

## Identification of *Escherichia albertii* as a Causative Agent of a Food-Borne Outbreak Occurred in 2003

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*Escherichia albertii* is an emerging diarrheagenic pathogen associated with sporadic infections in humans. It is difficult to discriminate *E. albertii* from other *Enterobacteriaceae* spp. using routine bacterial identification systems based on biochemical properties. Thus, to confirm whether previously identified strains as EPEC were *E. coli* or *E. albertii*, we examined *eae*-positive strains, which were isolated from a food-borne outbreak that occurred in Fukuoka City in 2003.

The reexamined *eae*-positive *E. coli*-like strains isolated in 2003 were successfully identified as *E. albertii*. Accordingly, we revealed that a food-borne outbreak caused by *E. albertii* has already occurred in 2003 in Japan.