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Fig. 3. The human TES: a Diagram of the layers of cells that comprise skin. From Alberts et al. [69] (reproduced with permission of the publisher). A = Squame about to flake from the tissue surface; B = keratinized squames; C = granular cell layer; D = prickle cell layers; E = basal cell layer; F = basal cell lamina; G = connective tissue of dermis; H = dividing basal cell; I = peripheral basal cell passing into prickle cell layer.
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