

Supplementary Information

Black Phosphorus Nanosheets Inhibit Glioblastoma Cell Migration and Invasion through Modulation of *WNT/β-catenin* and *NOTCH* Signaling Pathways

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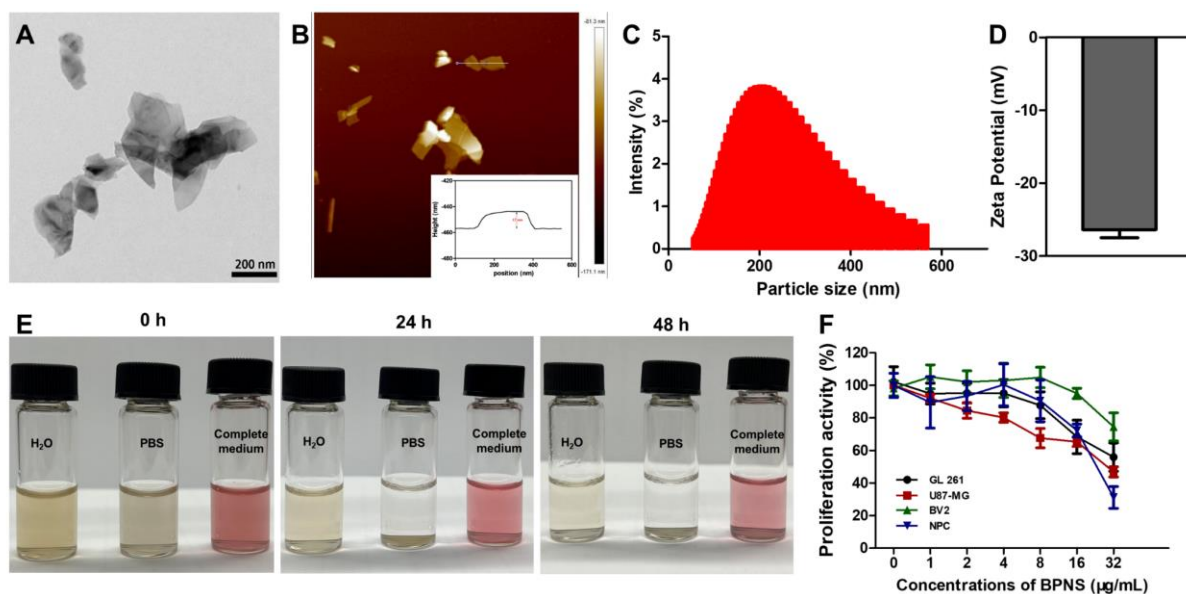
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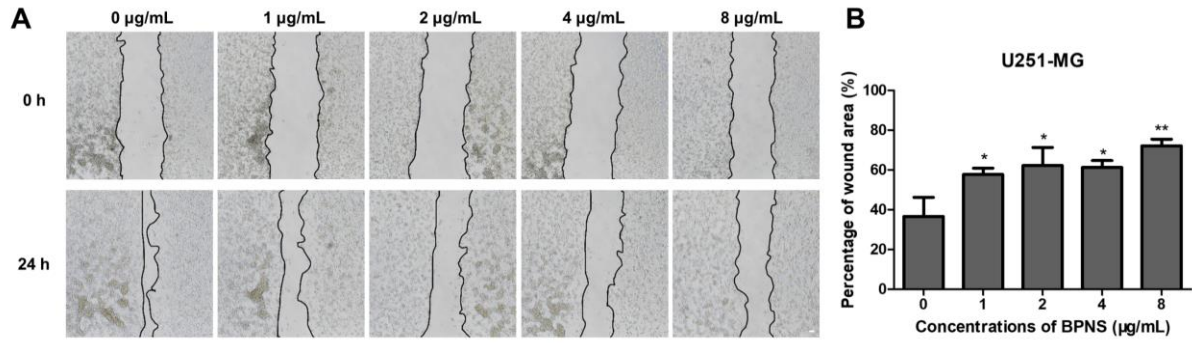
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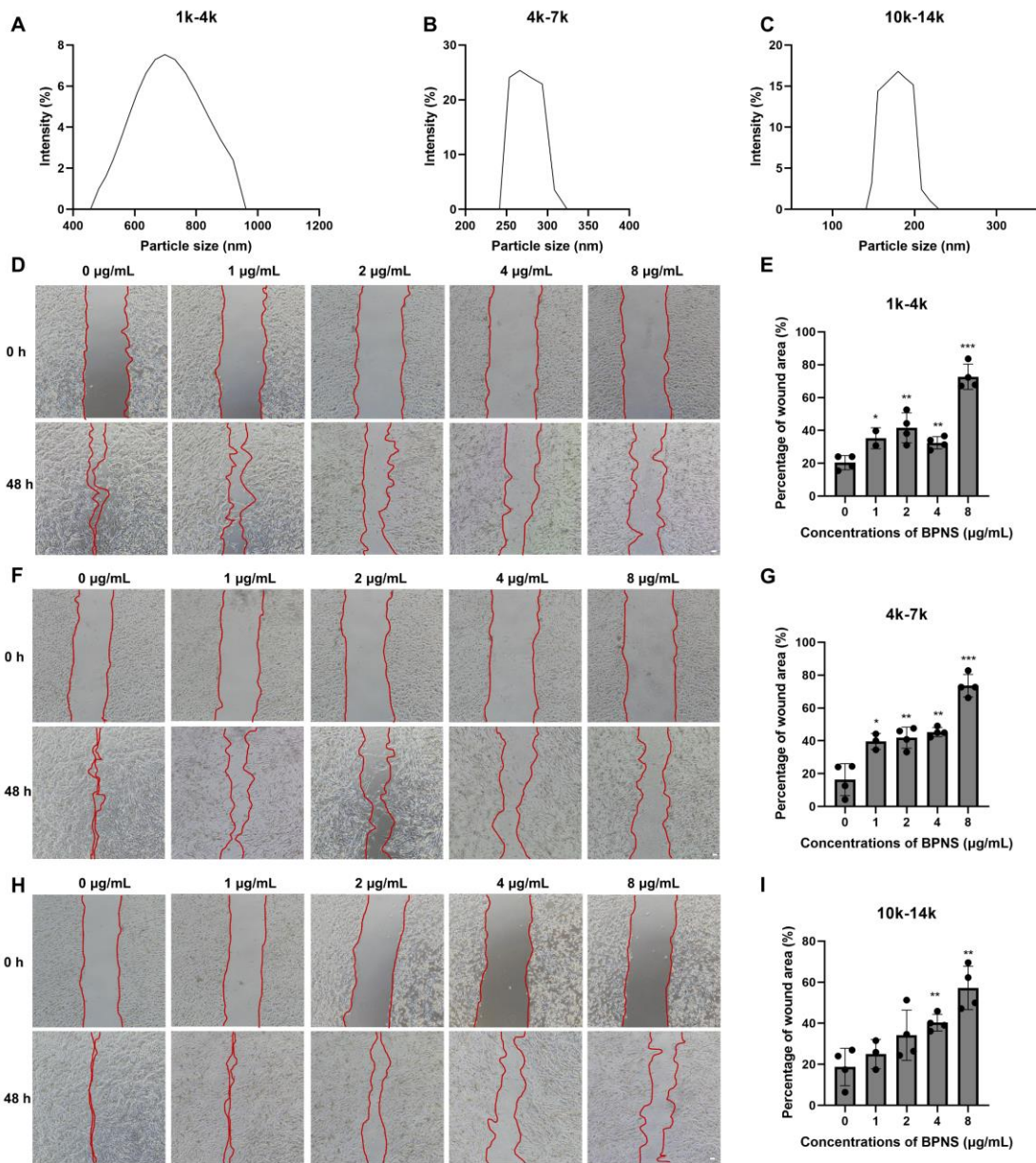
20 **Fig. S1** The characterization and anti-proliferation effects on brain cells of BPNS. (A) TEM image of
21 BPNS. (B) AFM image and its height profiles along the white lines in the AFM image of BPNS. (C)
22 The particle size distribution of BPNS. (D) The surface charge of BPNS, $n = 3$. (E) The results of
23 dispersibility and stability of BPNS in different dispersive systems (H₂O, PBS, Complete medium) in
24 different time point. (F) The proliferation ability of U87-MG cells, GL261 cells, BV2 cells, and NPC
25 cells after being treated with BPNS for 24 h, $n = 5$. Scale bar: 200 nm.

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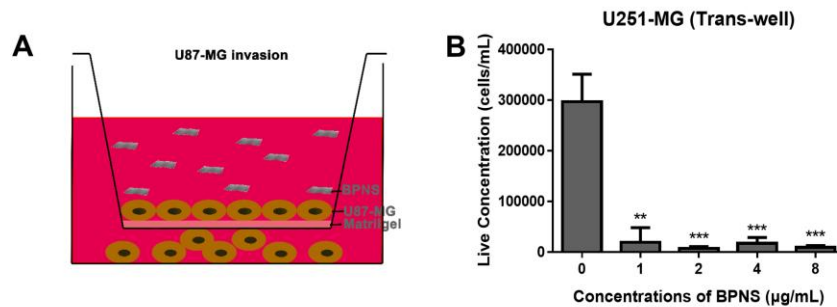
28 **Fig. S2** BPNS suppressed the migration of U251-MG cells. (A) U251-MG cells were treated with BPNS
 29 (0 - 8 µg/mL) to evaluate cell migration ability by wound healing assay. (B) The quantitative statistical
 30 results of wound area after 24 h. Scale bar: 100 µm. Error bar, mean ± SD, $n = 3$, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$.



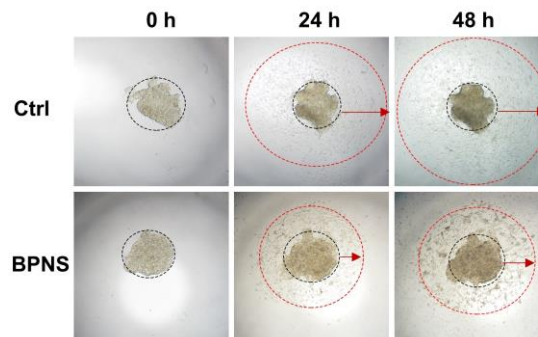
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32 **Fig. S3** The impact of different sizes of BPNS on the migration ability of glioblastoma cells. (A) The
 33 size of BPNS obtained from gradient centrifugation at 1000 rpm-4000 rpm (1k-4k) was approximately
 34 distributed around 650 nm. (B) The size of BPNS obtained from gradient centrifugation at 4000 rpm-
 35 7000 rpm (4k-7k) was approximately distributed around 260 nm. (C) The size of BPNS obtained from
 36 gradient centrifugation at 10000 rpm-14000 rpm (10k-14k) was approximately distributed around 190
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 38 on the migration ability of U87-MG cells via scratch experiments and quantitatively analyzing the

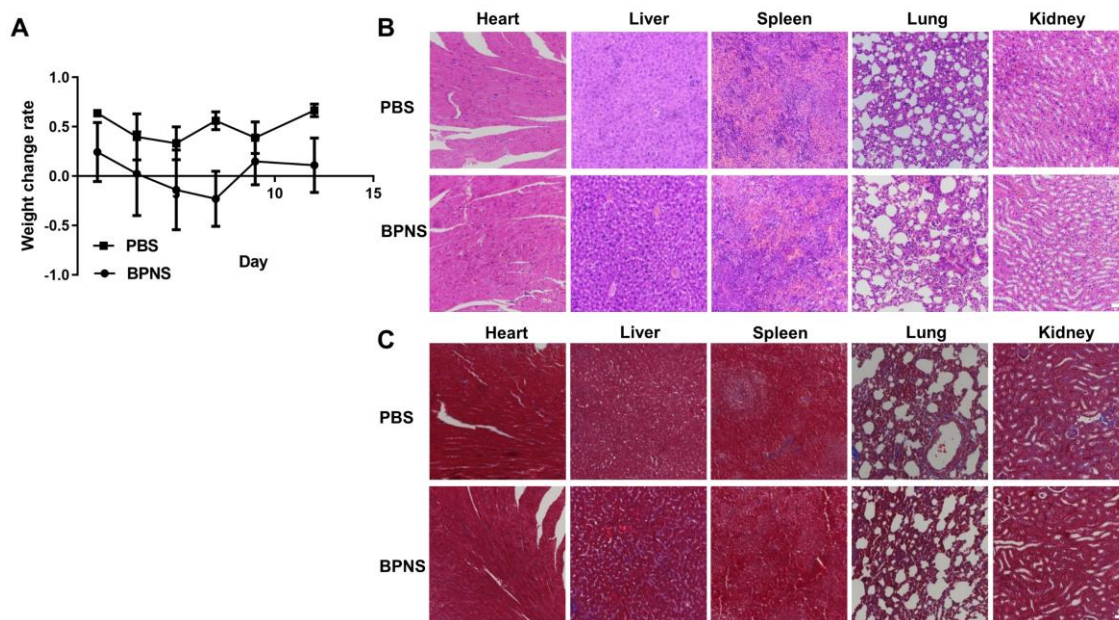
39 experimental results after 48 h. (F-G) Assessing the impact of BPNS (0 - 8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$), obtained through
 40 centrifugation at 4k-7k rpm, on the migration ability of U87-MG cells via scratch experiments and
 41 quantitatively analyzing the experimental results after 48 h. (H-I) Assessing the impact of BPNS (0 - 8
 42 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$), obtained through centrifugation at 10k-14k rpm, on the migration ability of U87-MG cells via
 43 scratch experiments and quantitatively analyzing the experimental results after 48 h. Scale bar: 100 μm .
 44 Error bar, mean \pm SD, $n = 4$, $*P < 0.05$, $**P < 0.01$, $***P < 0.001$.



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 46 **Fig. S4** BPNS suppressed the invasion of U251-MG cells. (A) The schematic of the trans-well
 47 experiment. (B) The trans-well results of U251-MG cells after treated with BPNS in different
 48 concentrations. Error bar, mean \pm SD, $n = 3$, $**P < 0.01$, $***P < 0.001$.



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 50 **Fig. S5** The 3D cell spheroid invasion assay results of U251-MG cells after being treated with BPNS
 51 for 24 h and 48 h. Scale bar: 100 μm .

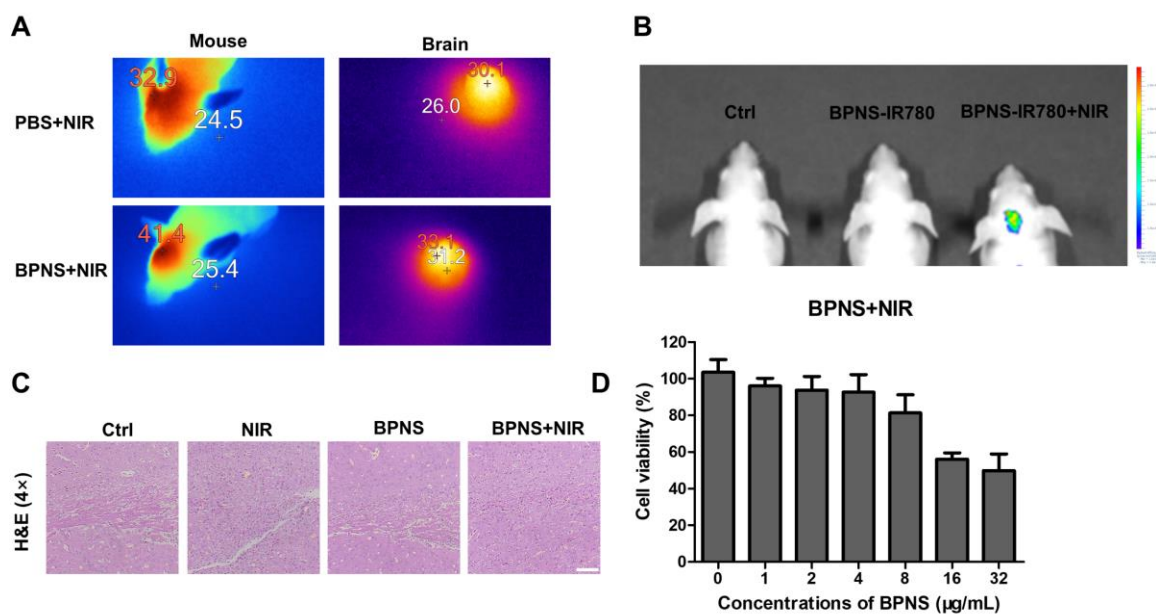


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53 **Fig. S6 (A)** The statistical chart of the weight changes of the PBS and BPNS group of nude mice. **(B)**

54 The results of H&E staining of main organs in PBS and BPNS-treated group, $n = 3$. **(C)** The results of

55 MASSON staining of main organs in PBS and BPNS-treated group. Scale bar: 100 μm .



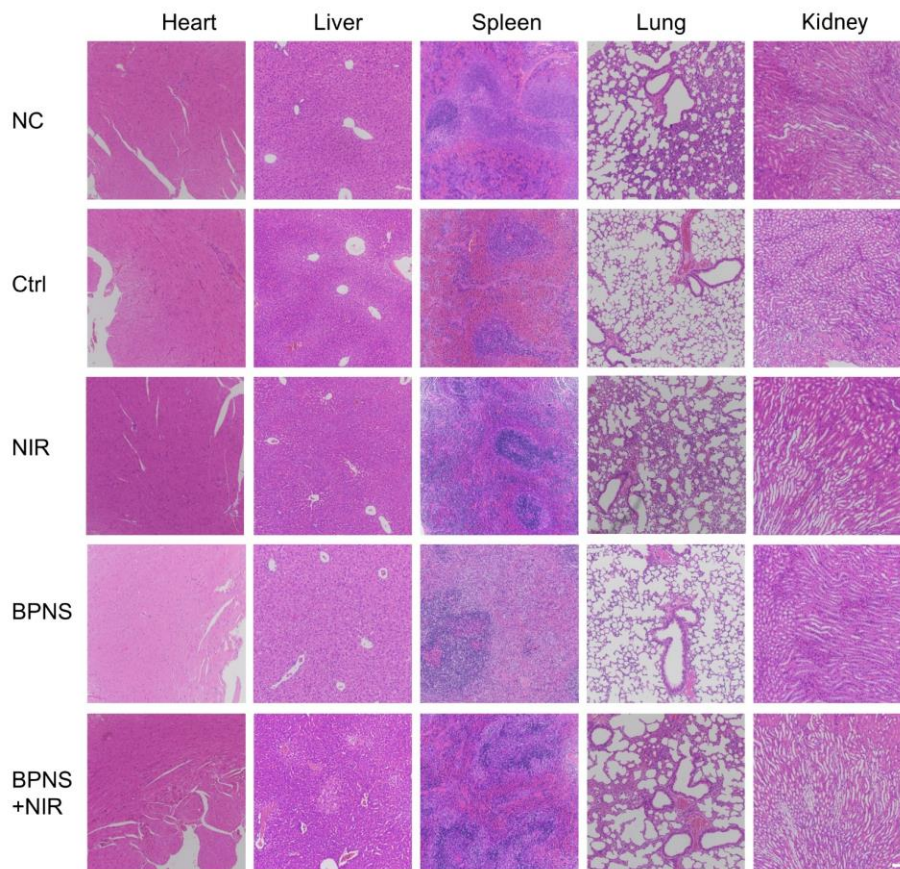
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57 **Fig. S7 (A)** Healthy mice were intravenously injected with BPNS and PBS separately, and then

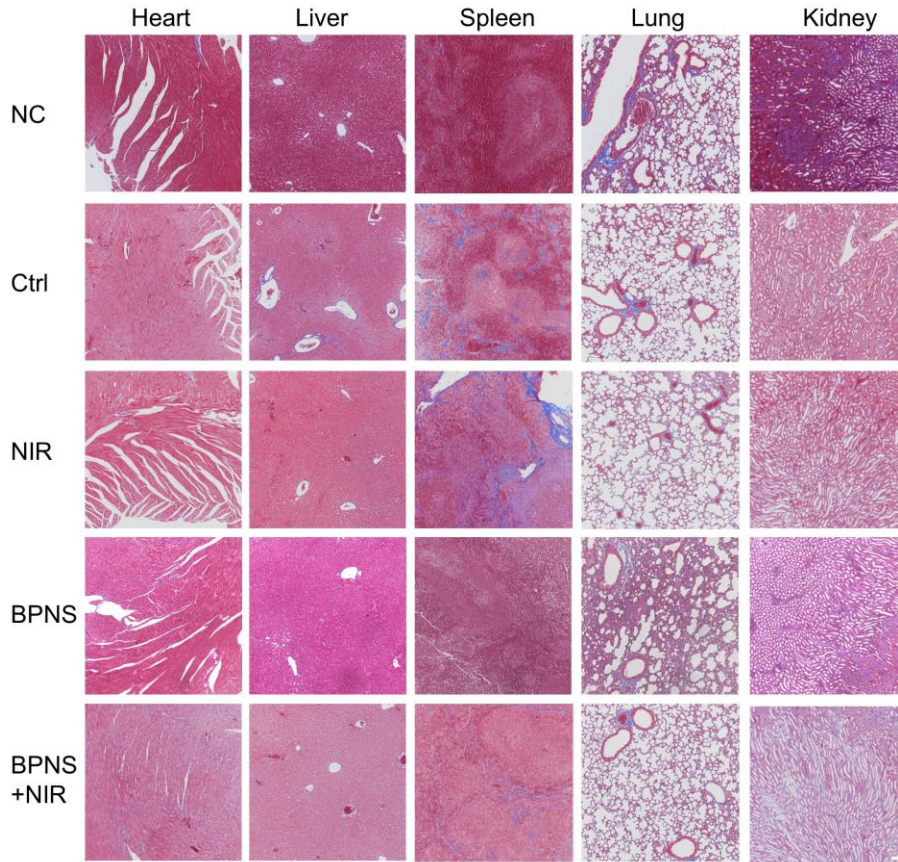
58 irradiated with NIR (1 W/cm²). The brain temperature was monitored using a thermal imager to ensure

59 that BPNS crossed the BBB. After obtaining the mice's brains, under NIR (1 W/cm²) irradiation, the

60 brain temperature of mice in the BPNS+NIR group was significantly higher than that of the control
61 group, indicating that BPNS successfully crossed the BBB and remained in the brain with the assistance
62 of NIR. (B) The living fluorescent imaging of the mouse after BPNS labeled with IR780 to verify
63 whether BPNS could cross BBB in different groups: Ctrl, BPNS-IR780, BPNS-IR780 + NIR. (C) The
64 H&E staining results of brain in different experimental groups showed that NIR-assisted BPNS crossing
65 the BBB would not cause pathological damage to the brain. (D) The cell viability of GL261 cells was
66 assessed using CCK-8 assay after treatment with BPNS, and irradiated with NIR (1 W/cm^2), $n = 5$. Scale
67 bar: $100 \mu\text{m}$.

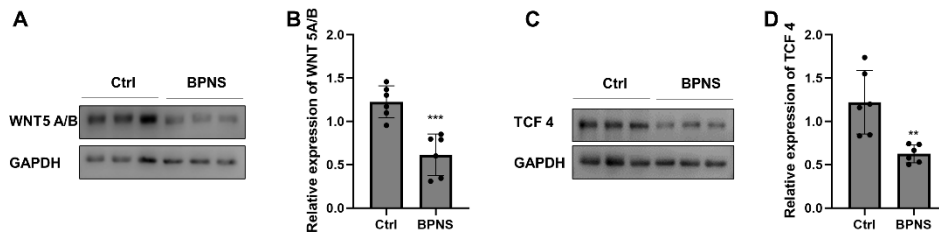


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69 **Fig. S8** The H&E staining of major organs in different treatment groups (Normal control, Ctrl group,
70 NIR group, BPNS, and BPNS+NIR group) of orthotopic glioma. Scale bar: $100 \mu\text{m}$.



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72 **Fig. S9** The MASSON staining of major organs in different treatment groups. Scale bar: 100 μ m.



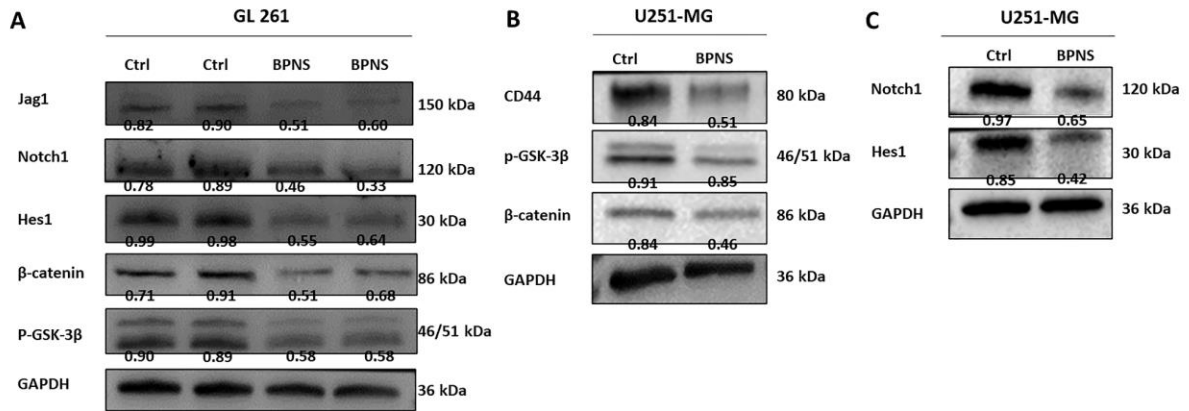
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74 **Fig. S10** The changes in the protein levels of *WNT/β-catenin* signaling pathway-related proteins and

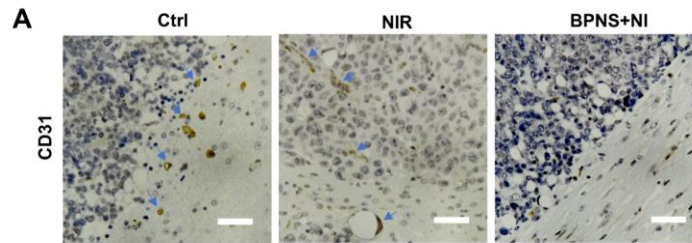
75 transcription factors. (A-B) Protein level changes and semi-quantitative analysis of WNT 5A/B in U87-

76 MG cells after BPNS treatment. (C-D) Protein level changes and semi-quantitative analysis of TCF 4

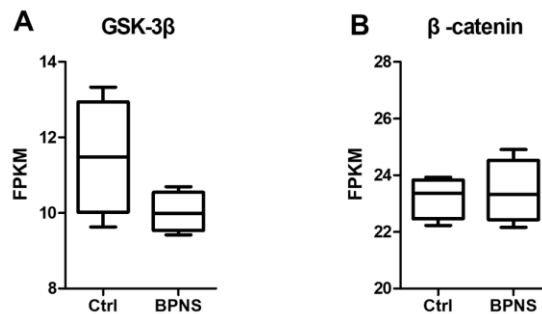
77 in U87-MG cells after BPNS treatment. Error bar, mean \pm SD, $n = 6$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$.



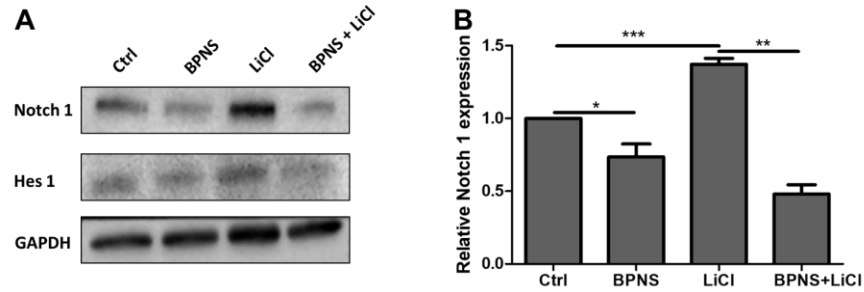
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79 **Fig. S11** BPNS down-regulated protein expression in *WNT/β-catenin* and *NOTCH* signal pathway of
80 GL261 and U251-MG cells. (A) The western blot results of p-GSK-3β, β-catenin, Hes1, Notch1, and
81 Jag1 of GL261 cells after being treated with BPNS for 24 h. (B) The western blot results of p-GSK-3β,
82 β-catenin, CD44 of U251-MG cells after being treated with BPNS for 24 h. (C) The western blot results
83 of Notch1, Hes1 of U251-MG cells after being treated with BPNS for 24 h.



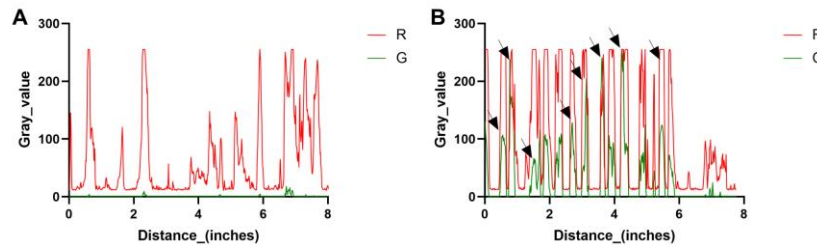
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85 **Fig. S12** (A) Immunohistochemical staining results of CD31 in orthotopic tumor tissue sections. Scale
86 bar: 50 μm.



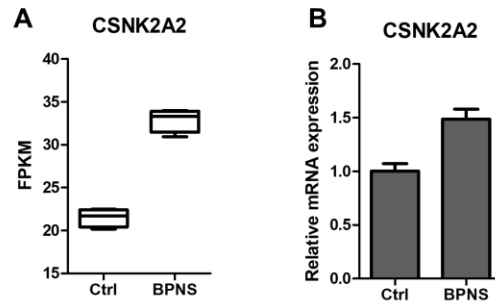
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88 **Fig. S13** RNA-Sequencing statistical data graph of *GSK-3β* (A) and *β-catenin* (B), $n = 4$.



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 90 **Fig. S14** The impact of *WNT/β-catenin* signaling pathway activators on the *NOTCH* signaling pathway
 91 was examined. (A) The protein level changes of Notch 1 and HES 1 after different treatments (Ctrl,
 92 BPNS, LiCl, BPNS + LiCl). (B) The quantification statistical graph of the protein level changes of
 93 Notch 1. Error bar, mean ± SD, $n = 3$, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$.



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 95 **Fig. S15** The results of colocalization analysis. (A) The colocalization map analysis of fluorescent
 96 molecules C6 and CSNK2A2 in the control group. (B) The colocalization map analysis of BPNS-C6
 97 and CSNK2A2 (R: CSNK2A2, G: BPNS-C6).



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 99 **Fig. S16** (A) RNA-Sequencing statistical data graph of CSNK2A2, $n = 4$. (B) The qRT-PCR results of
 100 *CSNK2A2*, $n = 3$.
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102 **Supplementary Table**103 **Table S1** The information of primary and secondary antibodies.

Antibodies	Source
1. anti-c-myc (WB)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
2. anti-cyclin D1 (WB)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
3. anti-cyclin D3 (WB)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
4. anti-Sox 2 (WB)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
5. anti-Jagged1 (WB)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
6. anti-Hes 1 (WB)	Cell Signaling Technology
7. anti-Notch 1 (WB and IF)	Cell Signaling Technology
8. anti- β -catenin (WB and IF)	R&D System
9. anti-GSK-3 β (WB)	Zen BioScience (221162)
10. anti-p-GSK-3 β (S21/S9) (WB)	R&D System
11. anti-p- β -catenin (Ser33) (WB)	Zen BioScience (310053)
12. anti-CD44 (WB and IF)	Cell Signaling Technology
13. anti-GAPDH (WB)	Cell Signaling Technology
14. anti-CD31 (IHC)	ServiceBio (GB113151)
15. anti-Rabbit-HRP	SAB
16. anti-Mouse-HRP	SAB
17. anti-CSNK2A2	Proteintech
18. anti-WNT5A/B	Proteintech
19. anti-TCF4	Proteintech
20. Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor™ Plus 594	Invitrogen
21. Donkey anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor™ Plus 488	Invitrogen

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105 **Table S2** Primers described in the article.

Gene	Forward primer sequence 5'→3'	Reverse primer sequence 5'→3'
<i>Sox2</i>	5'-GCCGAGTGGAACCTTTTGTCG-3'	5'-GGCAGCGTGACTTATCCTTCT-3'
<i>c-Myc</i>	5'-GGCTCCTGGCAAAGGTCA-3'	5'-CTGCGTAGTTGTGCTGATGT-3'
<i>Axin2</i>	5'-TACACTCCTTATTGGGCGATCA-3'	5'-TTGGCTACTCGTAAAGTTTTGGT-3'
<i>cyclin D1</i>	5'-GCTGCGAAGTGGAACCATC-3'	5'-CCTCCTTCTGCACACATTTGAA-3'
<i>Notch1</i>	5'-GAGGCGTGGCAGACTATGC-3'	5'-CTTGTACTCCGTCAGCGTGA-3'
<i>Hes1</i>	5'-TCAACACGACACCGGATAAAC-3'	5'-GCCGCGAGCTATCTTTCTTCA-3'
<i>β-catenin</i>	5'-CATCTACACAGTTTGATGCTGCT-3'	5'-GCAGTTTTGTGTCAGTTCAGGGA-3'
<i>GSK-3β</i>	5'-GGCAGCATGAAAGTTAGCAGA-3'	5'-GGCGACCAGTTCTCCTGAATC-3'
<i>ZEB 1</i>	5'-CGCTCTACTAAGGAGGCTGC-3'	5'-GAACCGGGATGGGAAGTGAC-3'

<i>Jagged1</i>	5'-GTCCATGCAGAACGTGAACG-3'	5' GCGGGACTGATACTCCTTGA-3'
<i>DDR 1</i>	5'-TGCCAGCTTCTCCTTGTCT-3'	5'-CGCCGTTCTCCATGTAGTCA-3'
<i>DDR2</i>	5'-TTAACGGCTGCTTTCTGACC-3'	5'-AGAGCTAGTGTTGAGTCAGTGT-3'
<i>COL5A2</i>	5'-AGCTGGGACCATCCCAAAG-3'	5'-CCACTGACATGACAAAAGCGT-3'
<i>COL1A2</i>	5'-AGGGGTCTCCATGGTGAGTT-3'	5'-CCTCGGCTTCCAATAGGACC-3'
<i>COL4A5</i>	5'-TTCTCCTGAGAGACCGGCTT-3'	5'-GACAGTGAGGCTTGGGTGAA-3'
<i>COL4A6</i>	5'-CCAGCTGCTCACAGAACAGA-3'	5'-AGGCACAACGTAACCAGGAG-3'
<i>FURIN</i>	5'-CCTGGTTGCTATGGGTGGTAG-3'	5'-AAGTGGTAATAGTCCCCGAAGA-3'
<i>MMP 1</i>	5'-AAAATTACACGCCAGATTTGCC-3'	5'-GGTGTGACATTACTCCAGAGTTG-3'
<i>MMP 2</i>	5'-TACAGGATCATTGGCTACACACC-3'	5'-GGTCACATCGCTCCAGACT-3'
<i>PRKCA</i>	5'-GTCCACAAGAGGTGCCATGAA-3'	5'-AAGGTGGGGCTTCCGTAAGT-3'
<i>SH3PXD2A</i>	5'-GGACCCCAAGCAAAGGATCAT-3'	5'-TGCCCGGCAGTATTCATCG-3'
<i>TIMP 2</i>	5'-AAGCGGTCAGTGAGAAGGAAG-3'	5'-GGGGCCGTGTAGATAAACTCTAT-3'
<i>BMI1</i>	5'-TGGACTGACAAATGCTGGAGA-3'	5'-GAAGATTGGTGGTTACCGCTG-3'
<i>CALM1</i>	5'-TTGACTTCCCCGAATTTTTGACT-3'	5'-GGAATGCCTCACGGATTTCTT-3'
<i>ADAM12</i>	5'-TCTCATTGCCAGCAGTTTCAC-3'	5'-CGTGTAATTTGAGCGAGGG-3'
<i>ADAM19</i>	5'-GGGAGCCTGGATGGACAAG-3'	5'-AGCTTTGAGTGGATGCTTTTCTC-3'
<i>MMP 14</i>	5'-GGCTACAGCAATATGGCTACC-3'	5'-GATGGCCGCTGAGAGTGAC-3'
<i>MMP 15</i>	5'-AGGTCCATGCCGAGAAGT-3'	5'-GTCTCTTCGTCGAGCACACC-3'
<i>MMP 16</i>	5'-AGCACTGGAAGACGGTTGG-3'	5'-CTCCGTTCCGCAGACTGTA-3'
<i>MMP 17</i>	5'-CACTCATGTACTACGCCCTCA-3'	5'-TGGAGAAGTCGATCTGGATGTC-3'
<i>MAPK 1</i>	5'-TCTGGAGCAGTATTACGACCC-3'	5'-CTGGCTGGAATCTAGCAGTCT-3'
<i>CD44</i>	5'-CATTTCAACCACACCACGGG-3'	5'-AGCAGTGGTGCCATTTCTGT-3'
<i>GAPDH</i>	5'-GGAGCGAGATCCCTCCAAAAT-3'	5'-GGCTGTTGTCATACTTCTCATGG-3'
<i>CSNK2A2</i>	5'-TCCCGAGCTGGGGTAATCAA-3'	5'-GTTCCACCACGAAGGTTCTCC-3'
