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Salmonella is a major foodborne pathogen responsible for human infections worldwide, causing illnesses such as diarrhea, gastroenteritis, and even death. To date, more than 2600 Salmonella serovars have been identified, each with distinct transmission dynamics and host preferences. In recent years, global trends indicate the emergence of novel serovariants in both animals and humans, new genetic traits facilitating zoonotic transmission, the rise of antimicrobial-resistant strains associated with persistent infections, and advancing research into the pathogenesis of non-typhoidal Salmonella. These developments highlight the need for continued investigation into the epidemiology and biological characteristics of Salmonella in animals, food, and humans. In particular, further studies are warranted to understand the infectivity and host adaptation of prevalent serovars with newly acquired genetic features.

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