**DESCRIPTION**

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- gastrointestinal stromal tumour
- upper aerodigestive mucosal melanoma
- Merkel cell carcinoma
- uterine sarcomas
- intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma
- adrenal cortical carcinoma.
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