

Supporting Information

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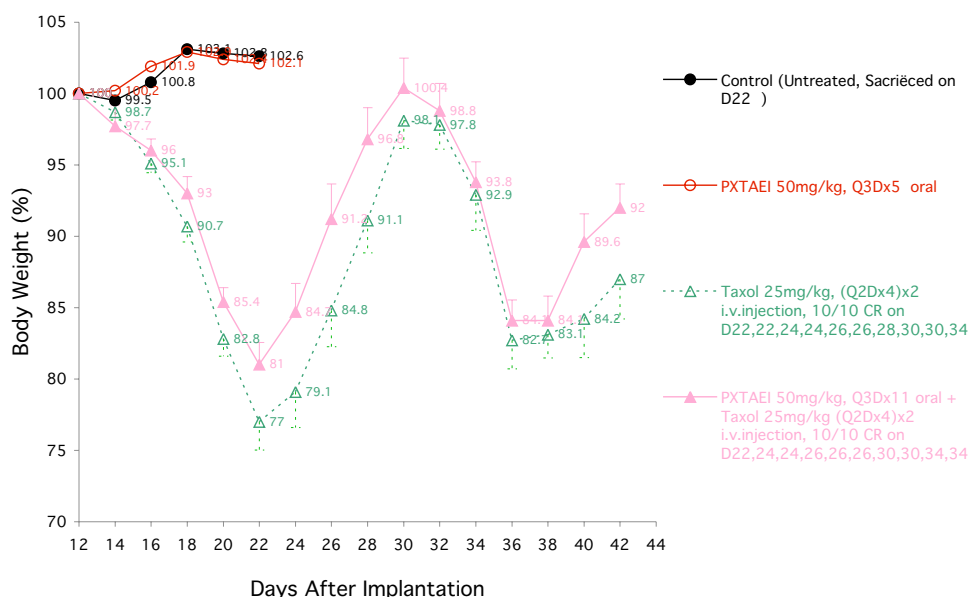


Fig. S1. Reduction of Taxol-induced toxicity by oral administration of PXTAEI in nude mice bearing a human mammary carcinoma MX-1 xenograft. High repeated doses of Taxol (25 mg/kg administered i.v. according to the schedule shown), induced body weight losses (green Δ). Cotreatment with oral PXTAEI (50 mg/kg administered every 3 d) alleviated body weight losses and improved recovery (pink \blacktriangle). The rapid MX-1 tumor growth did not hinder the body weight gain with (red \circ) or without (black \bullet) PXTAEI, and these mice were killed on D22 because of excessive tumor burden (i.e., tumor >10% of body weight).

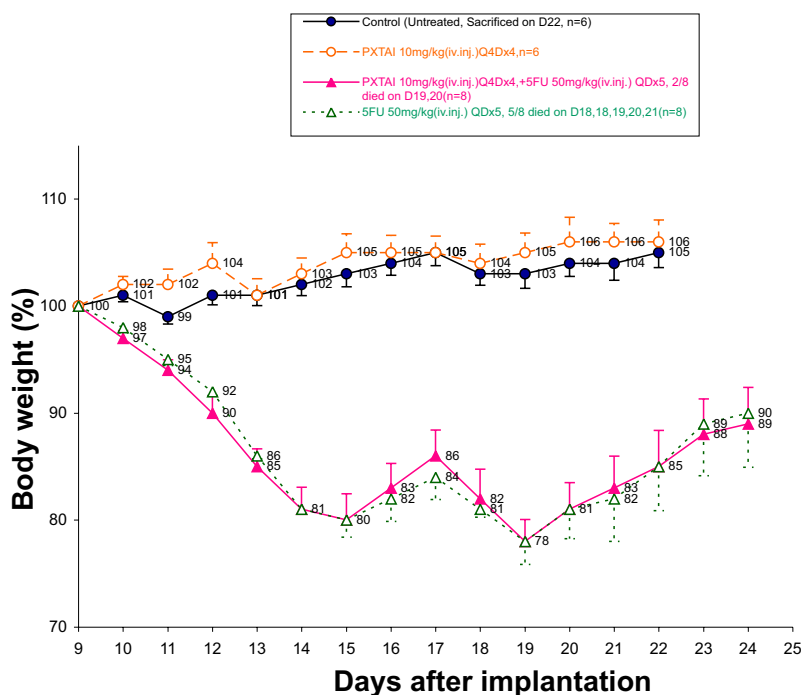


Fig. S2. Reduction of high-dose 5-FU-induced lethality by a low dose of PXTAI (10 mg/kg administered as an i.v. injection every 4 d) in nude mice bearing MX-1 xenograft tumor. The 5-FU dose was 50 mg/kg administered as an i.v. injection QD for 5 d, which caused the death of five of eight mice (green Δ). The body weight losses were not alleviated by PXTAI because of drastic 5-FU treatment (pink \blacktriangle). The saline-treated control group (\bullet) and the PXTAI-treated group (orange \circ) showed continued body weight increases. On D24, 5-FU treatment led to 90.2% tumor suppression, whereas 5-FU plus PXTAI resulted in 93.3% tumor suppression.

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Table S2. Cytotoxicity of PXTA derivatives against solid tumor growth: IC50 (μM) against human solid tumor cells*

Compound	MX-1 mammary carcinoma	HCT-116 colon carcinoma	A-549 lung carcinoma	SK-OV-3 ovarian adenocarcinoma
panaxytriol acetonide (PXTA)	1.9	1.3	4.0	3.0
PXTA isomer (PXTAI)	5.3	0.6	2.9	5.1
PXTA ethyl alcohol 3-isomer (PXTAEI)	3.5	3.2	1.0	4.0
PXTA ethyl ketone	1.5	1.1	12.6	13.0

*Cell counting kit 8 (CCK-8) assay following 72-h drug exposure. The absorbance was measured by a Powerwave XS microplate spectrophotometer.

Table S3. Effect of PXTAEI (i.v. injection) against Taxol-induced neurotoxicity in MX-1/nude mice: A study of reduction of neurotoxicity* by PXTAEI (cycle 1)

Group	No.	Neurotoxicity (paralysis) on date after implantation (cycle 1)										First cycle total score	
		09	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27		
Taxol, 25 mg/kg i.v. injection (D9, D11, D13, D15)	A1	–	–	–	–	+	++	++	++	++	+	10	53
	A2	–	–	–	–	+	++	++	+	+	–	7	
	A3	–	–	–	–	+	++	++	++	+	–	8	
	A4	–	–	–	–	+	++	++	+	+	+	8	
	A5	–	–	–	–	+	++	++	++	+	–	8	
	A6	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	2	
	A7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	
	A8	–	–	–	–	+	++	++	+	–	–	5	
	A9	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	–	3	
	A10	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	2	
Taxol, 25 mg/kg i.v. injection (D9, D11, D13, D15) + PXTAEI, 30 mg/kg i.v. injection (every 4 d)	B1	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	2	27
	B2	–	–	–	–	+	++	++	++	+	–	8	
	B3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	
	B4	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	1	
	B5	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	2	
	B6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	
	B7	–	–	–	–	+	++	++	+	+	+	8	
	B8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	
	B9	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	4	
	B10	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	2	
↑: i.v. injection (Taxol)		↑	↑	↑	↑								

*PXTAEI at 30 mg/kg on its own has no toxicity or significant therapeutic effect. Rating: –, normal; +, slightly unable to balance; ++, hind leg paralysis; +++, paralysis of four legs and death.

