

Modeling the synergism between the anti-angiogenic drug sunitinib and irinotecan in xenografted mice

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- Sunitinib
  - Oral small-molecule angiogenesis inhibitor
  - Multi-targeted RTKi (targets PDGF, VEGF, EGF receptors)

## Objective

Evaluate a potential synergistic effect between sunitinib, an anti-angiogenic agent, when given in combination with irinotecan, a cytotoxic agent

#### Sunitinib Monotherapy Experimental Data

Sunitinib Monotherapy Experimental Data



#### Model of Tumor Growth with Sunitinib Monotherapy



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We continue by considering the combination of sunitinib with the chemotherapeutic agent irinotecan (CPT-11)

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#### Accurately model our data





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$$\frac{dC}{dt} = -p_c C$$

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$$\frac{dD_1}{dt} = \lambda D_1 \left( 1 - \left( \frac{D}{K} \right)^{\alpha} \right) - \beta_c p_c C D_1$$

$$\frac{dD_2}{dt} = \beta_c p_c C D_1 - k_c D_2$$

$$\frac{dD_3}{dt} = k_c D_2 - k_c D_3$$

$$\frac{dD_4}{dt} = k_c D_3 - k_c D_4$$

$$\frac{dK}{dt} = bD_1^2 - \beta_s p_s S K$$

$$D = D_1 + D_2 + D_3 + D_4$$

















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#### **Model Simulations**









#### **Normalization Window**



# Conclusions

 Model of sunitinib and its combination w/ irinotecan in preclinical colorectal cancer

- Model supports that there is a synergistic interaction between the drugs
  - Interaction between irinotecan and sunitinib is proportional to amount of sunitinib given prior to irinotecan administration
  - Model exhibits evidence of a normalization window, consistent with [JAIN SCIENCE 2005] & [ARJAANS CR 2013]

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