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Abbreviations: CSCs, cancer stem cells; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor; HUVECs, human umbilical vein endothelial cells; MMP, matrix metalloproteinase; MAPK, mitogen activated protein kinase; NICD1, notch1 intracellular domain

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