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n.

A substance, such as an antibody or complement protein, that binds to a bacterium or other pathogen and causes it to become more susceptible to the action of phagocytes.

[Latin *opsōnāre*, to buy provisions (from Greek *opsōnein*, from *opson*, condiment, delicacy; see **epi** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots) + [-IN.](#)]

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