

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table S1: Concentrations of agents used in vitro studies.

Cell line	Gemcitabine (μM)	Romidepsin (nM)	Cisplatin (μM)	NAC (mM)	U0126 (μM)	ML171 (μM)
J82	0.4	1	3	5	2.5	1
J82-Ras	0.2	0.5	3	5	2.5	1
SW780	0.4	0.7	10	5	2.5	1
T24	0.2	0.4	3	5	2.5	1

Supplementary Table S2: Treatment dosage and schedule for in vivo studies.

Regimen	Drug dosage	Schedule
Gem plus Cis	20 mg/kg of Gem in PBS, IP 5 mg/kg of Cis in PBS, IP	Day 1, 3, 6, 9 & 12 Day 2, 4, 7, 10 & 13
Rom +Cis	1 mg/kg of Rom+ 5 mg/kg of Cis in PBS, IP	Day 1, 3, 6, 9 & 12
Gem plus Rom+Cis	20 mg/kg of Gem in PBS, IP 1 mg/kg of Rom+ 5 mg/kg of Cis in PBS, IP	Day 1, 3, 6, 9 & 12 Day 2, 4, 7, 10 & 13

Gem: Gemcitabine; **Rom:** Romidepsin; **Cis:** Cisplatin

Supplementary Table S3: Specific antibodies used in immunoblotting.

Antibody	Company	Catalogue number	Dilution	Blocking solution
H-RAS	SCB	SC-520	1:500	5% NDM
MOX1 (Nox-1)	SCB	SC-518023	1:500	5% NDM
p-MEK kinase-1	SCB	SC-13020	1:1000	5% BSA
MEK kinase-1	SCB	SC-49449	1:1000	5% NDM
p-ERK	SCB	SC-7383	1:500	5% BSA
ERK-2	SCB	SC-154	1:1000	5% NDM
Actin	SCB	SC-1616	1:500	5% NDM
PARP	CST	9542S	1:1000	5% NDM
BiP	CST	3177S	1:1000	5% NDM

SCB: Santa Cruz Biotechnology; **CST:** Cell Signaling Technology, **NDM:** Nonfat dried milk; **BSA:** Bovine serum albumin

Supplementary Table S4: Standard protocols of clinical anti-cancer regimens converted for mouse use.

Regimen	Cancer type	Drug dosage in humans	Drug dosage converted for mouse study	Schedule for humans
Gem plus Cis	UC	Gem, 1000 mg/m ² Cis, 70 mg/m ²	Gem, 324 mg/kg Cis, 23 mg/kg	Day 1, 8 & 15 Day 2
Rom	Lymphoma and Refractory solid tumor	Rom, 8-17.5 mg/m ²	Rom, 5 mg/kg	Day 1, 8 & 15

UC: Urothelial carcinoma; **Gem:** gemcitabine; **Rom:** romidepsin; **Cis:** cisplatin

Supplementary Figure Legends

Supplementary Figure S1. Densitometric analysis of Mek, Erk, and Nox levels. As

performed in **Fig. 1g**, J82 and J82-Ras cells were treated with Rom, Cis, and/or Gem at their IC₁₀ doses for 24 h. Cell lysates were prepared and analyzed by immunoblotting using specific antibodies to detect levels of phosphorylated Mek1/2 (p-Mek1/2), Mek1/2, phosphorylated Erk1/2 (p-Erk1/2), Erk1/2, and Nox-1, with β -actin as a control, and these levels were quantified by densitometry. Levels of specific phosphorylation of Mek1/2 (**a**, p-Mek/Mek) and Erk1/2 (**b**, p-Erk/Erk) were calculated by normalizing the levels of p-Mek1/2 and p-Erk1/2 with the levels of Mek1/2 and Erk1/2, respectively, then the level was set in untreated control cells as 1 (X, arbitrary unit). Levels of Nox-1 (**c**, Nox-1/actin) were calculated by normalizing with the level of β -actin and the level set in control cells as 1 (X, arbitrary unit). Columns, mean of triplicates; bars, SD. The *p* value was adjusted for multiple comparisons by using the Simes method. Statistical significance, indicated by **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001. All results are representative of three independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure S2. H-Ras and Erk in J82 and J82-Ras cells. (a) Cell lysates of J82

and J82-Ras cells were prepared and analyzed by immunoblotting using specific antibodies to detect levels of H-Ras, with β -actin as a control. Levels of H-Ras (H-Ras/actin) were calculated by normalizing with the level of β -actin and the level set in control cells as 1 (X, arbitrary unit).

(b) J82 and J82-Ras cells were treated with Gem+Rom+Cis (G+R+C) for 24 h. Cell lysates were prepared and analyzed by immunoblotting using specific antibodies to detect levels of phosphorylated phosphorylated Erk1/2 (p-Erk1/2) and Erk1/2, with β -actin as a control. These

levels were quantified by densitometry. Levels of specific phosphorylation of Erk (p/Erk) were calculated by normalizing the levels of p-Erk1/2 with the levels of Erk1/2, respectively, then the level was set in untreated control cells as 1 (X, arbitrary unit). All results are representative of three independent experiments.

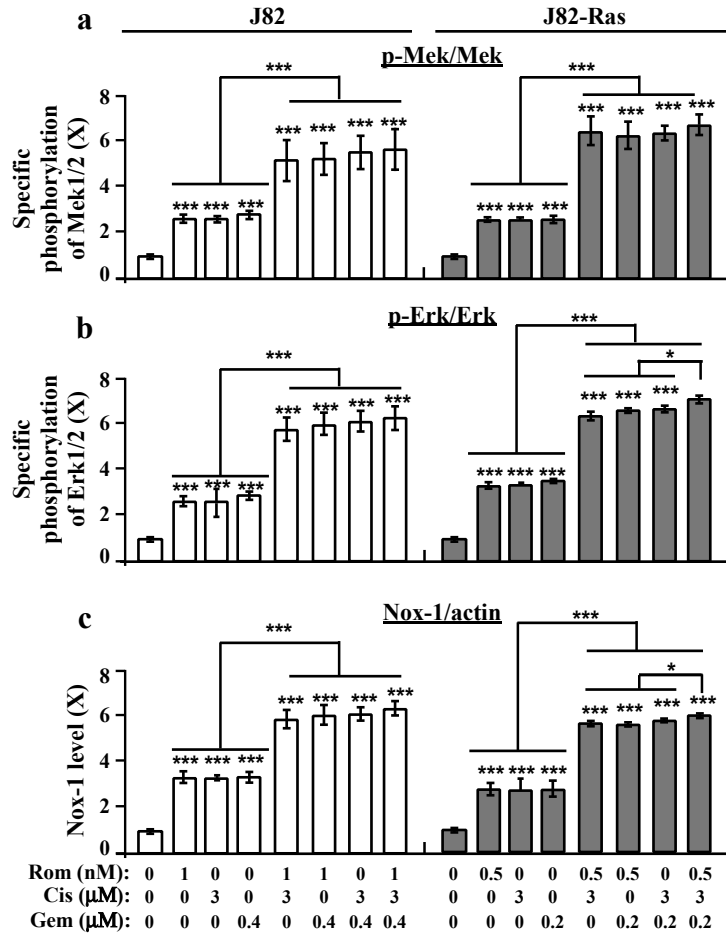
Supplementary Figure S3. Rom+Cis+Gem synergistically induced death and suppressed drug resistance in SW780 cells. SW780 cells were treated with Rom, Cis, and/or Gem at their IC₁₀ doses in the absence or presence of NAC, U0126, or ML171. **(a-1)** Cell viability was determined, and relative cell viability was normalized by the value determined in untreated counterpart cells, set as 100%. **(a-2)** Combined effects **(a-1)** were determined to reveal combination indices <1 for synergistic effects. **(b)** Cell lysates were prepared and analyzed by immunoblotting using specific antibodies to detect levels of p-Erk1/2, Erk1/2, and Nox-1, with β -actin as a control, and these levels were quantified by densitometry. Levels of specific phosphorylation of Erk1/2 (p/Erk) were calculated by normalizing the level of p-Erk1/2 with the level of Erk1/2, then the level set in control cells as 1 (X, arbitrary unit). Levels of Nox-1 (Nox/actin) were calculated by normalizing with the level of β -actin and the level set in control cells as 1 (X). **(c & g)** Relative ROS levels were measured and normalized by the level determined in untreated counterpart cells, set as 1 (X). **(d)** Relative caspase-3/7 activity was determined and normalized by cell viability, and then the relative values were normalized by the value determined in untreated counterpart cells, set as 1 (X, arbitrary unit). **(e)** DNA oxidation was measured by an Fpg-modified comet assay and normalized by the value of average tail moment determined in untreated control cells, set as 1 (X). **(f)** DNA damage was measured by an alkaline comet assay and normalized by the value of average tail moment determined in

untreated control cells, set as 1 (X). **(h)** Apoptotic cell population (%) was measured by flow cytometry with an annexin-V-FITC apoptosis detection kit. **(i)** Clonogenic survival was measured by a clonogenic assay. Relative colony formation was normalized by the value determined in untreated counterpart cells, set as 100%. **(j)** GSH content was determined and relative GSH level was normalized by the value determined in untreated counterpart cells, set as 100%. Columns, mean of triplicates; bars, SD. The p value was adjusted for multiple comparisons by using the Simes method. Statistical significance is indicated $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$. All results are representative of three independent experiments.

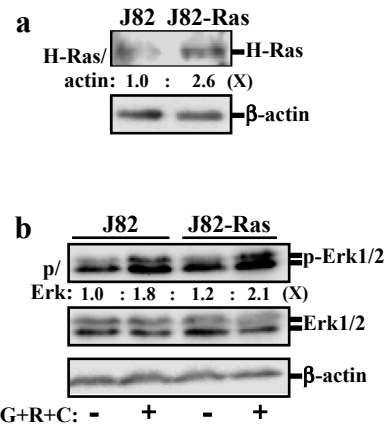
Supplementary Figure S4. BiP induced by Rom+Cis+Gem in T24 and SW780 cells. **(a)** T24 and **(b)** SW780 cells were treated with Gem+Rom+Cis (G+R+C) for 48 h. Cell lysates were prepared and analyzed by immunoblotting using specific antibodies to detect levels of BiP, with β -actin as a control, and these levels were quantified by densitometry. Levels of BiP (BiP/actin) were calculated by normalizing with the level of β -actin and the level set in control cells as 1 (X, arbitrary unit). All results are representative of three independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure S5. TUNEL assay. **(a)** J82-Ras cultures were treated with Rom+Cis+Gem for 24 h, rinsed, and fixed with 3.7% formaldehyde. **(b)** Paraffin embedded tissues were deparaffinized and rehydrated. Then, cultures and tissues were examined with the TACS 2 TdT-DAB In Situ Apoptosis Detection Kit (Trevigen, MD, USA) to detect apoptotic cells. Samples were counter-stained by methyl green. Images were taken at 400x; scale bar, 50 μ m. Black arrows indicate apoptotic cells.

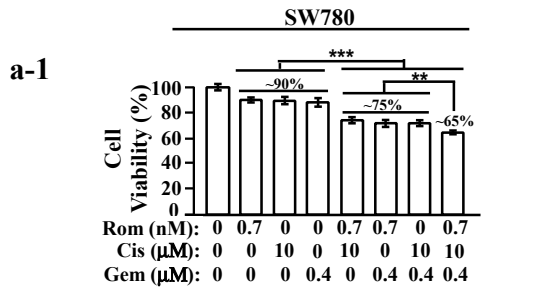
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Supplementary Figure S2



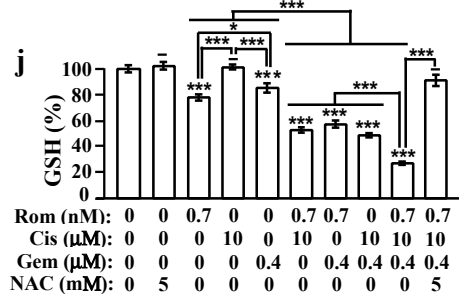
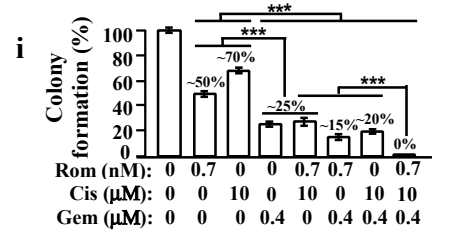
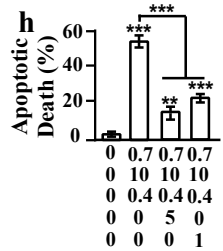
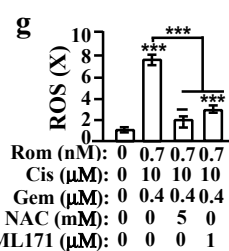
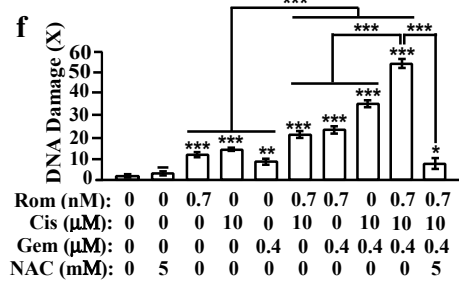
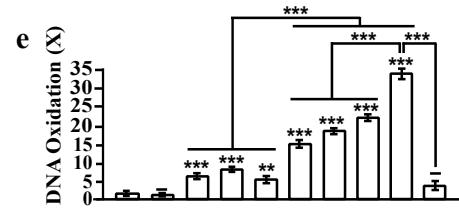
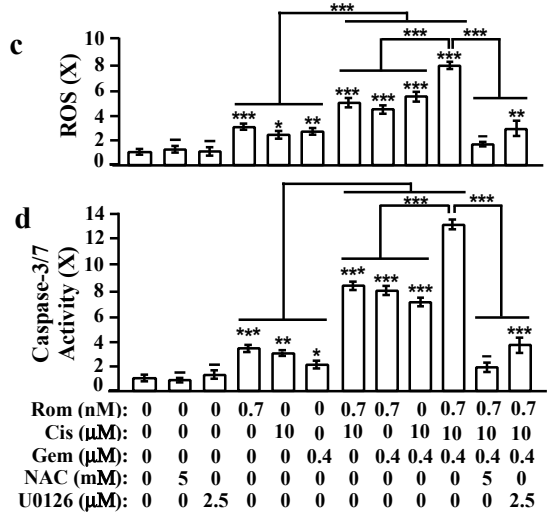
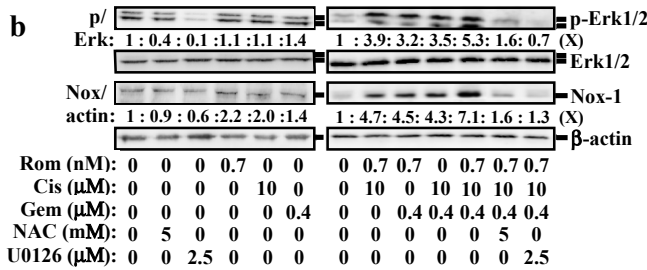
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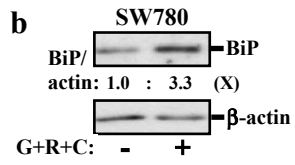
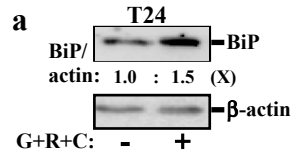
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Combination indices

Rom+Cis	Rom+Gem	Cis+Gem	Rom+Cis+Gem
0.64	0.59	0.52	0.93



Supplementary Figure S4



Supplementary Figure S5

