

Brown Fat and Thermogenesis

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Brown adipose tissue and thermogenesis are conceptually a recent association that tells a new story about the old problem of animals surviving in cold environments. In brief, the brown fat provides an internal heating jacket that overlies parts of the systemic vasculature and on signal becomes an active metabolic heater ap-