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Islets

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Definitions

Pancreas

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Hormone

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Alpha cell

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Glucagon

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Beta cell

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Insulin

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Groups of cells located in the **pancreas** that make **hormones** that help the body break down and use food. For example, **alpha cells** make **glucagon** and **beta cells** make **insulin**. Also called **islets of Langerhans**.