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Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is the prototype for circulating immune complex disease. Immune complex deposition results in an activation of the complement cascade with subsequent vasculitis. Ophthalmologically, SLE may cause retinal vasculopathy.

The aim of this study is to evaluate the different forms of retinal affection among SLE patients, their relation to various systemic and laboratory findings, as well as to the disease process.