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A method for reducing or preventing apoptosis of differentiated cells selected from the list consisting of cardiac myocytes, pancreatic beta cells, endothelial cells and neuronal cells in the human or non–human mammal, which method comprises administration, including acute administration, of an effective, non–toxic amount of a glucose uptake enhancer to a human or non–human mammal in need thereof.