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**MicroRNA-548b inhibits proliferation and invasion of hepatocellular carcinoma cells by directly targeting specificity protein 1**

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