



the 1990s, the incidence of *S. flexneri* has increased in the United Kingdom [10]. In the United States, *S. flexneri* has been reported to be the most common serotype of *S. flexneri* isolated from children with acute colitis [11].

There is a paucity of data on the epidemiology of *S. flexneri* in the United Kingdom. In the 1980s, *S. flexneri* was the most common serotype of *S. flexneri* isolated from children with acute colitis in the United Kingdom [12]. In the 1990s, *S. flexneri* was the most common serotype of *S. flexneri* isolated from children with acute colitis in the United Kingdom [13]. In the 1990s, *S. flexneri* was the most common serotype of *S. flexneri* isolated from children with acute colitis in the United Kingdom [14].

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