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# LD-50

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The dose of a chemical or biologic preparation (e.g., a bacterial exotoxin or a suspension of bacteria) that is likely to cause death in 50% of the animals being tested; it varies in relation to the type of animal and the route of administration; (the absolute lethal dose is LD100, and minimal lethal dose is LD05).