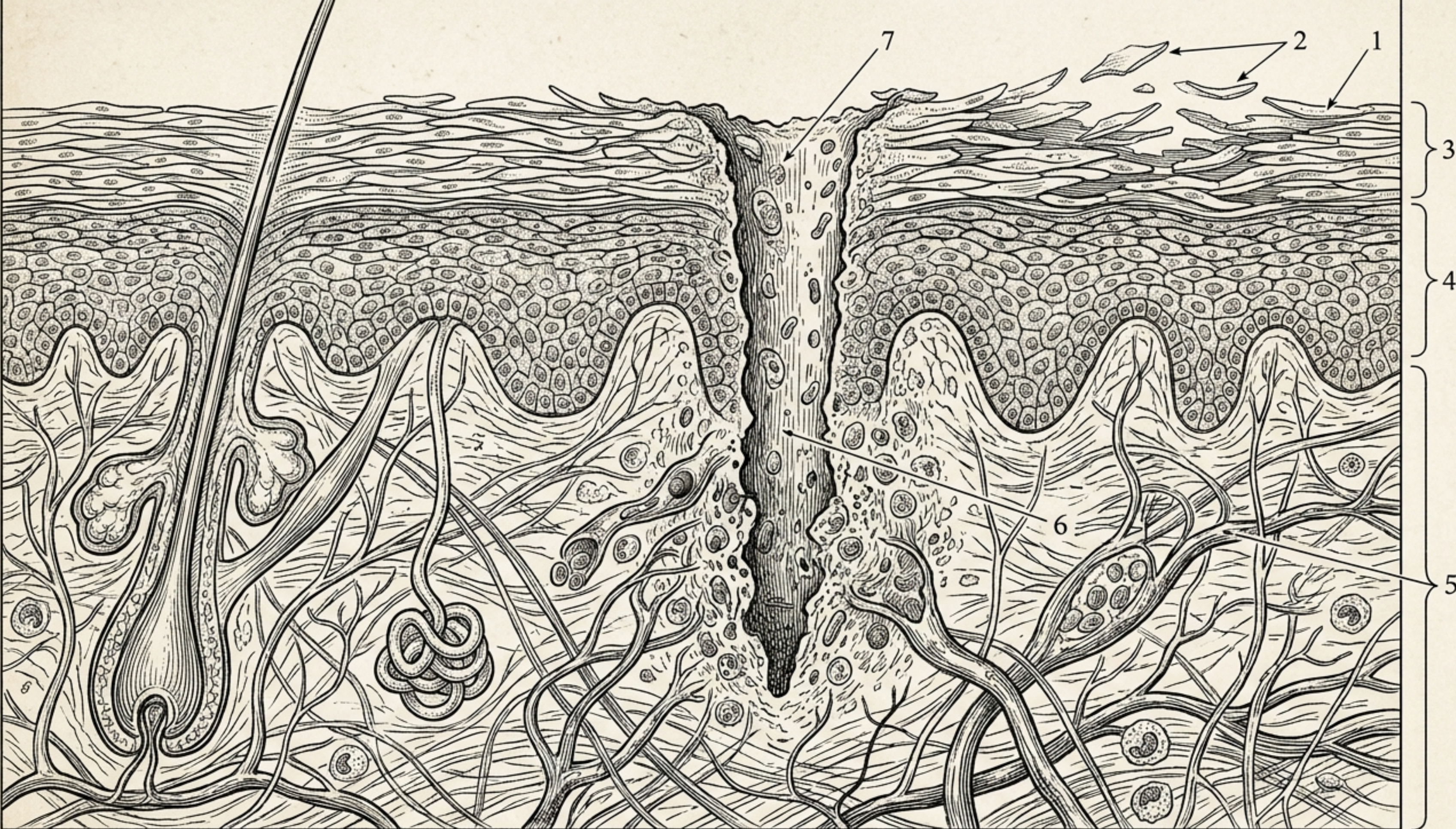


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| 1. Stratum corneum | 2. Epidermis | 5. Dermis | 6. Piercing channel |
| 2. Dead shedding skin | 4. Living skin layers | | 7. Raw inflamed tissue |
| 3. Epidermis | | | |



The stratum corneum naturally sheds while living layers form the primary physical barrier. DETAILED STRATIFICATION KEY