Supplementary Data

High prevalence of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in European food products: a multicentric study comparing culture and molecular detection methods

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Some strains (n=5, #22; #26, #35, #46 and #50) showed the same results at least for two media, resulting in only two visible points instead of three.

- Figure S2. Evaluation of different protocols for recovery of *Klebsiella* spp. from food matrices.
- **Figure S3**. Protocol to define the optimal temperature of incubation of SCAI medium plates for the recovery of *Klebsiella* spp. from food matrices.
- **Figure S4**. Antibiotic resistance of the *K. pneumoniae* species complex isolates recovered by sample type and by country.

Upper panel: The x-axis represents the number of KpSC resistant isolates for each of the antimicrobials tested and percentages (%) displayed on the graph were calculated based on the total number of isolates.

Lower panel: The x-axis represents the number of KpSC resistant isolates for each of the antimicrobials tested and percentages (%) displayed on the graph were calculated based on the total number of isolates in each country.

Figure S5. Geographic distribution of the common genotypes found among *K. pneumoniae* species complex recovered from food products.

- **Table S1.** Selectivity results for the two media considered using a reference panel of 7 non-*Klebsiella* spp. species.
- **Table S2**. Comparison between the recovery rates of *K. pneumoniae* species complex using two different incubation temperatures of SCAI medium.
- **Table S3**. Chicken meat and salad samples analyzed in the different European countries for the presence of *K. pneumoniae* species complex and its epidemiologic characteristics.
- **Table S4**. Number of *K. pneumoniae* species complex resistant isolates for each of the antimicrobials tested distributed by sampling source and by country.
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- **Table S6.** Characteristics of the 131 *K. pneumoniae* species complex isolates recovered: population structure, surface polysaccharides, antimicrobial susceptibility, antimicrobial resistance genes, virulence genes, metal tolerance gene clusters and plasmid replicons.

Table S7. Bacterial reference strains used for agar media performance comparison.

Strains used for the different evaluation criteria are indicated. The correspondent strain code for productivity results in Figure S1 is indicated.

Please see the separate Excel file for access to the supplementary tables.

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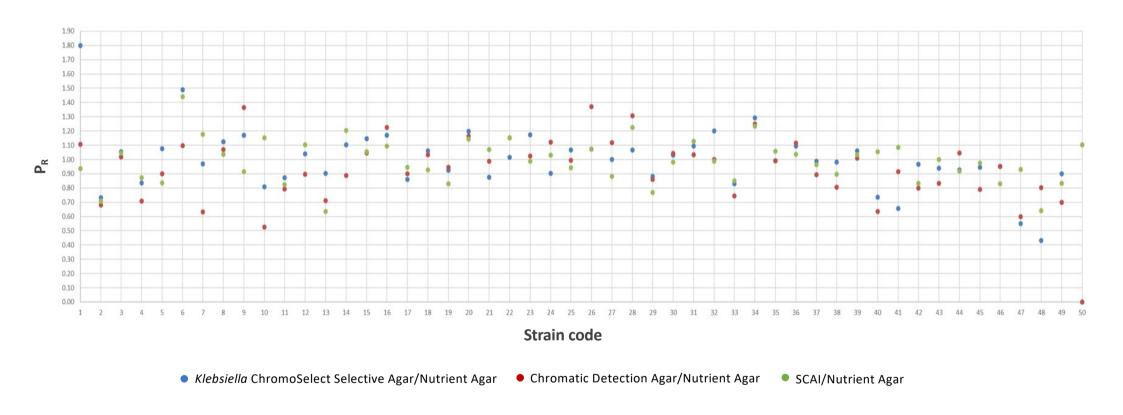
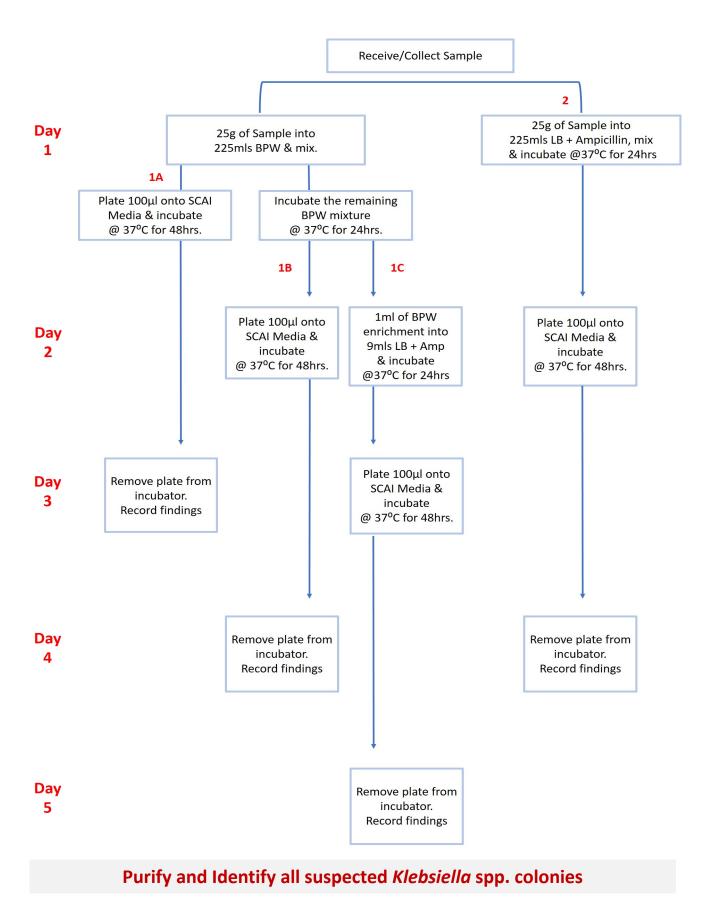
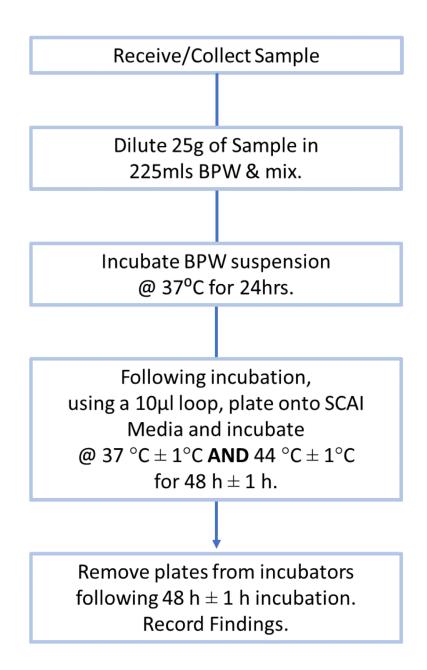


Figure S2 – Evaluation of different protocols for recovery of *Klebsiella* spp. from food matrices.



BPW, Buffered Peptone Water SCAI, Simmons Citrate Agar with Inositol LB, Lysogeny broth Amp, Ampicillin @, at

Figure S3 - Protocol to define the optimal temperature of incubation of SCAI medium plates for the recovery of *Klebsiella* spp. from food matrices.



Purify and Identify all suspected Klebsiella spp. colonies

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Figure S4. Antibiotic resistance of the *K. pneumoniae* species complex isolates recovered by sample type and by partner.

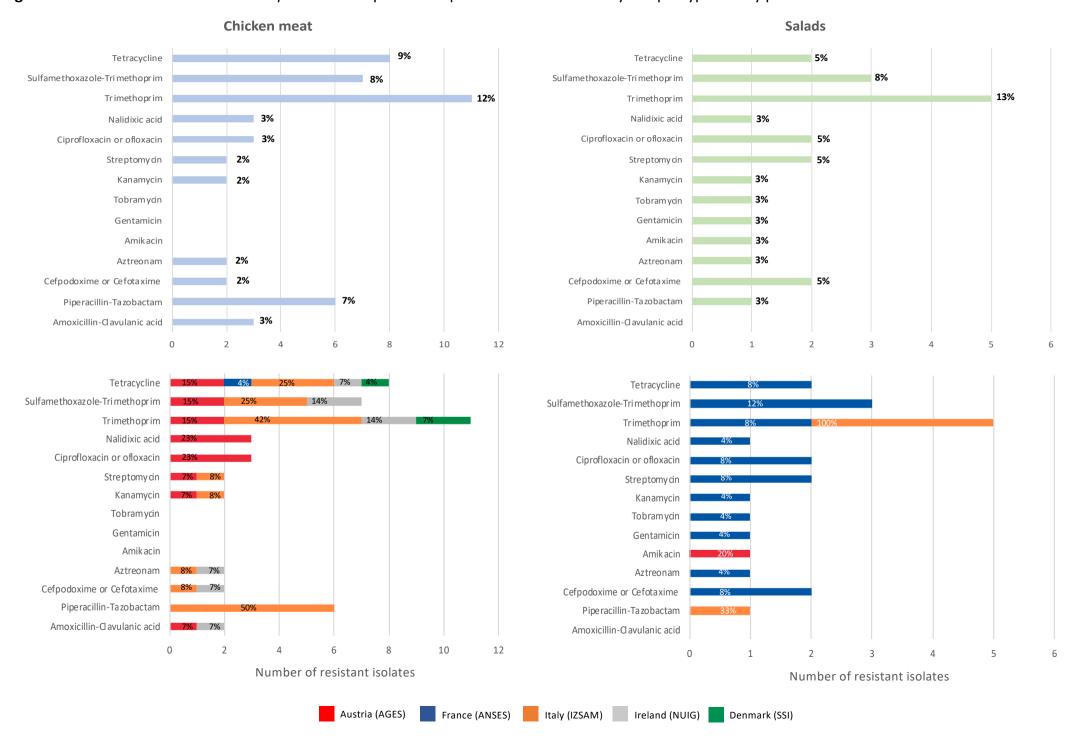


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