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The stage of the hair follicle cycle was assessed by examining skin pigmentation and determining whether or not the mice were in anagen phase. It was performed at ~6 weeks when the cycle should still be synchronized and the mice were expected to be in the catagen phase.

Mice were fed a High Fat Diet (21.4% crude fat content, Western RD, 829100, Special Diets Services) from 4 weeks of age. This assay was only performed routinely on the Mouse GP pipeline.