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Corpus Luteum

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A group of cells that remain of the Graafian follicle following ovulation. This structure is composed of endocrine tissue and produces progesterone. This is needed to prepare the uterine lining for implantation by the fertilized egg.