

Transport of Glucose in the Follicle

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Transport of glucose into cells

- glucose
 - facilitated by glucose transport proteins (Gluts)
 - six GLUT isoforms described
 - GLUT1 possibly major isoform in skin
 - human epidermis & keratinocytes
 - human & rat skin
 - sheep placenta



Possible roles of GLUT1 in ovine skin and wool follicles

 uptake of glucose to be stored as glycogen

 uptake of circulating glucose for direct production of energy

 glucose transfer from glycogen store to point of end use