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**MicroRNA-138 inhibits hypoxia-induced proliferation of endothelial progenitor cells via inhibition of HIF-1 $\alpha$ -mediated MAPK and AKT signaling**

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