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2. Evaluate commercial potential and placement strategy;
3. Obtain appropriate intellectual property protection;
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