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A total of 50 samples of broiler chicken carcasses were randomly collected from different retail shops at Damanhour city. The samples were aseptically transferred with a minimum of delay to the laboratory in an insulating container where they were examined bacteriologically.

Salmonellae especially Salmonella enteritidis was chosen as a subject for research due to its hazard.

Salmonella typhi 1 (2%) and Salmonella paratyphi 1 (2%) could be isolated from thigh of examined broiler chicken carcasses while Salmonella I 3 (6%), Salmonella II 2 (4%) could be isolated from breast and thigh of examined broiler chicken carcasses, respectively.

Some of Enterobacteriaceae as Citrobacter freundii, Enterobacter cloacae, Enterobacter aerogenes, Escherichia bluttae, Enterobacter intermedium, Proteus mirabilis and Yersinia pseudotuberculosis could be isolated at varying percentages from breast and thigh of examined broiler chicken carcasses.

Salmonella enteritidis could penetrate the skin and muscle of experimentally contaminated broiler chicken carcasses after 4 hours.

The survivability of *Salmonella enteritidis* in experimentally contaminated broiler chicken carcasses stored at chilling (7 °C) was 3, 6 and 9 days.

The survivability of *Salmonella enteritidis* in experimentally contaminated broiler chicken carcasses stored at freezer (- 18 °C) was 2, 4, 6 and 8 weeks.