

Terminal Hairs

Long hairs (~1.0 meter or longer)

Thick hairs (30 to 120 microns)

Generally one hair per pilosebaceous unit

Usually pigmented

Longer life cycle (6 to 8 years in anagen)

Vellus Hairs

Short hairs (~ 1 mm)

Thin hairs (4 microns or less)

More than one hair per pilosebaceous unit

Unpigmented

Shorter life cycle (in telogen ~90% of time)