

**immunoglobulin (Ig)**

A protein of the globulin-type found in serum or other body fluids that possesses *antibody* activity. An individual Ig molecule is built up from two light (L) and two heavy (H) polypeptide chains linked together by disulfide bonds. Igs are divided into five classes based on antigenic and structural differences in the H chains.

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