Abstract

Salmonella enterica serovar Weltevreden, is identified as an emerging pathogen, especially in the South and Southeast Asian regions. A 45-year-old male presented with an acute febrile illness, disoriented and confused. Blood culture became positive for Salmonellae enterica serovar Weltevreden. The patient was started on intravenous Ceftriaxone. Despite aggressive management, he developed acute respiratory distress syndrome with septic shock, which required intubation and mechanical ventilation. On the eleventh day of admission the patient succumbed due to sepsis from peritonitis with bowel infarction. Severe sepsis due to S. Weltevreden is rare. Diabetes, malignancy, therapeutic immune suppression may predispose to invasive disease with severe sepsis by S. Weltevreden. Biochemical similarities to other Salmonella species may lead to S. Weltevreden being overlooked by clinicians. Isolates from around the world remain sensitive to most freely available antibiotics. Emergence of resistance to common antimicrobial agents could pose an obvious public health threat.