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Endocrine gland

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Definitions

Hormone

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Islets

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Pancreas

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Insulin

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A group of specialized cells that releases **hormones** into the blood. For example, the **islets** in the **pancreas**, which secrete **insulin**, are endocrine glands.