

The prevalence of contamination of powdered formulas by dangerous pathogens is confirmed by this study in China, and the concern about antibiotic resistance is raised

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The summary below explains the results of the research. A pathogen is a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that can cause disease. Isolates are a culture of microorganisms isolated for study.

"Cronobacter spp. (*Enterobacter sakazakii*) are important foodborne pathogens. Infections with this pathogen can lead to neonatal meningitis, necrotizing enterocolitis, and bacteremia. This study examined *Cronobacter* spp. contamination in commercial powdered infant formulas (PIFs) and follow-up formulas (FUFs) in China. ... Results showed that the rates at which *Cronobacter* spp. were isolated from commercial PIF and FUF samples in China were relatively high.

Forty-nine of 399 samples were contaminated with *Cronobacter* spp. and 10.2% of the isolates were resistant to cefotaxime; in contrast, all of the tested isolates were susceptible to amikacin, amoxicillin/clavulanic acid, cefepime, ciprofloxacin, imipenem, and meropenem. Molecular typing results revealed that the contamination of PIF and FUF with *Cronobacter* spp. in China may be mainly due to the addition of contaminated materials. **Thus, the development of more effective control strategies during the manufacturing process is needed.**"(emphasis added)