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Hedgehog Family

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A family of extracellular proteins that act as signaling molecules and regulate embryonic patterning events during development. They are synthesized as inactive precursors with an N-terminal signaling domain linked to a C-terminal autoprocessing domain, which has a structure that resembles intein protein splicing domains.