

True Blue: Means non-Salmonella colonies giving Blue colouration on CAS medium

False Blue: Means Salmonella colonies giving Blue colouration on CAS medium



FIG(2) Appearance of CAS plate media

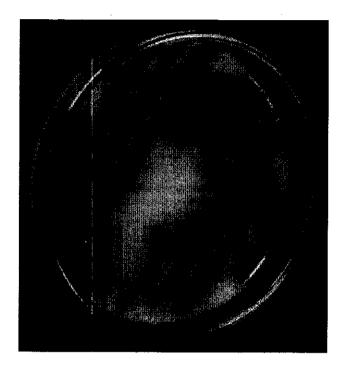


FIG. (3) Appearance of a clinical stool specimen on CAS medium, with Salmonella spp. Appearing as mauve colonies and other enteric organisms, which appear as blue colonies.



FIG (4) pure culture of salmonella on CAS medium (mauve)

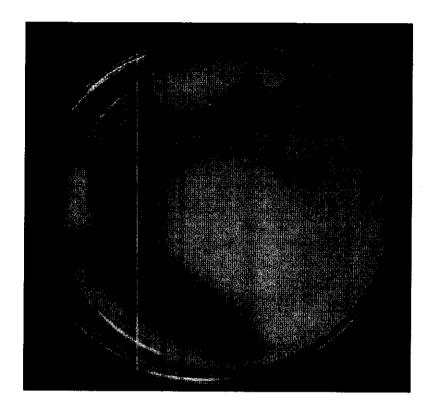


FIG (5) pure culture of E.coli on CAS medium (Blue )

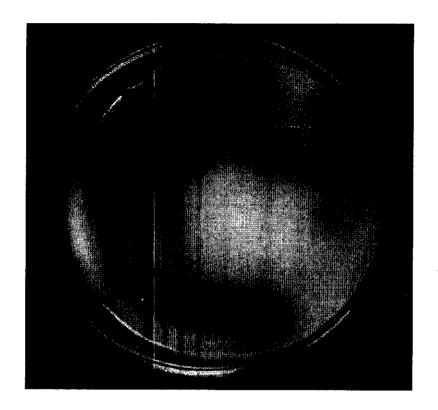


FIG (6) Clture of Pseudomonas spp. on CAS medium. Mauve(False Positive)

Table (4): Comparison of four selective media for detection of Salmonella.

	True positive for Salmonella	False* positive for Salmonella	True -ve	Fales +ve	Positive Predictive Value	Negative Predictive Value
CAS	16	6	228	0	72.73	100
XLD	12	40	194	4	23.08	97.98
DCA	11	31	203	5	26.19	97.60
SS	12	37	197	4	24.49	98.01

<sup>\*</sup>False +ve For Salmonella Means non-Salmonella colonies giving mauve colouration on CAS medium and giving red or colourless colouration with or without H2S production on other mediae.

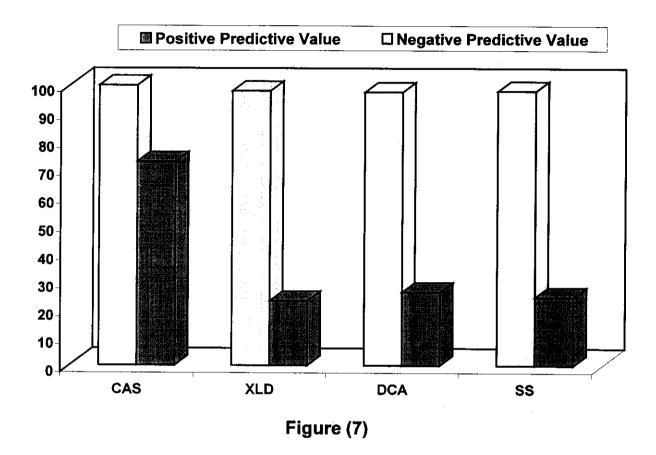


Fig (7): Comparison of four selective media for detection of Salmonella.

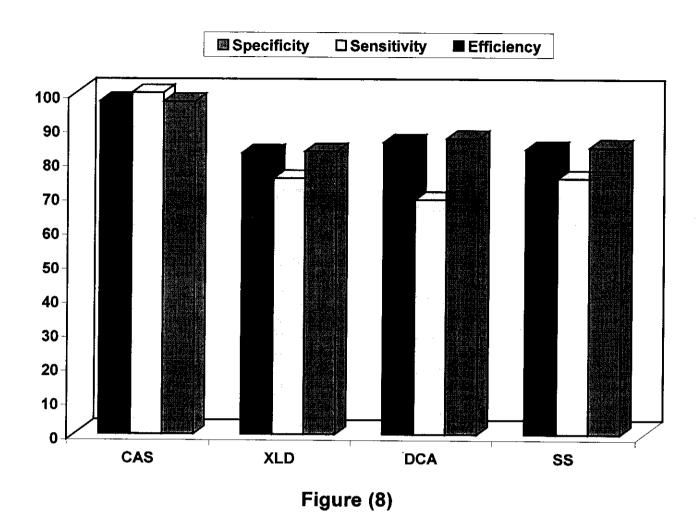
The sensitivity of CAS medium were 100 % compared with that of the XLD, DCA and SS medium (75 %, 68% and 75 %) respectively Table (5).

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Table (5): Comparison of four selective media according to their specificity, sensitivity and efficiency.

	True positive for Salmonella	-	True -ve	Fales +ve	Specificity	Sensitivity	Efficiency
CAS	16	6	228	0	97.44	100	97.60
XLD	12	40	194	4	82.91	75	82.40
DCA	11	31	203	5	86.75	68.75	85.60
SS	12	37	197	4	84.19	75	83.60

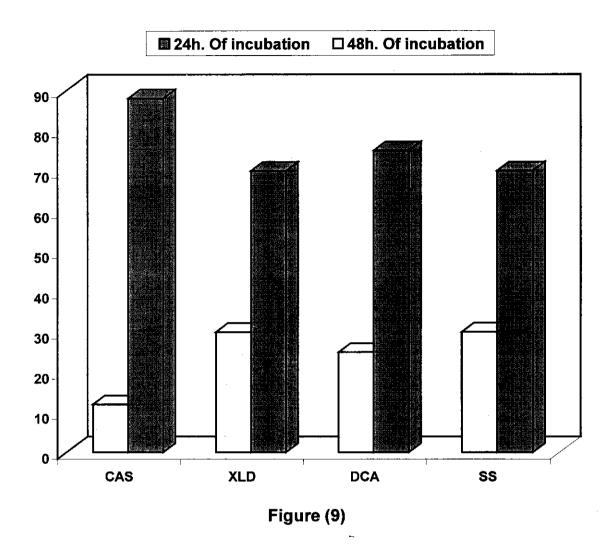


Fig(8): Comparison of four selective media according to their specificity, sensitivity and efficiency.

All 16 Salmonella isoltes were detected on CAS medium within 48 hr. of incubation without enrichment. 14 0f 16 (88 %) isolates appeared as typical mauve colonies within 24 hr. of incubtion, 2 (12%) isolates required 48 hr. to develop the mauve colouration **Table (6)**.

Table (6): Comparison between Time needed for Isolation by Direct Plating on Different Mediae.

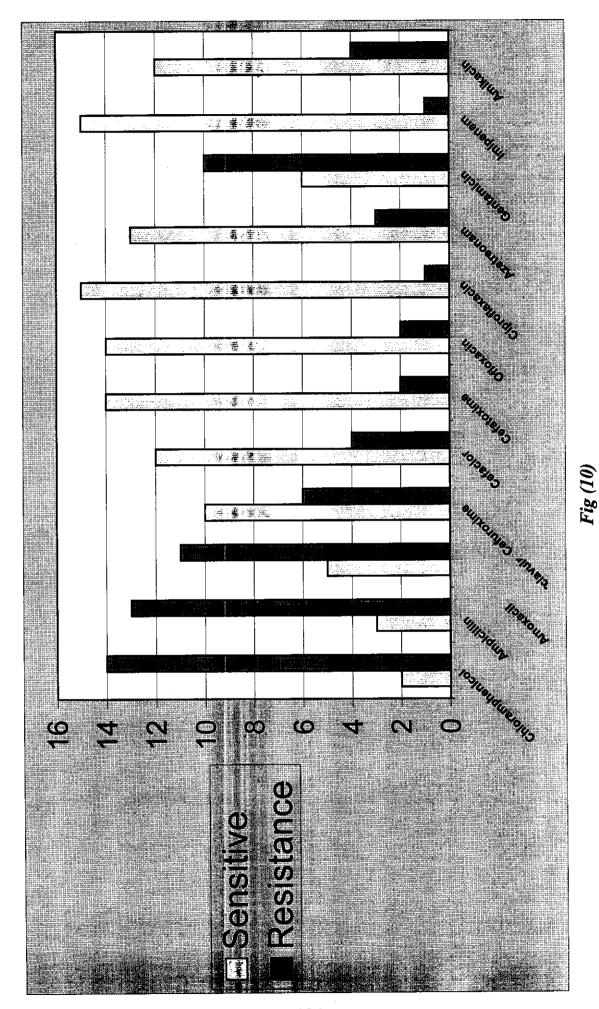
	Number of Salmonella Isolated	24h. of incubation	48h. of incubation	
CAS	16	14 (88 %)	2 (12%)	
XLD	12	9 (75%)	3 (25%)	
DCA	11	8 (72%)	3 (28%)	
SS	12	8 (66%)	4 (34%)	



Fig(9): Comparison between Time needed for Isolation by Direct Plating on Different Mediae.

Table (7):Th antibiotic sensitivity pattern of the 16 isolated strains of Salmonella to tested antibiotics by disk diffution method

Antibiotic	Sensitive	%	Resistance	%
Chloramphenicol	2	12.5	14	87.5
Ampicillin	3	19	13	81
Amoxacil-clavulanic	5	31	11	69
Cefuroxime	10	62	6	38
Cefaclor	12	75	4	25
Cefatoxime	14	87.5	2	12.5
Ofloxacin	14	87.5	2	12.5
Ciproflaxacin	15	93	1	7
Azetreonam	13	81	3	19
Gentamicin	6	38	10	62
Imipenem	15	93	1	7
Amikacin	12	75	4	25



Fig(10): Th antibiotic sensitivity pattern of the 16 isolated strains of Salmonella