Title: The role of brown fat in energy balance: More than a mere heater organ

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Key components of mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation.