1 | Pathogenicity and Virulence

PathoginecityAn agent's relative capacity to cause disease

- Non-pathogenic agents => no diesease
- Primary pathogens => yes disease
- Opportunistic pathogens => yes disease only when it can, for instance, in immunocompromised individuals

Virulencenumerical measures for pathonicity

• Measured experimentally => LD50 + ED50