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**Long non-coding RNA PRNCR1 exerts oncogenic effects in tongue squamous cell carcinoma *in vitro* and *in vivo* by sponging microRNA-944 and thereby increasing HOXB5 expression**

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