

**DEVELOPMENT OF A TUMOUR GROWTH INHIBITION MODEL
TO ELUCIDATE THE EFFECTS OF RITONAVIR ON
INTRATUMOURAL METABOLISM AND
ANTI-TUMOUR EFFECT OF DOCETAXEL
IN A MOUSE MODEL FOR HEREDITARY BREAST CANCER**

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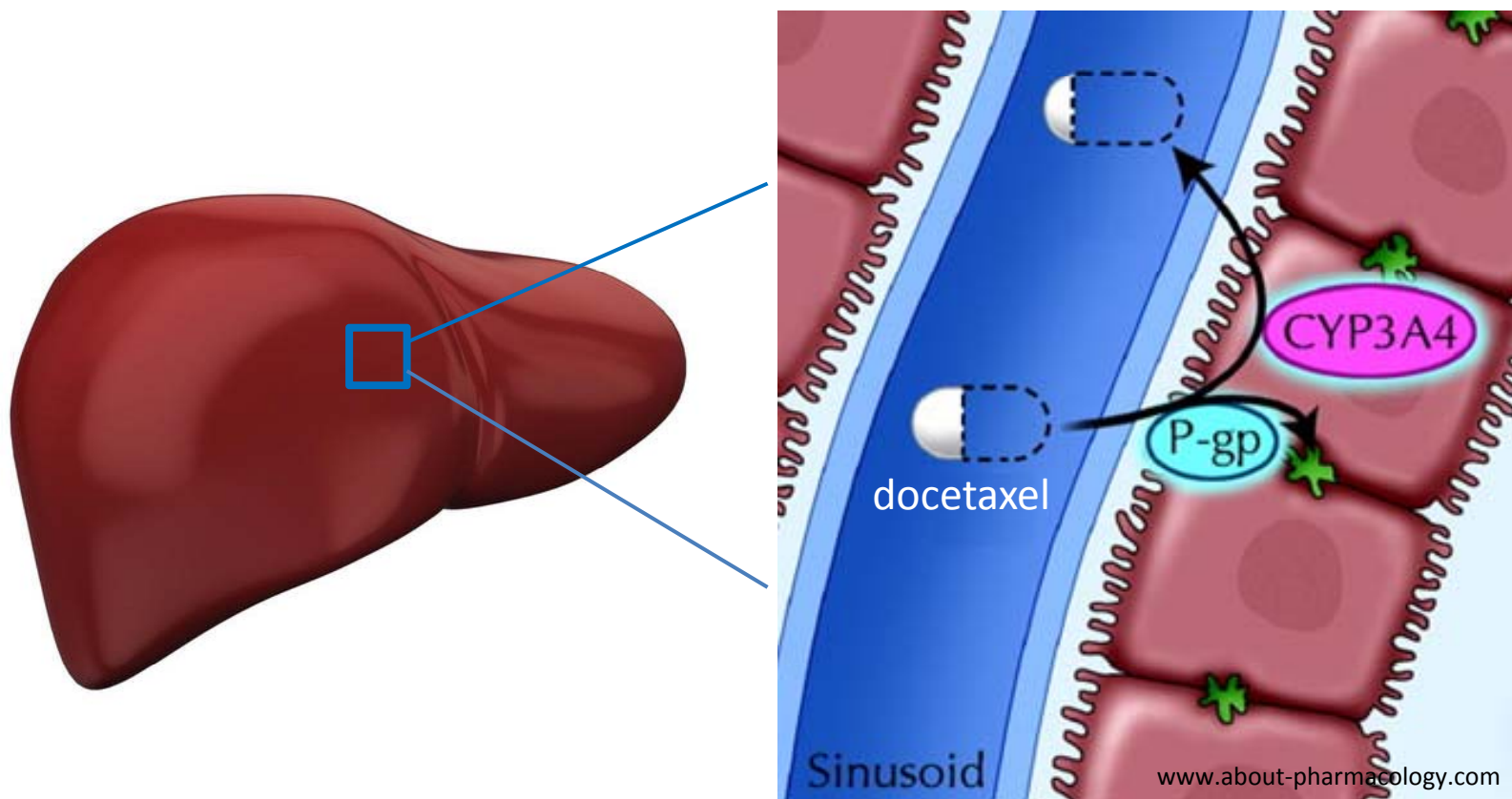
Ritonavir (RTV)

- An HIV protease inhibitor and also a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor
- It has been suggested to have an anti-cancer effect

Gaedicke S et al. Cancer Res. 2002,62(23):6901–8; Kariya R et al. Cancer Lett. 2014,342:52–9; Srirangam A et al. Clin cancer Res. 2006,12(6):1883–96

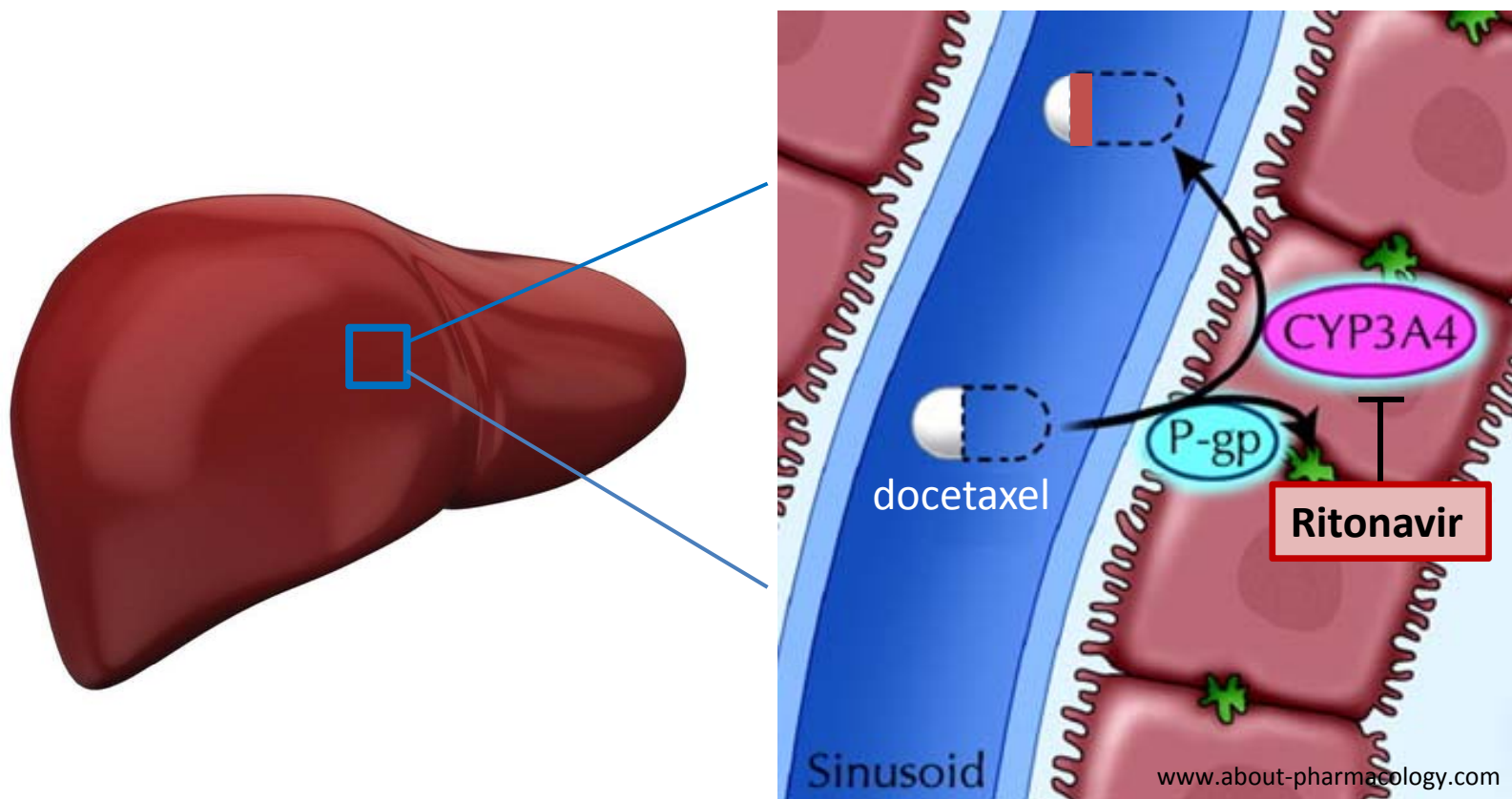
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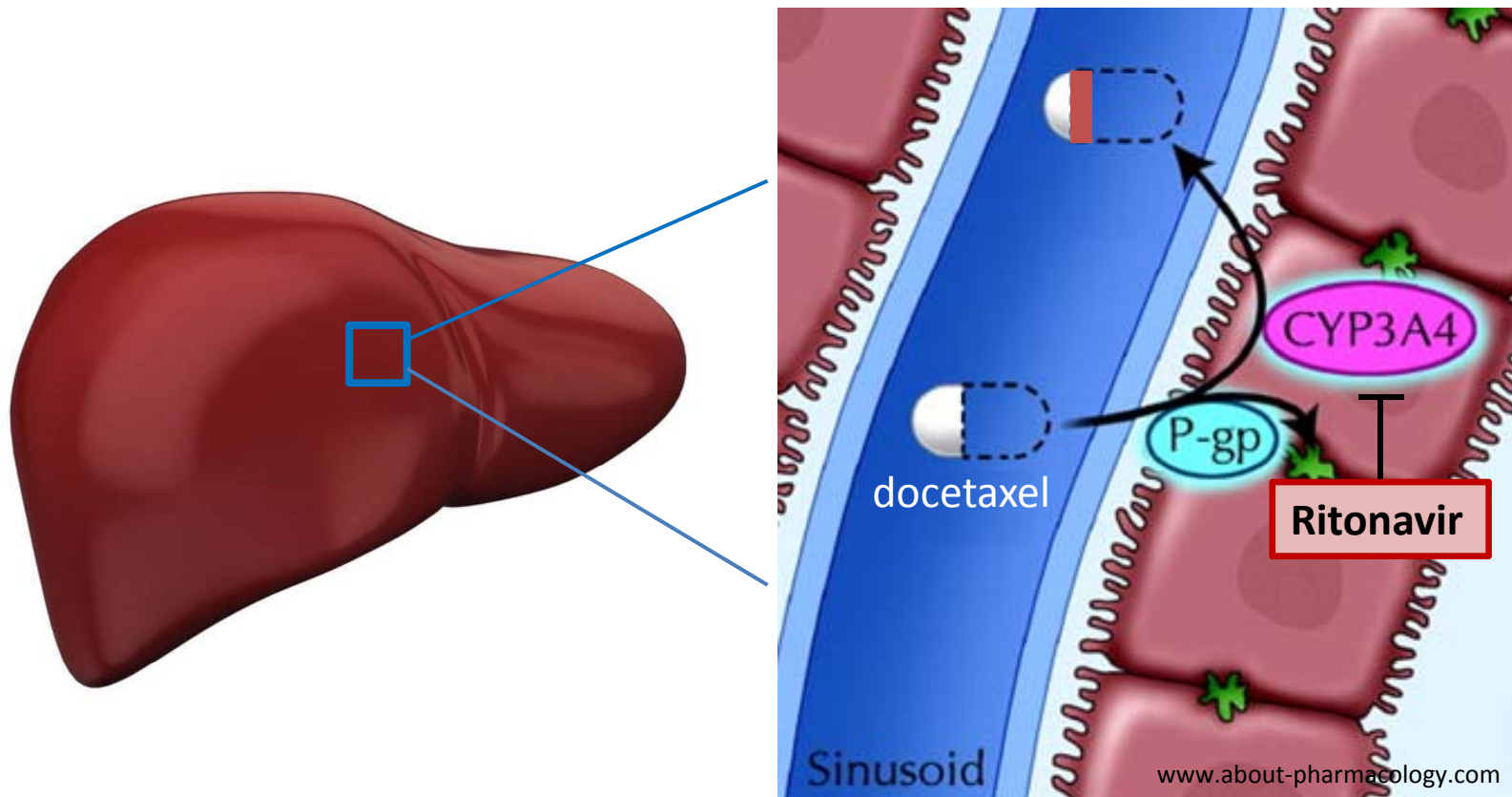
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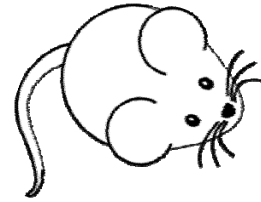
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- PK: Will ritonavir inhibit docetaxel intratumoural metabolism?
- PD: Will co-administration enhance anticancer effect?

Preclinical experiment – study design



Host: Cyp3a knock-out

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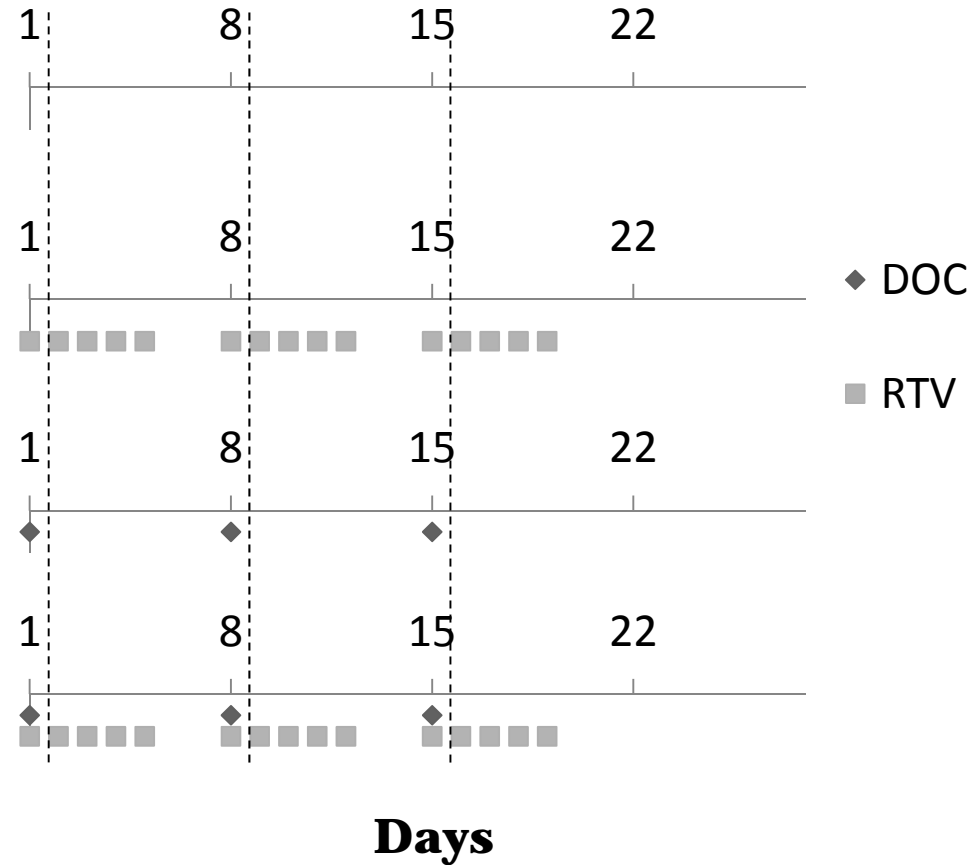
Tumour: inherent Cyp3a expression

Arm1: Control
(n=15)

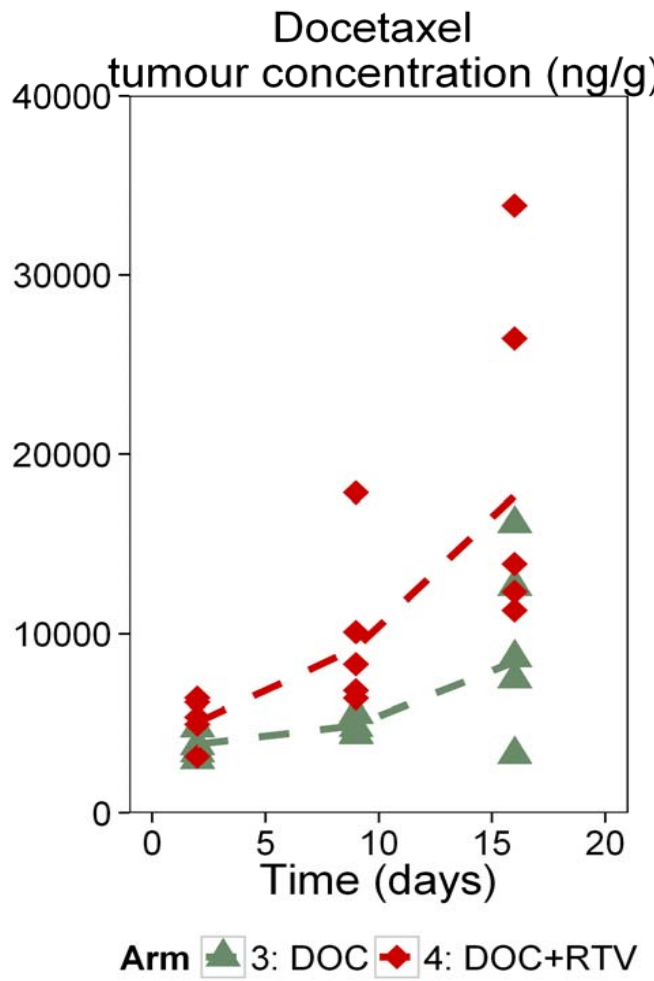
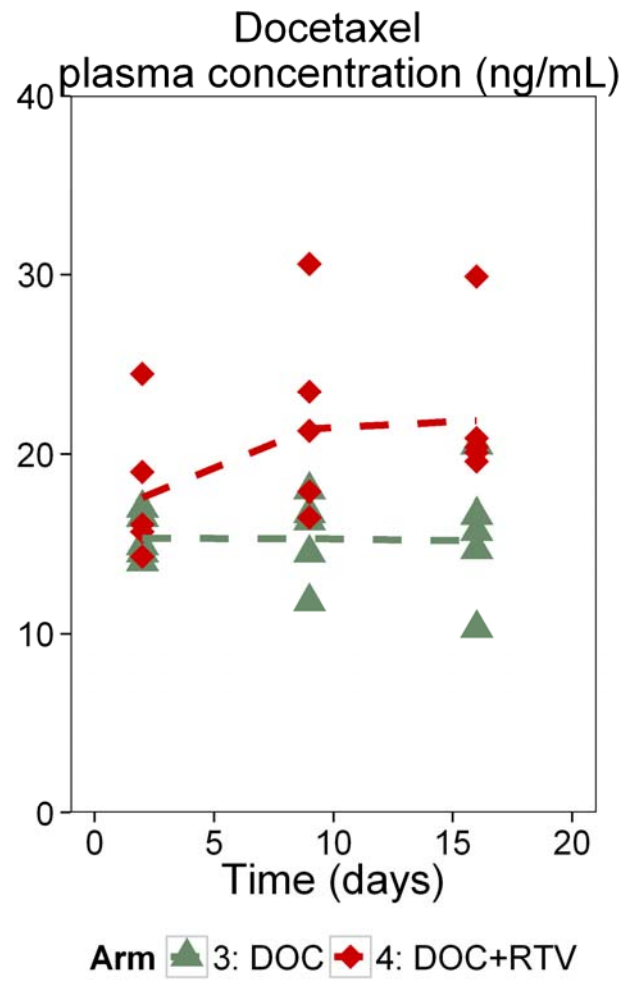
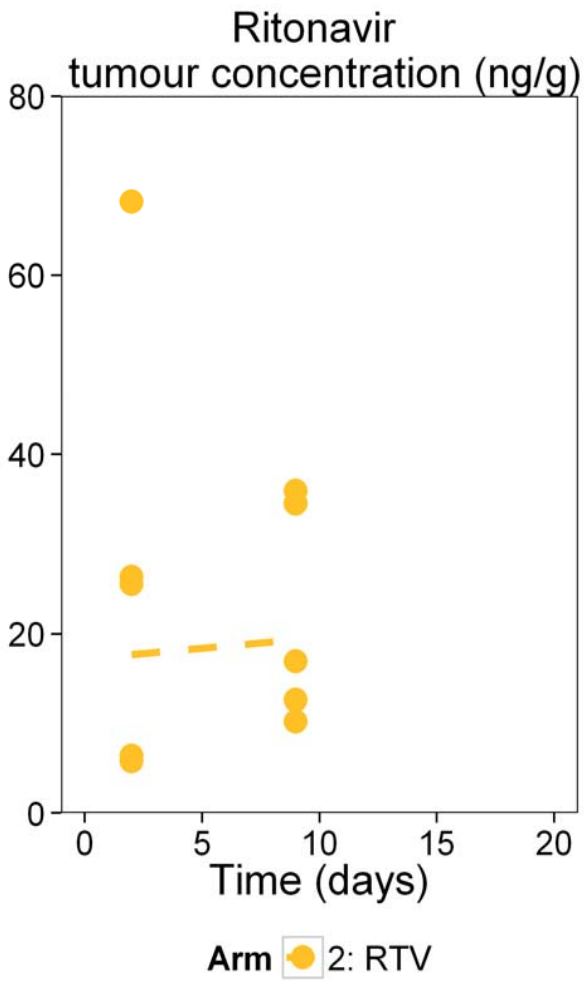
Arm2: RTV (p.o.)
(n=15)

Arm3: DOC (i.v.)
(n=20)

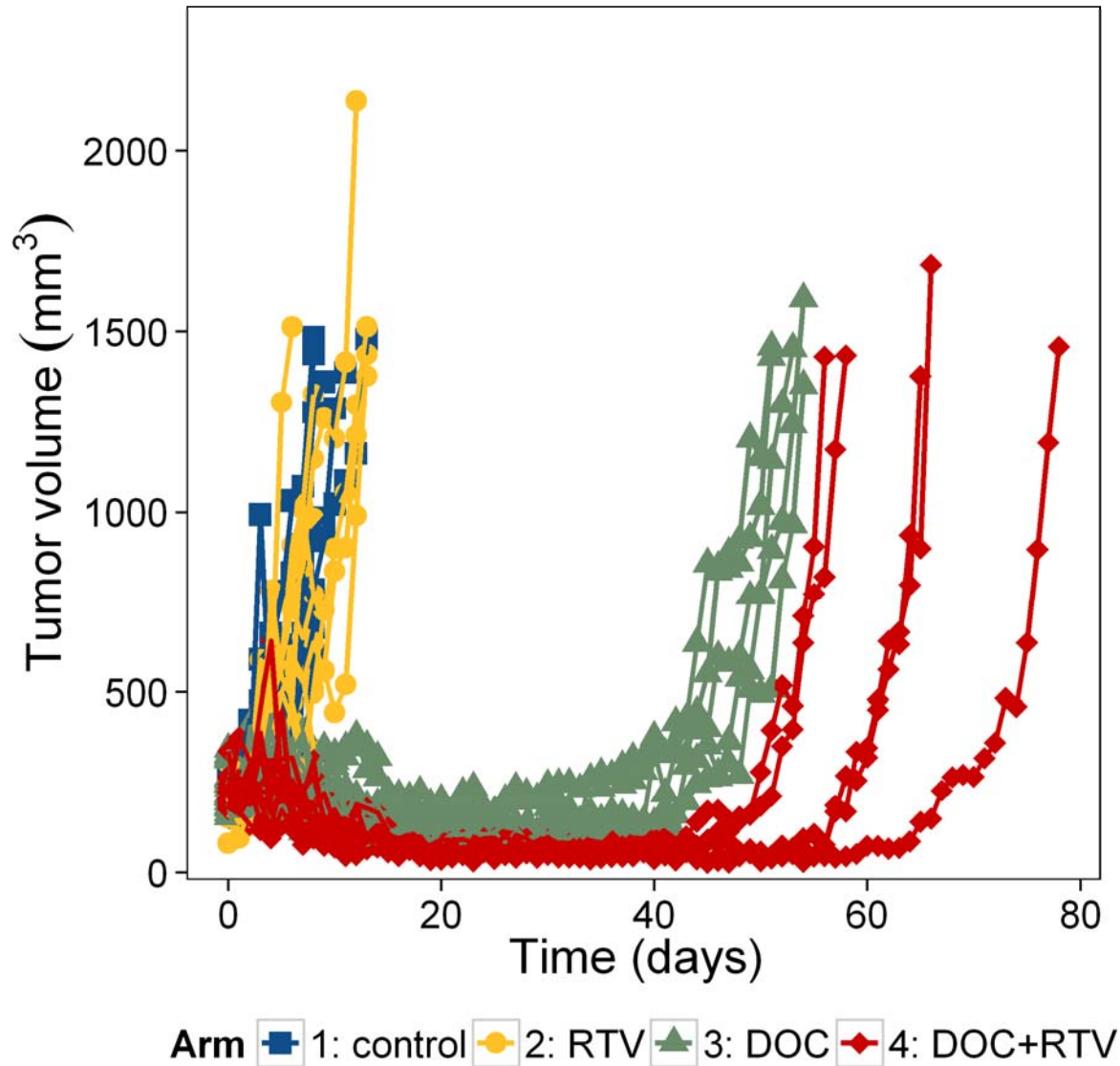
Arm4: DOC+RTV
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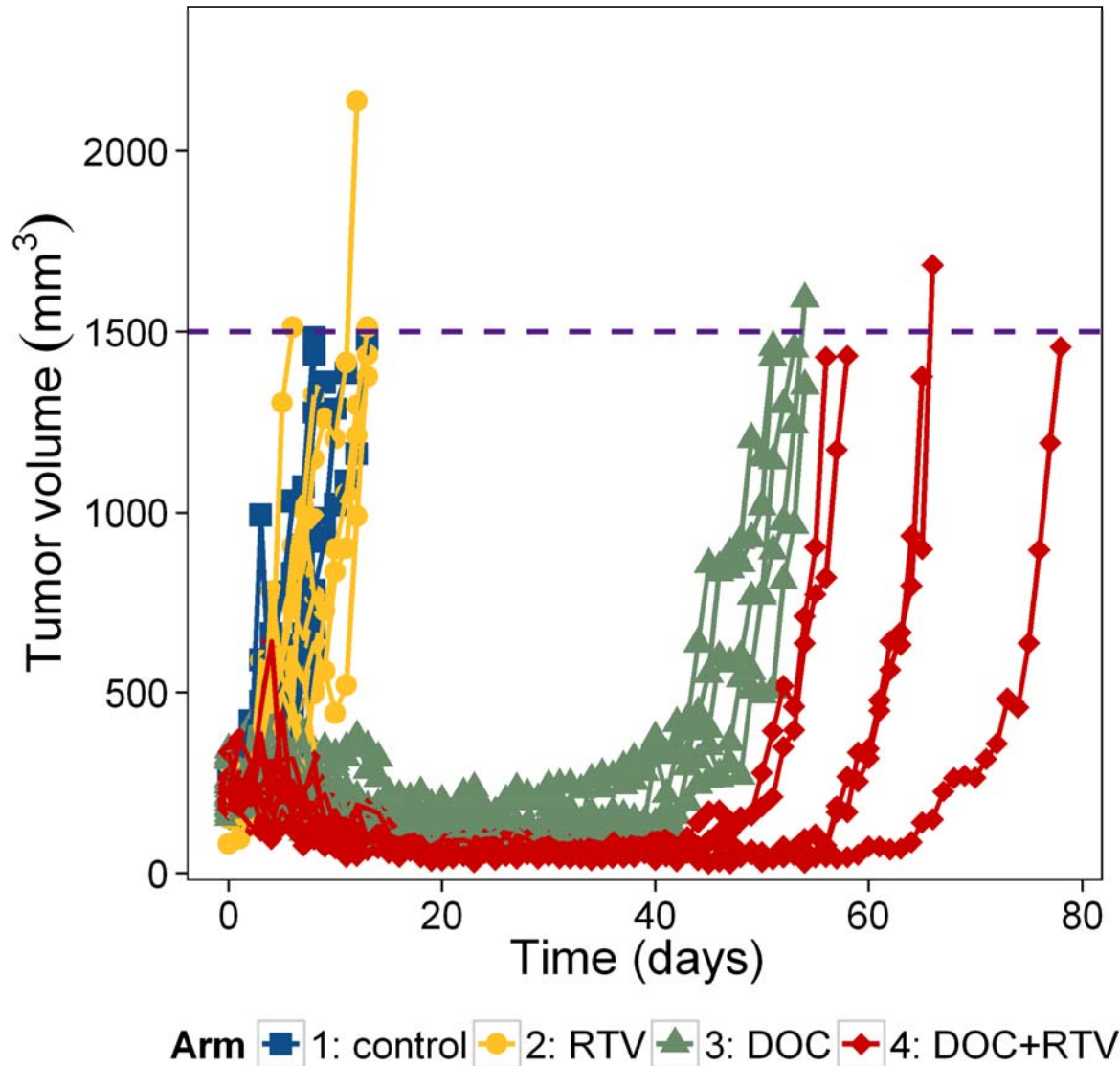
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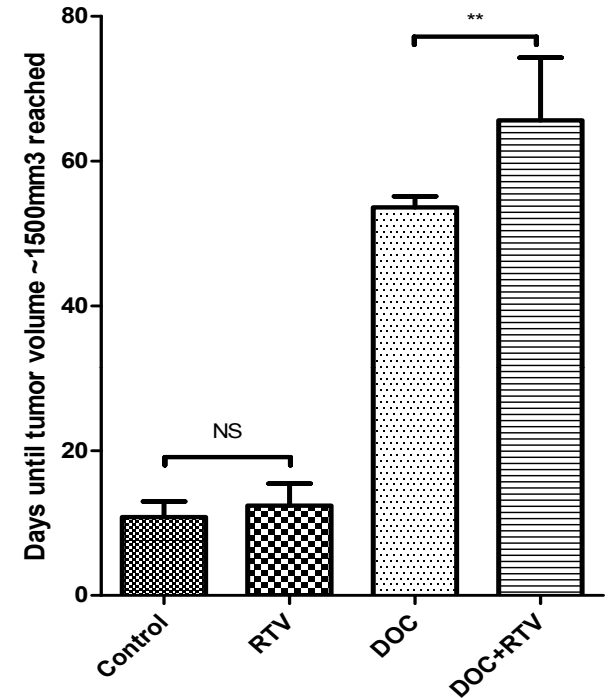
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Days to reach 1500 mm³

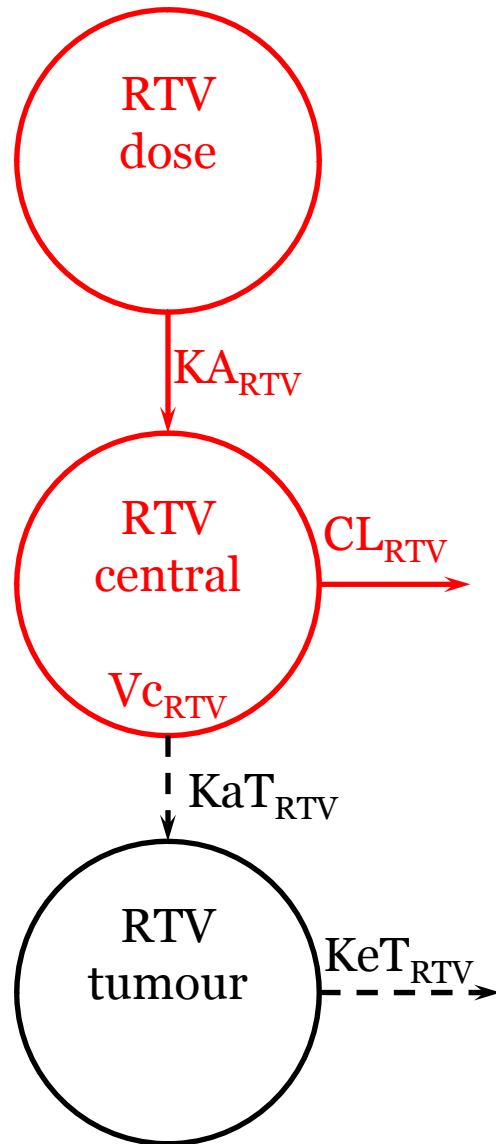


Arm	Median	Mean ± SD
Control	10	10.8 ± 2.2
RTV	14	12.4 ± 3.1
DOC	54	53.6 ± 1.1
DOC+RTV	66	65.6 ± 8.6

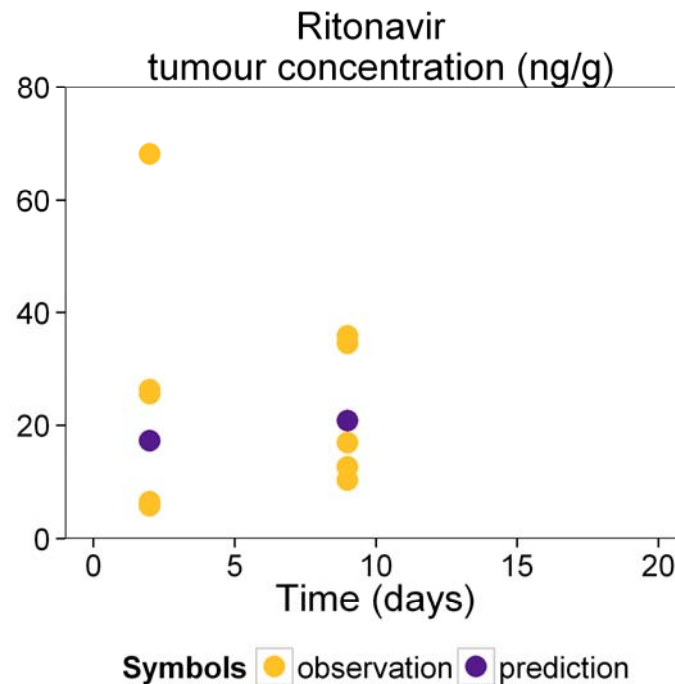
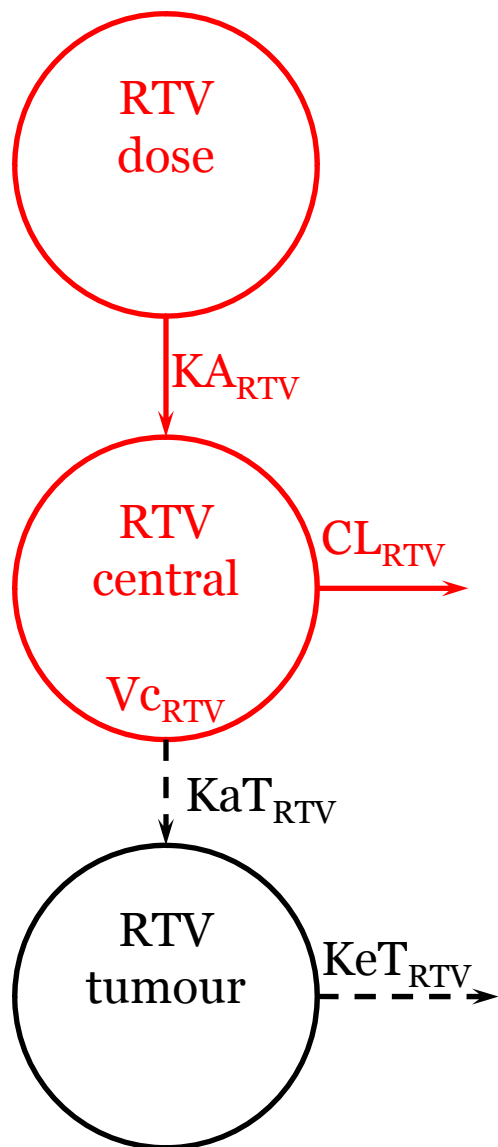
Objectives

- To **develop a PK- PD model** based on docetaxel concentration and tumour sizes from preclinical study
- To further **evaluate and quantify the effects of ritonavir** on systemic and intratumoral concentration and anti-tumour effects of docetaxel when co-administered

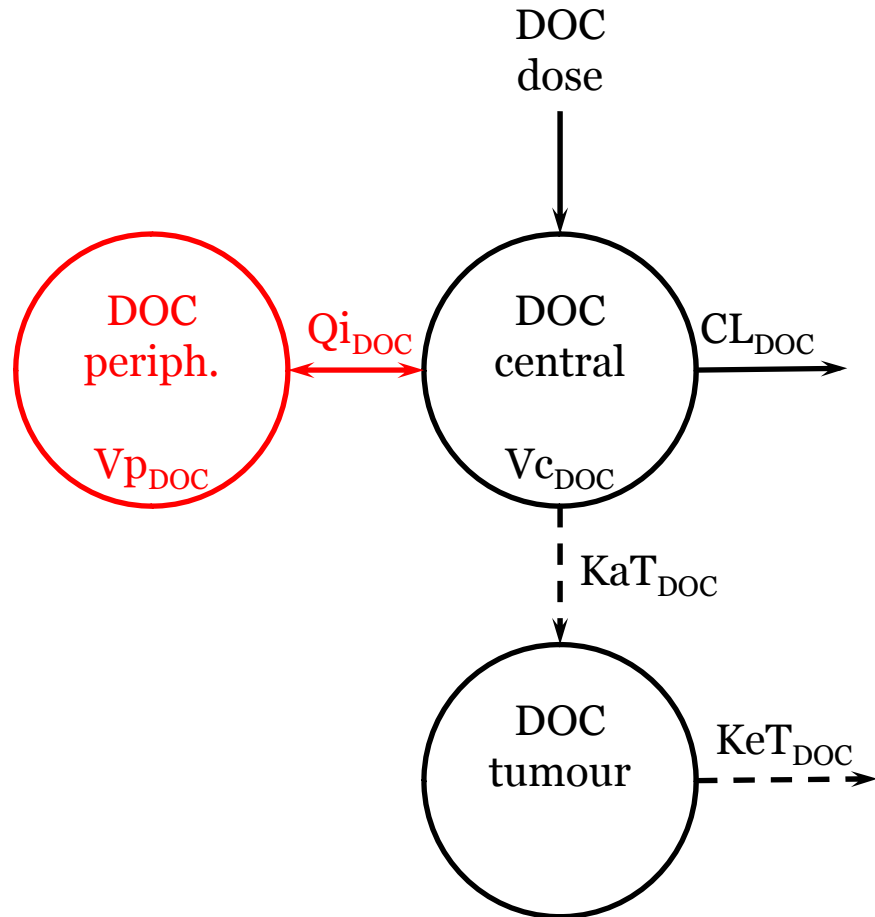
PK model – ritonavir



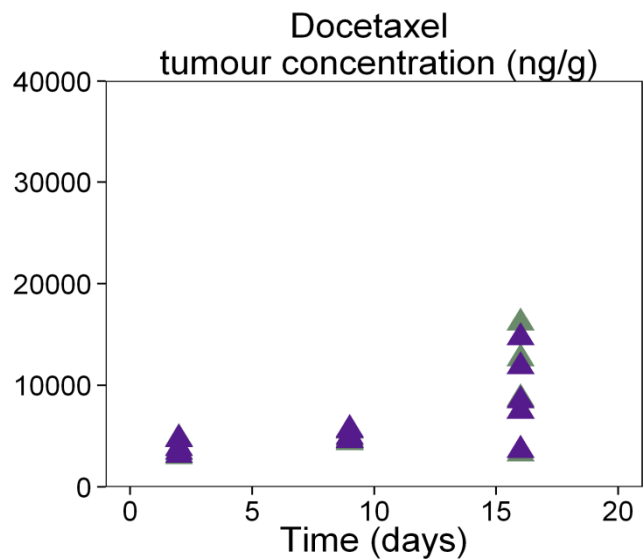
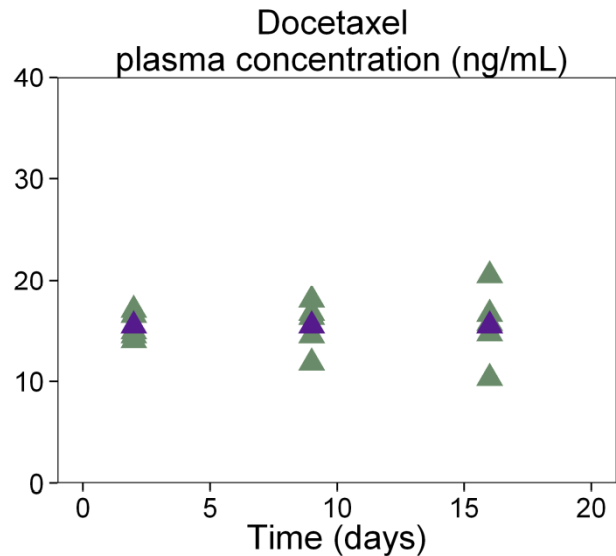
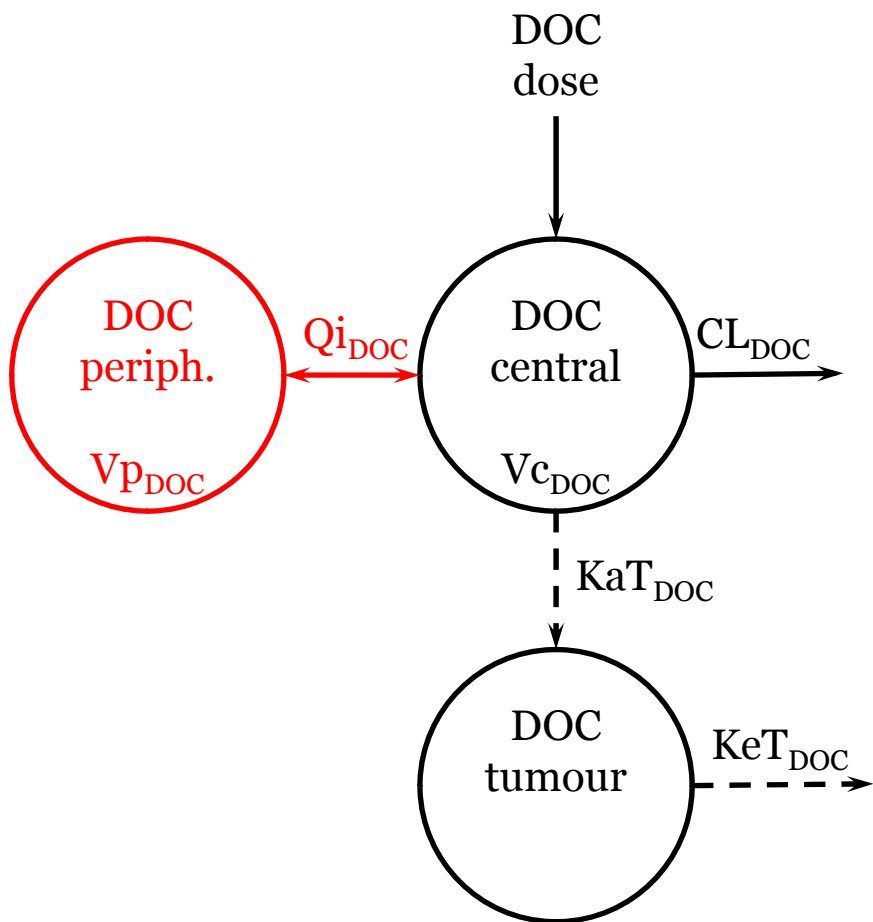
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PK model – docetaxel

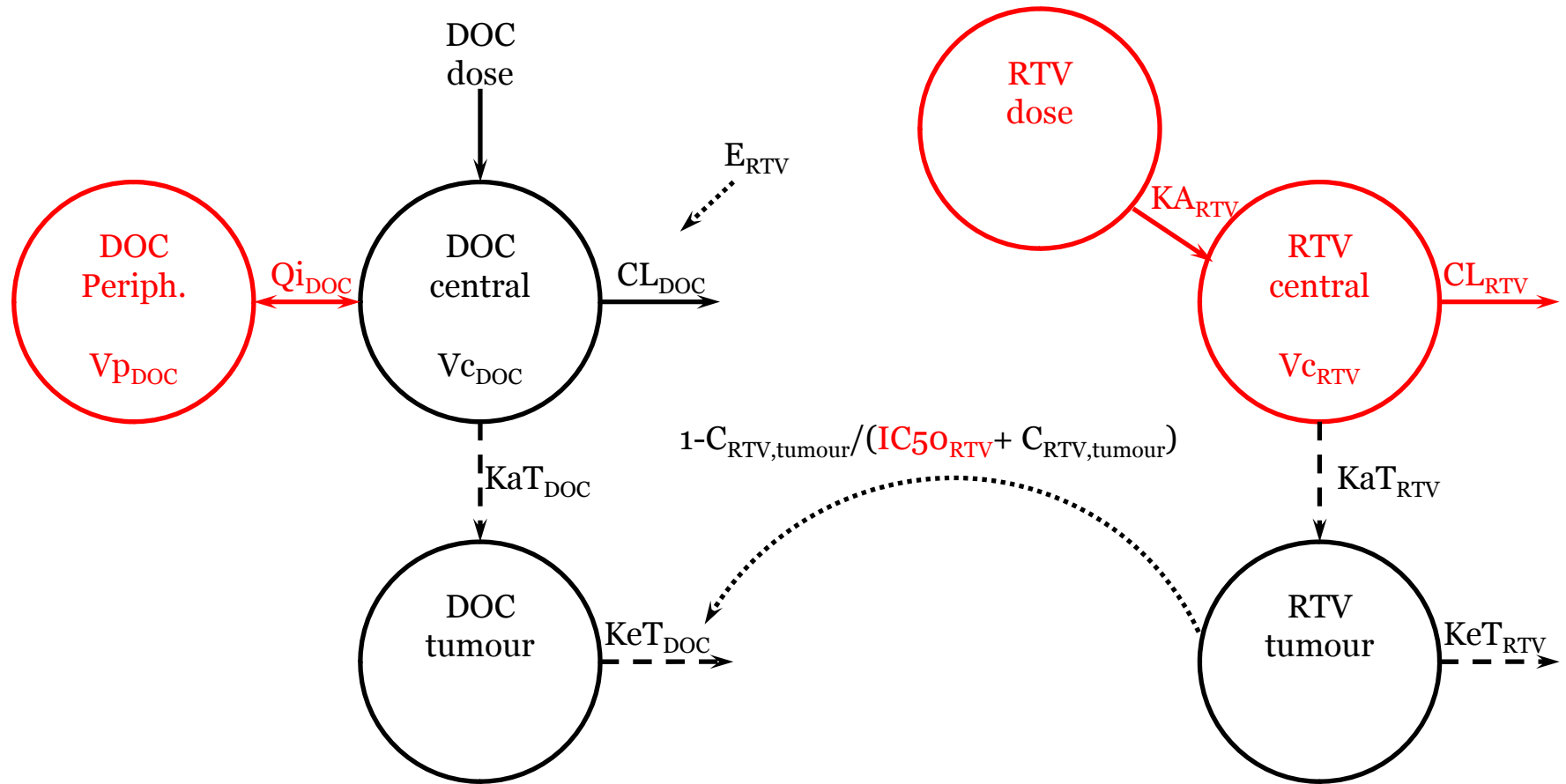


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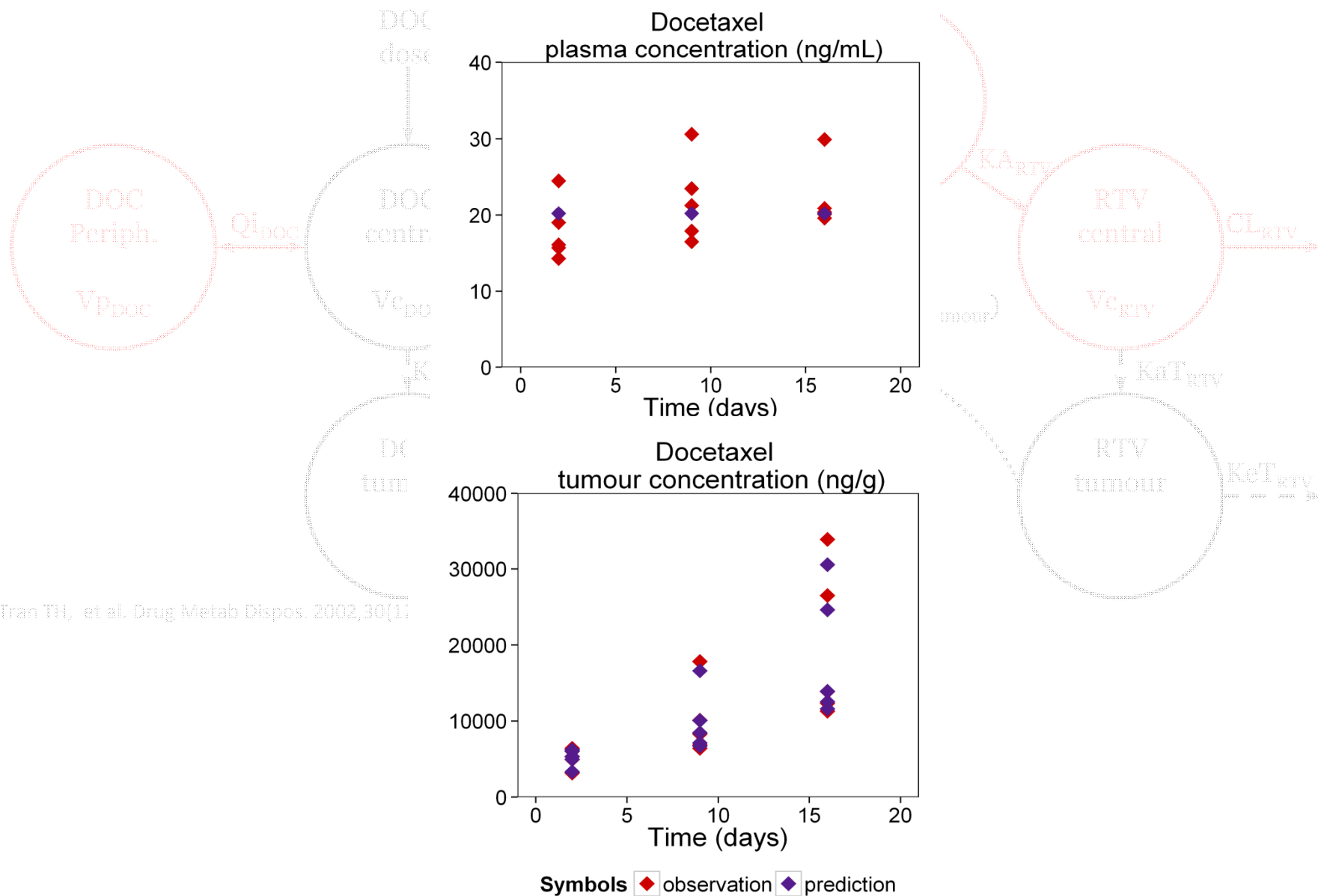
Symbols ▲ observation ▲ prediction

PK model – co-administration of docetaxel and ritonavir



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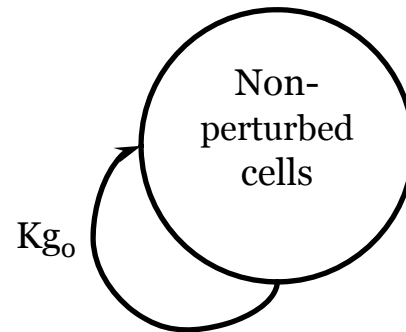
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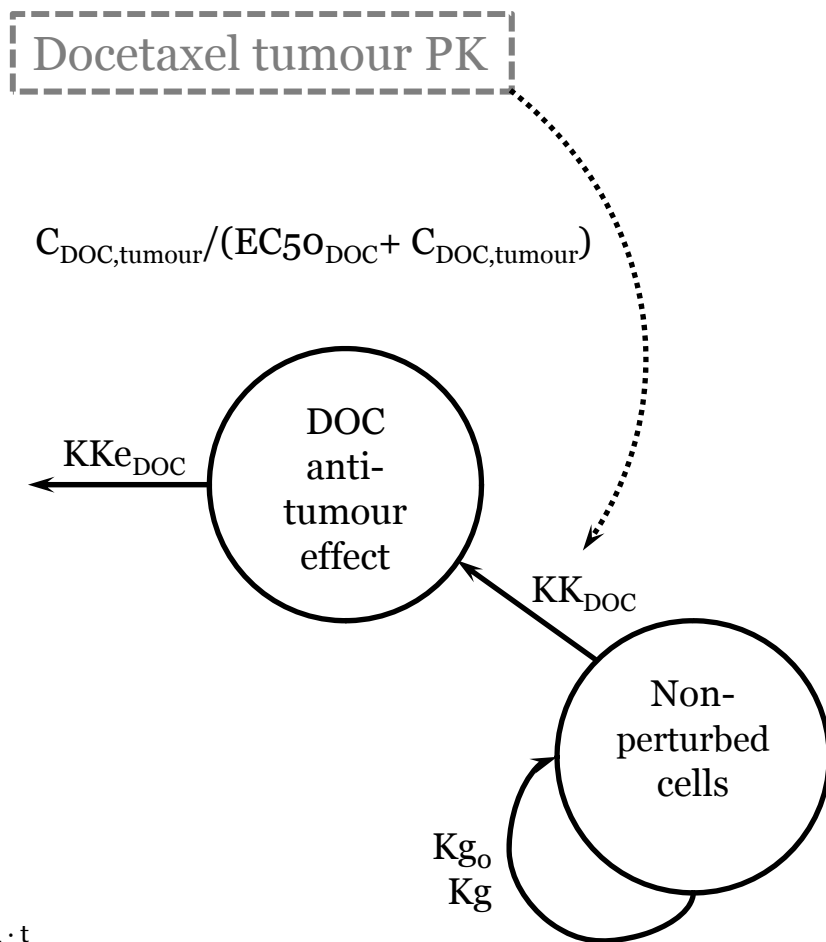
PK model – conclusions

- In Cyp3a knock-out host, ritonavir **slightly decreased docetaxel systemic clearance** by 8% when co-administered
- In tumour with inherent Cyp3a expression, ritonavir **inhibited docetaxel metabolism** resulting in docetaxel tumour AUC 2.5-fold higher when co-treated with ritonavir

PK-PD model – Exponential tumour growth model



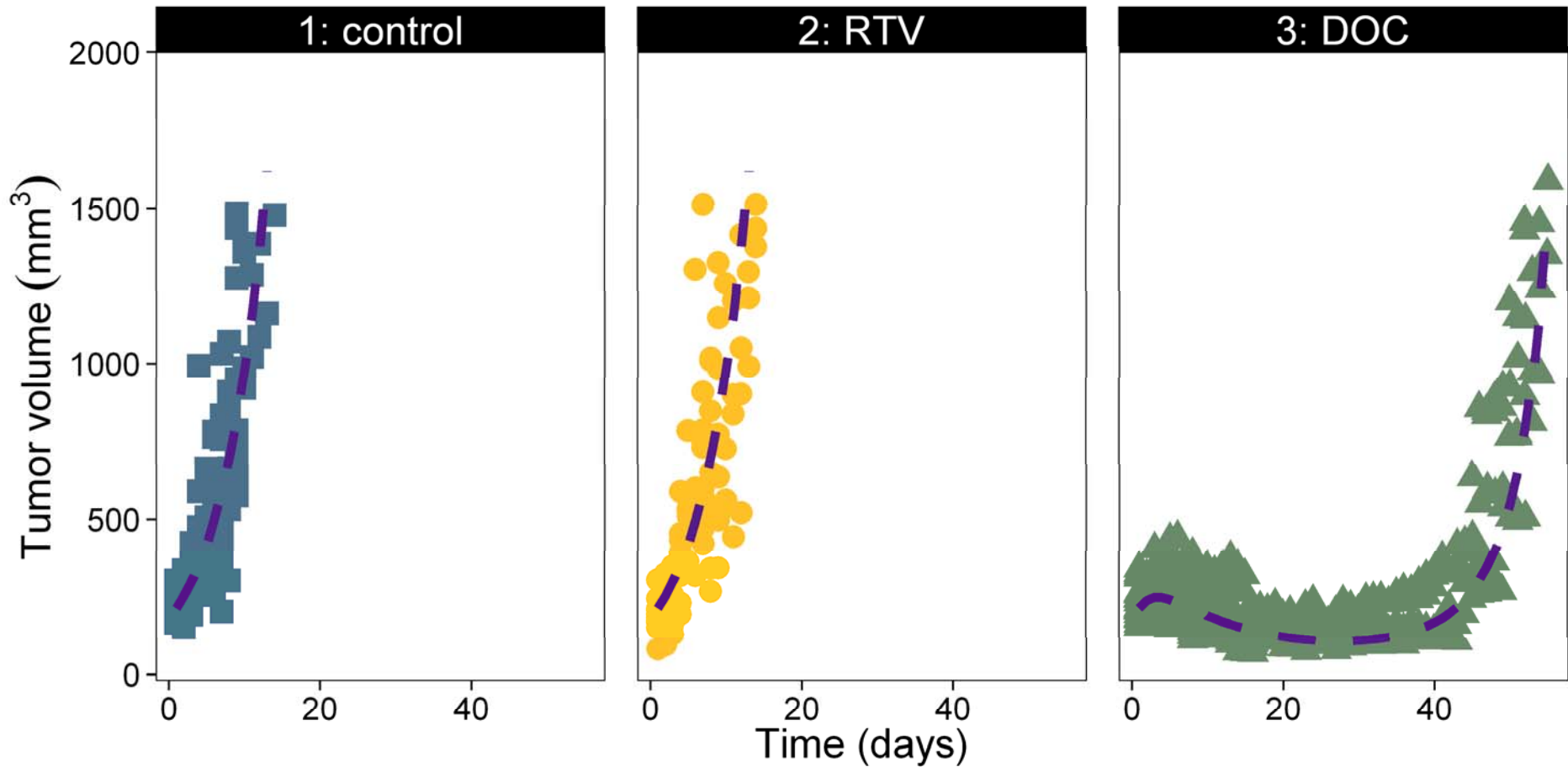
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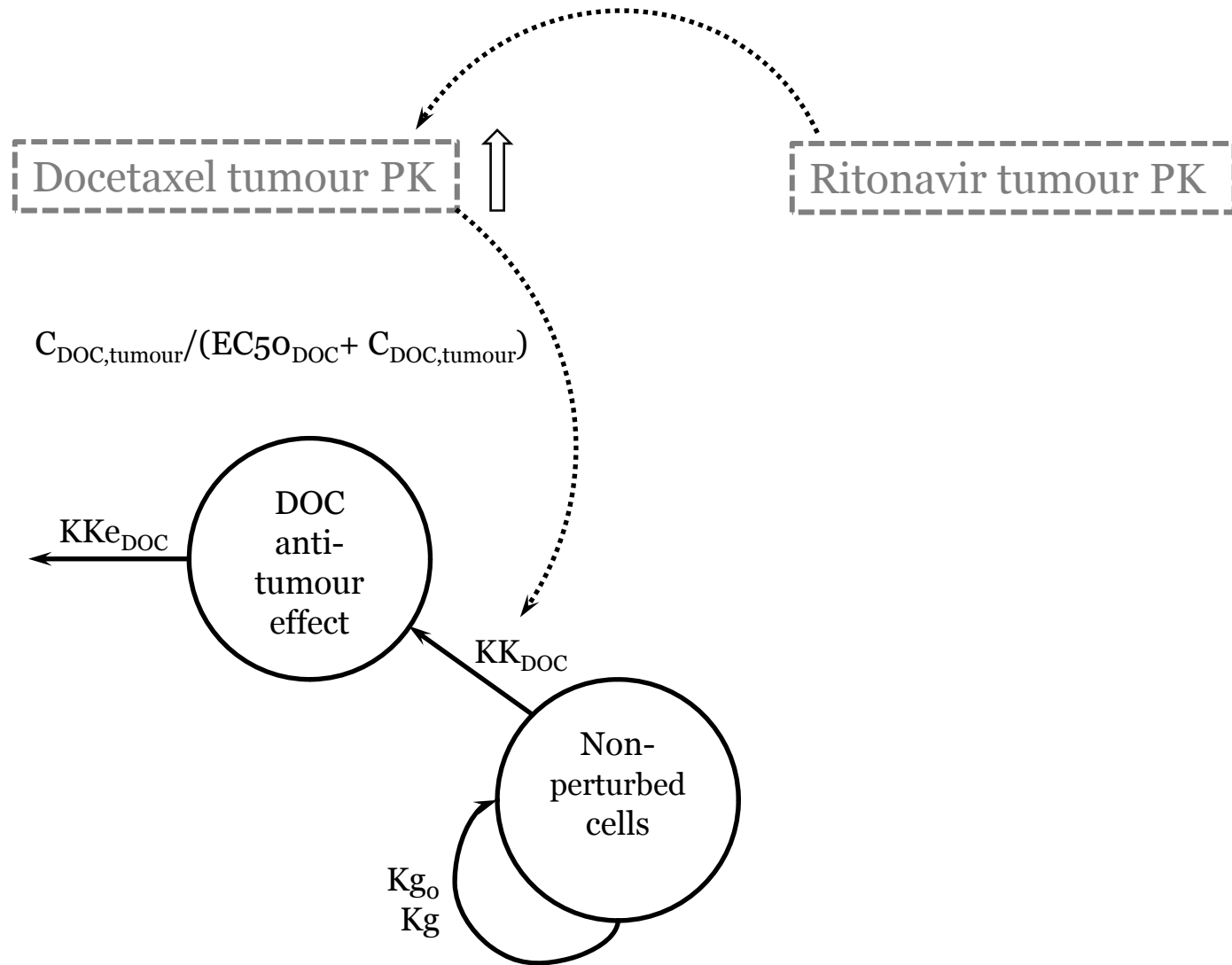
$$\text{Kg} = \text{Kg}_0 \cdot e^{\lambda \cdot t}$$

($\lambda = 0.061 \text{ week}^{-1}$)

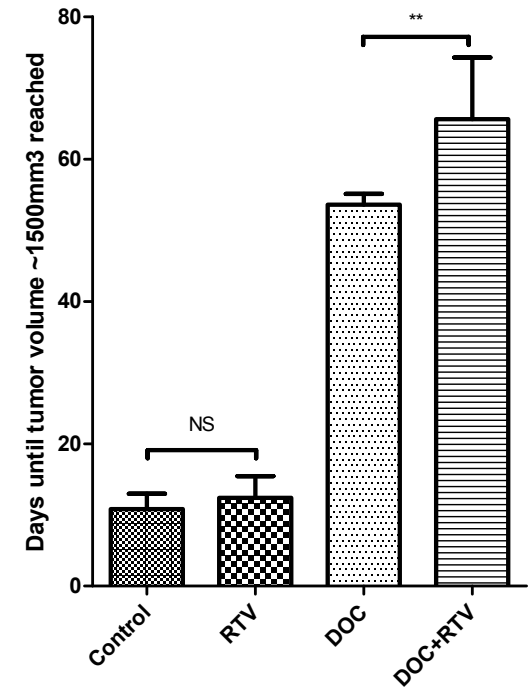
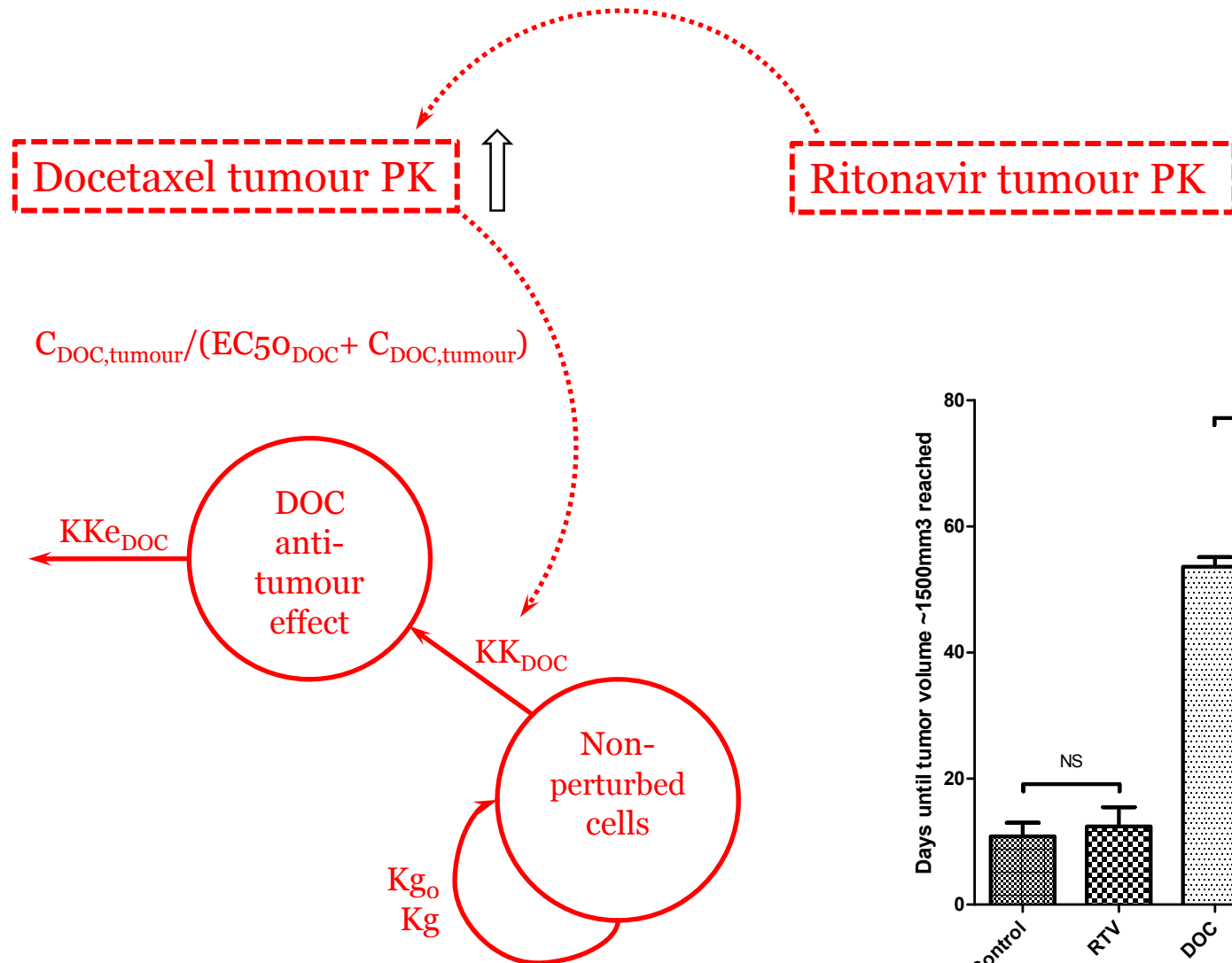
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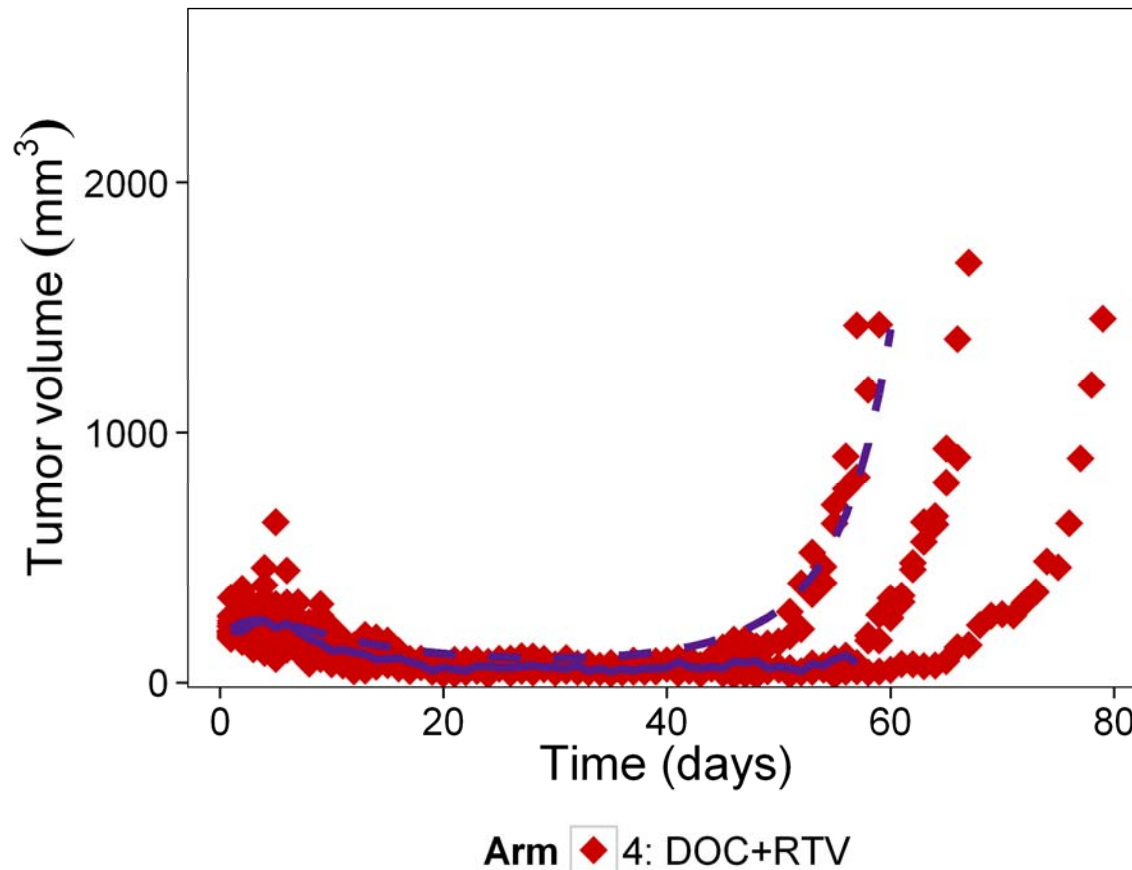
PK-PD model – ritonavir co-treated TGI model



Hypothesis test –TGI model with docetaxel-treated TGI and PK parameters

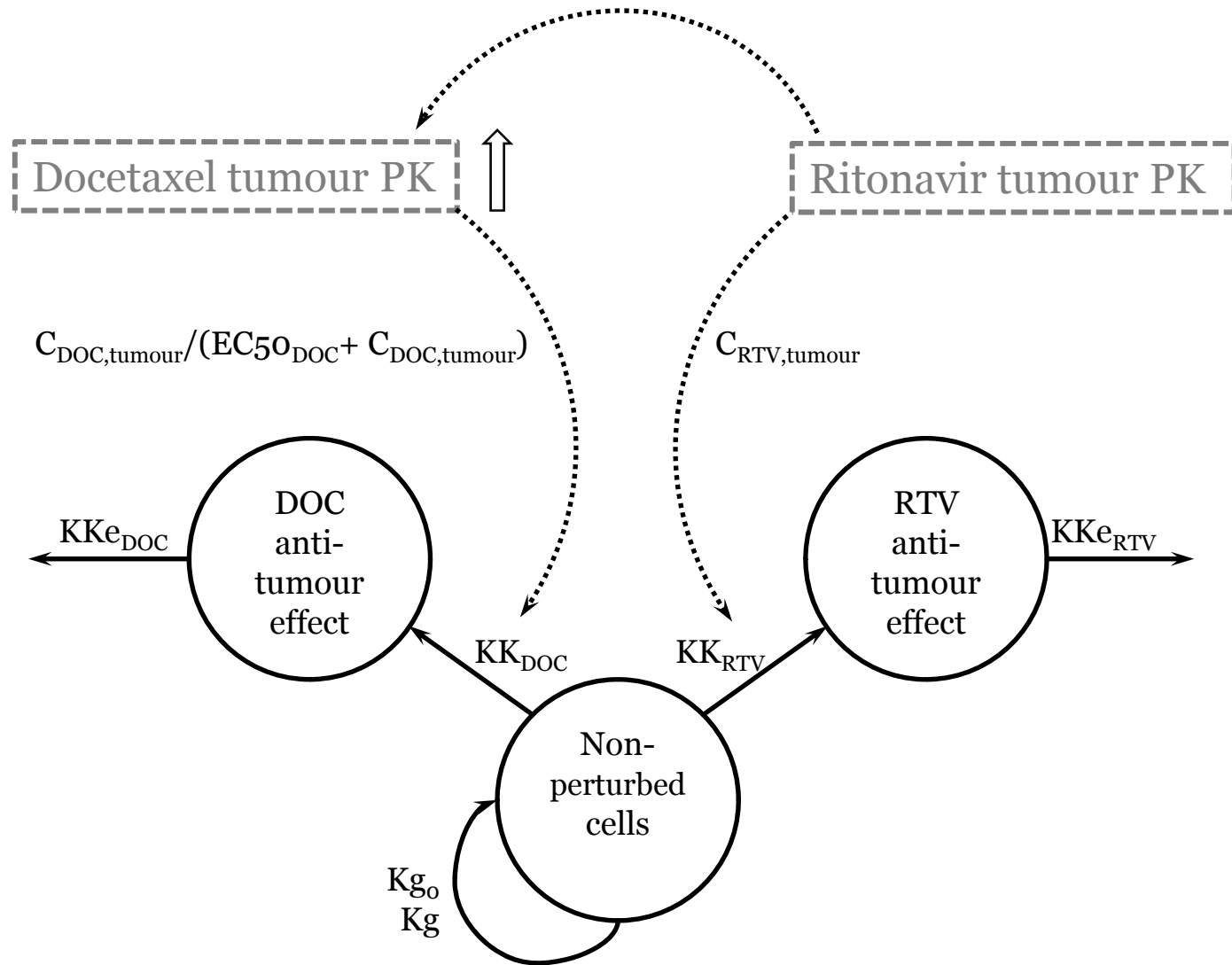


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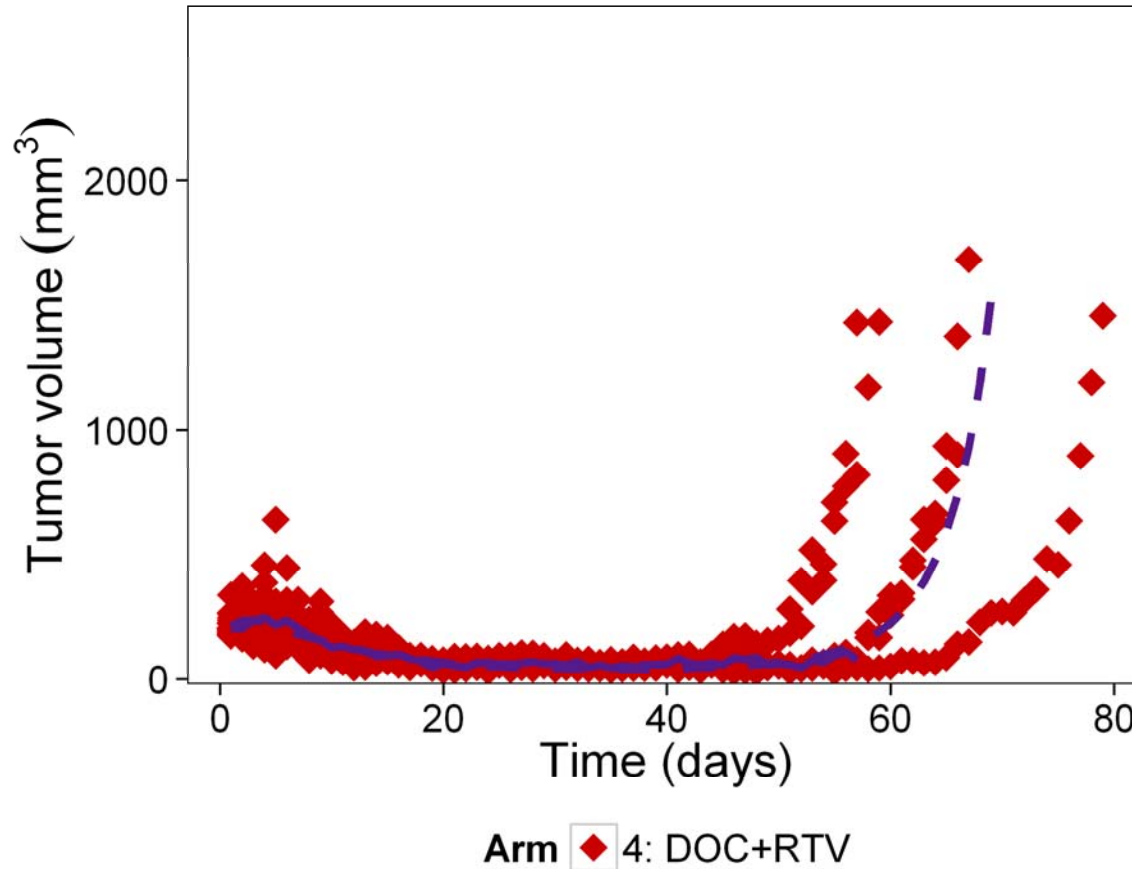


- Slight underestimation of **anti-tumour effect** in early phase of treatment
- Underestimation of the **time to tumour re-growth**

Hypothesis test – estimation of ritonavir anti-tumour effect

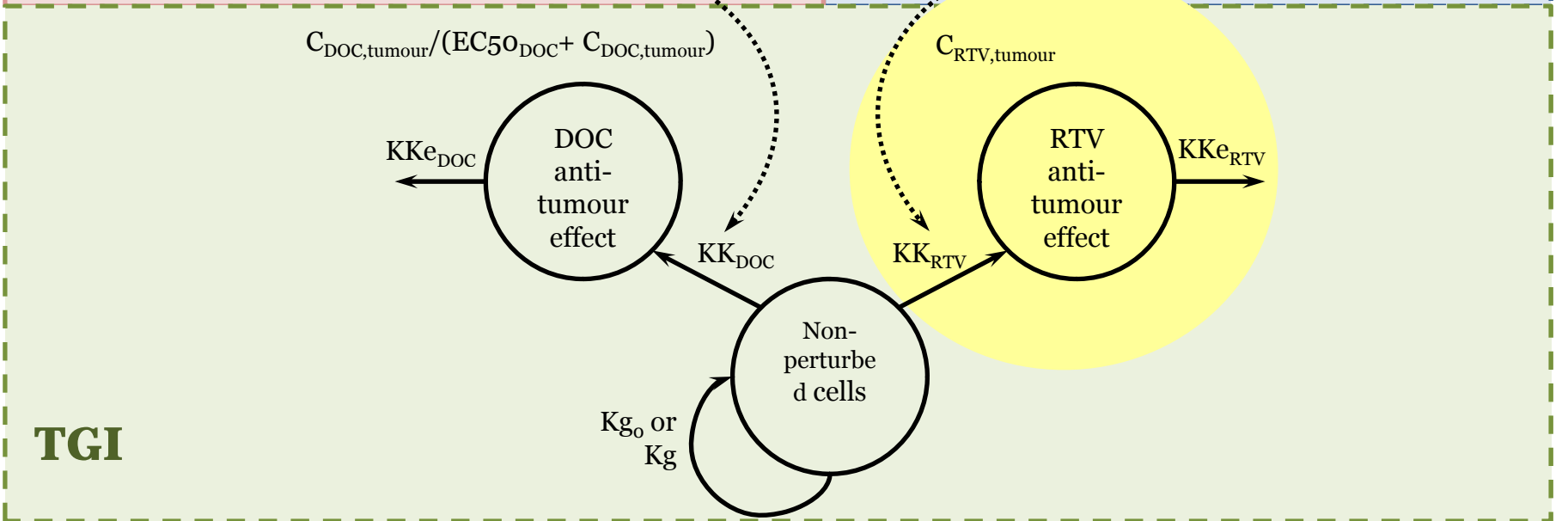
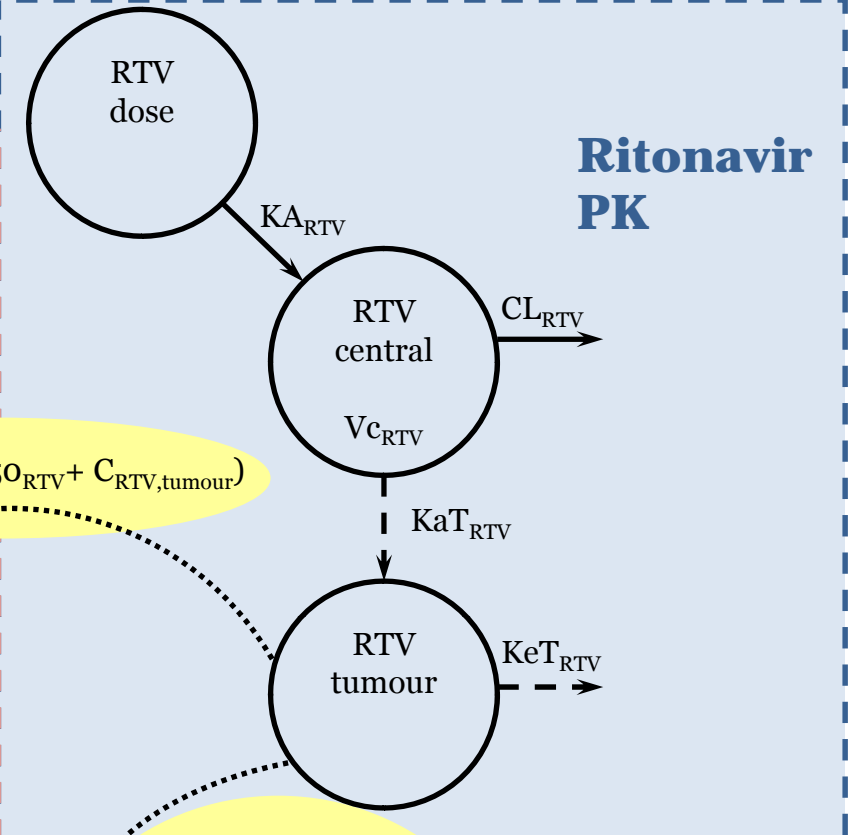
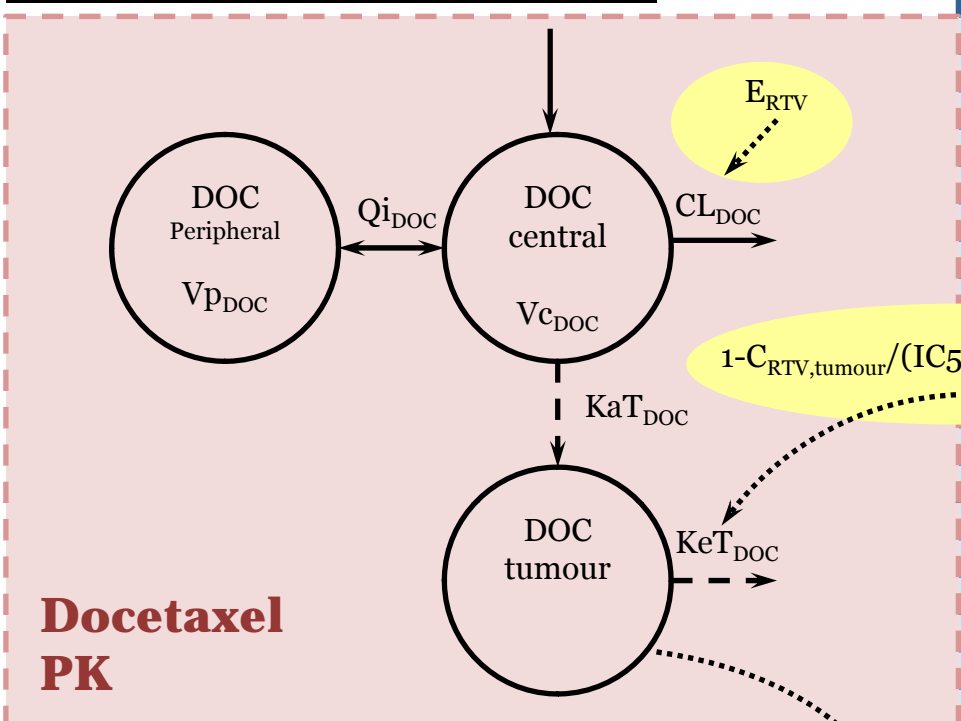


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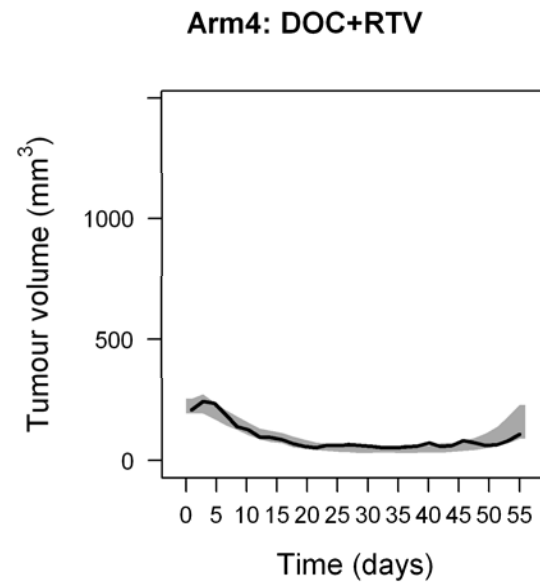
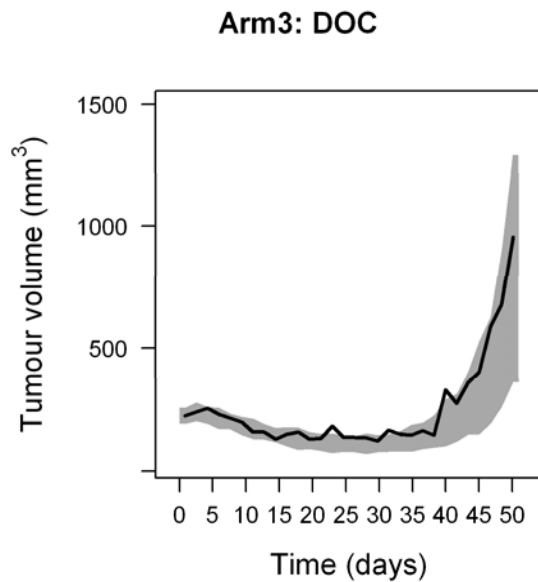
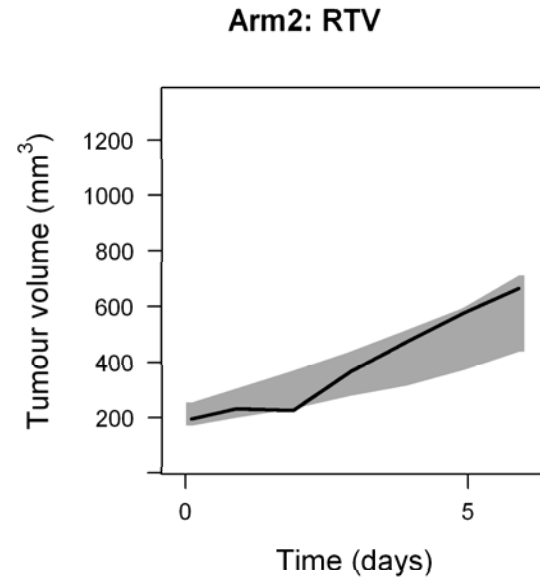
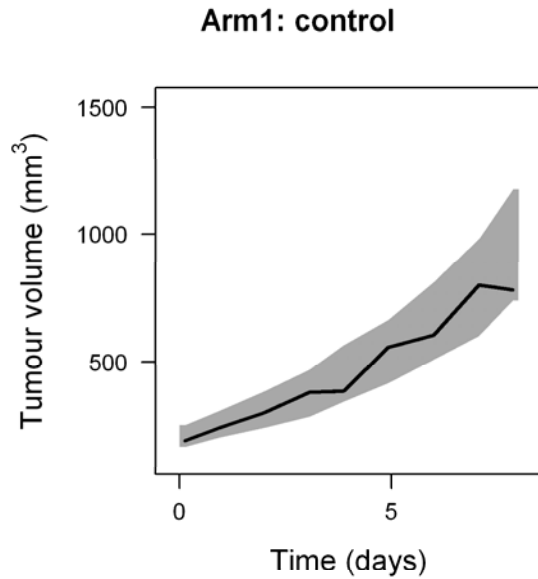


- Bias in the model prediction of tumour volume in the co-administration disappeared
- Objective function value dropped 59 points comparing to the model estimation without ritonavir anti-tumour effect

Final PK-PD model



Final PK-PD model – visual predictive check



Conclusions

- A PK-PD model has been successfully developed describing the **complex interaction between docetaxel and ritonavir** when co-administered in a mouse model for hereditary breast cancer
- We showed that the enhanced tumour growth inhibition observed in the co-administration of docetaxel with ritonavir is **mainly caused by boosting the tumour concentration of docetaxel** and to a minor extent by a **direct tumour growth inhibitory effect of ritonavir**

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