**Model Name**  
Xenograft, Melanoma, SK-MEL-5

**Item Number**  
582110

**Introduction**  
The SK-MEL-5 human malignant melanoma xenograft model is used to evaluate therapeutic efficacy of investigational antineoplastic agent(s) in immune compromised mice.

**Procedure Summary**  
Groups of eight (8), specific-pathogen-free (SPF) female BALB/c nude mice bred in an animal isolator (IVC racks) under SPF conditions at 22 ± 2°C are used. Viable human malignant melanoma SK-MEL-5 (ATCC HTB-70) cells are injected subcutaneously into the right flank of experimental mice. Dose administrations are initiated when tumor volumes reach 100-150 mm$^3$ (Day 1). Tumor volumes and body weights are measured and recorded twice weekly over the course of the study period. Study will continue for “n” days. Therapeutic efficacy may be evaluated for Tumor Growth Inhibition (TGI), Tumor Growth Delay (TGD), or both TGI and TGD.

**Suggested Testing**  
Tumor Growth Inhibition (%TGI) is determined twice weekly by the formula: \(\%TGI = (1 - [(Tn)/(Cn)]) \times 100\) where \(Tn = \) mean tumor volume of treated group on day “n”, and \(Cn = \) mean tumor volume of control group on day “n”. Tumor Growth Delay (%TGD) is expressed as the percentage by which the treated group median tumor volume is delayed in reaching the established tumor volume endpoint compared to the controls using the formula \((T-C)/C) \times 100\) where \(T\) and \(C\) are median times (days) to reach the established tumor volume endpoint for the treated and control group, respectively.

**Endpoint Parameters**  
Recommended tumor volume endpoint: 1000 mm$^3$

**Study Parameters**  
Tumor volume (mm$^3$) is estimated according to the prolate ellipsoid formula: \(\text{Length (mm)} \times \text{[Width (mm)]}^2 \times 0.5\).

**Optional Services**  
- In Vitro cell proliferation  
- MTD determination  
- PK and bio-analysis for plasma and tumor  
- Clinical chemistries and CBC data collection  
- Continuous infusion dose administration (osmotic pump)  
- Tumor and organ sampling

**Literature**  

**Related Assay (Item # - Assay Name)**  
582100 - Xenograft, Melanoma, A-375

**Modified Protocols**  
We will readily accommodate client-specified alterations.
Laboratory
These assays are performed at our AAALAC accredited laboratory in Taipei.

Animal Welfare
All aspects of this work is performed in general accordance with the Guide for the Care and Use of laboratory animals (National Academy Press, Washington, DC, 2011). The study protocol was approved by the Pharmacology Discovery Services IACUC and is performed with the oversight of veterinarians to assure the humane treatment of laboratory animals.

Tumor Growth Data

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