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Follicle Initiation, EGF and FGF-2

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Effect of EGF infusion on follicle initiation and development in sheep

- Fetal infusion of epidermal growth factor (EGF)
  - extensive hypertrophy of sebaceous glands, sweat gland ducts and follicular sheath
  - degenerative changes in primary follicles associated with inhibition of keratinisation

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Effect of EGF infusion on follicle initiation and development in mice

- Fibres are shorter and curled in neonatal mice given EGF
- Postnatal follicle initiation is inhibited
  - EGF has a similar effect to FGF-2

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Growth factors present during follicle initiation and development

- FGF-2 does not inhibit follicle initiation but does block follicle development in mice
- EGF has a similar effect to FGF-2
  - fibres are shorter and curled in neonatal mice given EGF

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