TREATMENT WITH IRINOTECAN (CPT-11) AND AN EGFR-INHIBITOR

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a method for manufacturing a medicament for treating tumors or tumor metastases, characterized in that a therapeutically effective amount of an EGFR kinase inhibitor and irinotecan is used, with or without additional agents or treatments, such as other anti-cancer drugs or radiation therapy. The invention also encompasses a pharmaceutical composition that is comprised of an EGFR kinase inhibitor and irinotecan combination in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. A preferred example of an EGFR kinase inhibitor that can be used in practising this invention is the compound erlotinib HCl (also known as Tarceva™).

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