

Improved Anti-tumor Efficacy of Combined Taxol and Discodermolide Treatment Relative to Taxol at the MTD. Nude mice bearing SKOV3 tumor xenografts were randomized into groups (n=6) when tumor volumes were approximately 100mm³ and treated with the various drugs, as described above. Note that Taxol and discodermolide in combination, were both administered on day 1. Taxol at the MTD of 100mg/kg i.p. was administered over five doses given every three days. (A) Tumor volumes in the combination group were significantly smaller (two-tailed Student t-test) than single agent groups at 21 days post treatment. (B) Change in Weight of Drug-Treated mice. The combination treated group had no observable toxicities and gained weight throughout the duration of the experiment. However, animals treated with Taxol at the MTD had ~10 – 15% weight loss.