RESEARCH NOTE

WIDESPREAD PRESENCE OF *dfrA12* AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH *dfrA12-aadA2* CASSETTE IN *SALMONELLA ENTERICA* ISOLATES FROM SWINE

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Abstract. One hundred and eighty-nine *Salmonella* isolates from swine were tested for susceptibility to nine antimicrobial agents, presence of *dfrA12* and class 1 integrons containing *dfrA12*-orfF-*aadA2* cassette. All isolates were multidrug resistant and exhibited highest resistance prevalence to trimethoprim (93%). Most isolates (89%) were *intl1*-positive and 107 isolates (57%) carried *dfrA12*, all of which were resistant to trimethoprim. Forty-eight *dfrA12*-harboring strains (45%) were *intl1*-positive together with *dfrA12-aadA2* gene cassette. Fifteen isolates contained *dfrA12* but not *intl1* and *dfrA12-aadA2* cassette. The results indicated a wide distribution of *dfrA12* and its role in dissemination of trimethoprim resistance among *Salmonella* isolates from fattening pigs.

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