

Hypersensitivity Type III

Hypersensitivity Type III reaction occurs due to circulating antigen-antibody immune complexes that deposit in various locations (especially vessel walls) and cause inflammation. It can result in systemic (i.e. Serum sickness) or local immune complex disease (i.e. Arthus reaction).



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Immune Complex

[Moon-Antibody-Complex](#)

Antibody circulating within blood vessels attaches to antigen forming circulating immune complexes that then deposit in various locations.

Antigen-antibody (IgG) complex activates complement

[Ant-gem Ant-tie-body and Gold Globulin-goblin Hugging and Complimenting](#)

These immune complexes activate complement via antibody binding to Fc receptors of leukocytes. This results in inflammation.

Neutrophils release lysosomal enzymes

[Nude-trojan Spraying Lysos-bottle](#)

Inflammation occurs due to neutrophil release of lysosomal enzymes and reactive oxygen intermediates.

Examples

Arthus Reaction

[Artist Painting](#)

This is an example of a local immune complex disease that usually occurs in the skin.

Serum Sickness

[Syrup sickness](#)

This is an example of systemic immune complex disease that occurs due to a patient receiving non-human animal serum in significant amounts.

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)

[Loopy-butterfly](#)

This is a chronic type of serum sickness that occurs due to antibody formation against nuclear antigens.