



# Host Parasite Relationship

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## **OBJECTIVES**



Define core terms related to host-parasite relationship.



Recall host response to parasite invasion (specific and non-specific responses).



Know important examples of primary and secondary pathogens.



Recognize the differences between virulence and pathogenicity and how virulence is measured.



Recall the transmissibility of pathogenicity

Describe the attributes of pathogenicity and recall examples.

Know the infection <u>chain</u> and infectious disease process

Know Koch's Postulates



**Host:** human, animal or, other organisms that support the growth and survival and protection of the parasite.

**Parasite:** A bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites which live in or within the host, may cause disease or live mutually with the host.

- Human host is normally in contact with many microorganisms (normal flora) which are all bacteria and organisms in our body that cause no harm and disease and may be beneficial
- Only a small number of these microorganism (primary and opportunistic pathogens) can cause disease.
- Host-parasite relationships (interaction) is characterized by fighting the organism trying to invade the body and the body defending itself by protective measures. All defense lines in our body ex: WBC, tonsils, Stomach PH ....
- Host-parasite relationship is discussed under : **pathogenicity & microbiota**





**Pathogenicity:** the ability of the microorganism to cause diseases

Infection: invasion of cells and multiplication by microorganisms without tissue destruction. Shows no symptoms

**Resistance:** The ability of the host to prevent establishment of infection by using its defense mechanisms.

**Susceptibility:** Lack of resistance to an organism and establishment of disease. عرضة للعدوى

Infectious Disease: is the end product of an infectious process with tissue destruction depends on both host immunity and pathogen virulence (signs & symptoms of infection)

**Transmissibility:** The ability to spread from one host to another. This enables the microorganism to maintain continuity of its species in the event of death of original host.

Modes of transmission :airborne cough), contact (water, food), vehicle or vector (fly/mosquitos)

## Pathogen:

**Pathogen** (infectious agent): is a microorganism having the capacity to cause a disease in a particular host.

-A pathogen may infect one body organ or multiple organs.

-Some pathogens enter into latent state (infection but no symptoms) eg :

Mycobacterium tuberculosis (bacteria that cause TB), Herpes virus





opportunistic (secondary) pathogens (Part-time bad guys)

Having low pathogenicity and infects people with low

1-Pseudomona 2-S. epidermidis (staphylococcus epidermidis)

-Causes disease in immune compromised host. -Gain access (injury) to sterile regions





Virulence is the degree of pathogenicity (severity / harmfulness), or the ability to invade and destroy tissue to produce disease. by toxins, certain enzymes, or their capsid

### Virulence is measured by : the Lethal dose 50 (LD50)

which is the number or amount of organisms or mg of toxins that will kill 50% of susceptible lab animals (usually mice) when injected into such animals.

When the LD50 is **small**, the microorganism is considered **highly virulent** and when it is **high** the organism is considered having low virulence.

eg. Shigella spp./species is more virulent than Salmonella spp.

- Virulence is predominantly associated with adherence and colonization, invasion, avoidance of host responses and toxin formation.

> Note: Virulence factors where the bacteria are the capsule endotoxins and exotoxins.

-Low LD50 = high virulence -High LD50 = low virulence









**F** Host Resistance To Parasite Invasion:

### Non specific defense is part of natural constitution of the host:

- Skin mechanical barrier (burn patients can suffer from serious infections due to lack to this barrier)
- Ciliated epithelium of respiratory tract
- Competition by normal flora
- Low pH of the stomach
- Cough
- Peristalsis (the movement of intestines or esophagus)
- Lysozymes (destroying peptidoglycan , thus killing the bacteria)
- Neutrophils (white blood cell)

Specific defense is an **acquired** resistance to certain organism:

• Formation of Antibodies





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### Before causing disease, the microorganism should have the ability to:

Adherence and colonization:	Survive (resist):	Tissue Destruction:	Multiply:
Attachment to host epithelial surface by means of adhesins (factors that helps to cause adherence)	Resist host natural defense mechanisms.	the ability to overcome host defense , invade the tissues and cause destruction to produce clinical disease. By toxins formation	Multiply to large numbers.



## <sup>4</sup>Adherence and Colonization:







## **Exotoxin Vs. Endotoxin :**

Exotoxin (More Specific)	Endotoxin (Less Specific)			
Protein	Lipopolysaccharide (Lipid+Sugar)			
Soluble & Diffusible	Part of the cell wall (out of membrane in Gram(-ve)) Stays within bacterium cell, until the bacteria is destroyed, then it will be diffused to the blood			
Heat Labile (Destroyed by heat/changing)	Heat <mark>Stable</mark>			
Pharmacologically specific action Goes to a specific site and causes a specific action)	Non Specific (Which is considered more dangerous since the immune system becomes confused, thus it destroys cells all over the body)			
High Immunogenicity (Capable of provoking the immune system, and trigger or induce the production of neutralizing antibodies,w chin will target the effect of toxins)	Low Immunogenicity (Not capable of provoking the immune system, thus it cannot produce neutralizing antibodies)			
Inactivated by chemicals to form toxoids (Such as vaccines)	Does not form toxoids			
No fever	Induces fever			

## **Exotoxin**



## Endotoxin



### (c) Gram-negative cell wall

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<sup>E</sup>Capsulated Vs. Non-Capsulated :

### Capsulated

-They have capsules which protects it, thus they are highly virulent.

-Bacteria capsules are made of polysaccharides, except the capsule of bacillus anthracis (polypeptide protein)(Bacillus anthracis causes anthrax and was used as a bioweapon)

- The organism is readily killed once phagocytosed
- Capsules prevents the phagocytosis and capture of the bacteria by the host immune system
- → It is called extracellular organisms (EC)
- Lives outside of the cell
  Important examples:
  S.Pneumoniae(Pneumococcus)

Haemophilus Influenzae



-Resist intracellular killing so it is called intracellular organisms (IC) It lies within the cell because it does not have a capsule that will protect it from phagocytosis

Eg: Salmonella non-typhi Legionella Pneumophila Mycobacterium Tuberculosis -Primary Pathogen Salmonella Typhi Brucella species

## **Non-Capsulated**



## **Chain of Infection :**



Mode of Reservoir Transmission Environment, -Direct Contact Human, Animals -Indirect Contact Eg: Hands, Food Droplets Susceptible Host Overcome normal Portal of Exit The Chain defenses. Excretions, Secretions, Invasive devices. of Infection Skin Droplets Immunocompromised host **Portal of Entry Causative Agent Respiratory Tract** Microorganisms Gastrointestinal Tract capable of causing Broken Skin disease Genitourinary Tract

1. <u>Pathogen source/reservoir (animate or inanimate)</u>

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- 2. <u>Transmission modes</u>(airborne,contact, vehicle, vector)
- 3. <u>Host susceptibility</u>(immune status,host nutrition, virulence of pathogens, genetic predisposition, etc,)
- 4. Exiting the host (excretion in faeces, urine, droplets, blood, saliva, or shed from the body).



Once organism inside the host ,it passes into several phases before initiating infectious disease :



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### **Convalescent Period:**

Recovery

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Pathogen must be found in subject suffering from the disease, but should never be found in a healthy subject. The organism must be found in all cases of the disease, and its distribution in the body should correspond to that of the legions observed in the host

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Pathogen can be isolated from a sick persons and grown in a lab. The organism should be cultured in pure culture demo all cases of the disease. N.B. Some organisms are yet to be cultured in the lab. eg: Treponema pallidum, M. leprae

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Pathogen injected into a healthy person should cause an infection with the same disease (Have the ability to reproduce the disease in other hosts). The organisms should reproduce the disease in other susceptible animal hosts

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Injected pathogen can be isolated from newly infected individual and out must be identical to the original pathogen. (Reisolated yet identical). The organism should be cultured, and antibodies to the disease usually develop in the course of the disease.

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Q1: Which of the following is a primary pathogen?								
A	Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	В	Salmonella Typhi	С	S.epidermidis	D	Pseudomona	
Q2:Invasion of cells and multiplication by microorganisms without tissue destruction ?								
A	Resistance	В	Parasite	С	Infection	D	Disease	
Q3: Which of the following is a characteristic of endotoxin bacteria.?								
A	Doesn't form toxoids	В	Heat Labile	С	Protein	D	No fever	
Q4: Which of the following is found only in gram negative bacteria?								
A	Endotoxin	В	Exotoxin	С	Both A and B	D	Pili	
Q5: Which of the following bacteria is an opportunistic pathogen?								
A	Brucella	В	Bordetella species	С	Pseudomona aeruginosa	D	Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	
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