Autoimmune disease

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Definitions

**Immune system**
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**Body tissue**
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A disorder of the body’s *immune system* in which the immune system mistakenly attacks and destroys *body tissue* it believes to be foreign.