

# Bacterial virulence factors

Virulence is a feature of bacteria that expresses the level of pathogenicity. Pathogenicity is the ability of a bacterium to damage a host cell.

Virulence factors include:

1. adhesins - allow bacteria to attach to host cells,
2. invasins - help with the penetration of bacteria into the cells and tissues in the host,
3. impedines
4. modules.