immune response

Selective reaction of the body to substances that are foreign to it, or that the immune system identifies as foreign, shown by the production of antibodies and antibodybearing cells or by a cell-mediated hypersensitivity reaction.

See also: antibody

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