	IC50 ^{96h}							
Cell lines	domatinostat μM	Gemcitabine nM	Taxol nM	5' DFUR μM	SN-38 nM	Oxaliplatin μΜ		
PANC1	0.56 ± 0.19	16.72 ± 2.05	6.75 ± 1.06	26.68 ± 8.51	3.33 ± 1.46	1.30 ± 0.42		
ASPC1	0.47 ± 0.14	13.87 ± 2.42	3.69 ± 1.80	30.00 ± 8.46	25.58 ± 5.16	26.29 ±4.16		
PANC28	0.32 ± 0.03	54.20 ± 6.14	1.41 ± 0.50	10.30 ± 4.53	5.38 ± 1.72	2.07 ± 1.60		
BJhTERT	0.66 ± 0.28	ND	49 ± 1.41	56.7±5.7	27.5 ± 3.53	8.2 ± 1.87		

Supplementary Table S1. **Pancreatic cancer cells sensitivity.** Anti-proliferative effects of domatinostat and gemcitabine, taxol, 5'DFUR, SN-38 and oxaliplatin evaluated as half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC50) upon 96 hours of treatment.

		50:50 (50:50 Combination domatinostat+ Chemio96h			50:50 Sequential Treatment domatinostat96h -> Chemio 72h			
Cell lines	treatment	Cl ₅₀ (±SD)	Cl ₇₅ (±SD)	DRI ₅₀ (±SD) domatinostat	DRIatCl ₅₀ (±SD) chemio	Cl ₅₀ (±SD)	Cl ₇₅ (±SD)	DRI ₅₀ (±SD) domatinostat	DRIatCl₅o (±SD) chemio
C28	domatinostat+Gemoitabine (Gem)	0.90±0.12	0.89±0.03	1.52±0.14	3.35±1.15	0.84±0.06	0.64±0.21	2.10±0.00	2.98±0.64
N A	domatinostat+Taxol (Tax)	0.50±0.12	0.44±0.09	15.15±13.64	16.17±12.85	0.66±0.26	0.75±0.32	3.17±0.14	3.57±2.16
	domatinostat+GemTax	0.92±0.16	1.11 ±0.15	1.33±0.75	1.37±0.31	1.08±0.02	1.03±0.42	1.56±0.26	2.35±0.43
5	domatinostat+Gemoitabine (Gem)	1.05±0.13	1.07±0.16	2.23±0.6	1.4±0.18	0.75±0.07	0.60±0.29	2.12±0.38	4.88±0.25
MA	domatinostat+Taxol (Tax)	0.67±0.14	0.60±0.11	2.36±0.72	4 <u>.22±2.6</u> 5	0.60±0.07	0.75±0.35	3.30±1.92	2.86±1.60
	domatinostat+GemTax	0.52±0.35	0.84±0.1	2.9±1.3	1.98±0.66	1.03±0.16	0.89±0.14	1.60±0.45	1.82±0.26
5	domatinostat+Gemoitabine (Gem)	0.96±0.80	0.90±0.18	4.36±2.86	3.57±2.18	0.82±0.03	0.55±0.13	1.85±0.35	3.70±0.56
₽ S A	domatinostat+Taxol (Tax)	0.74±0.24	1.07±0.55	2.71±1.68	4.09±0.99	0.81±0.33	1.59±0.6	3.29±1.44	1.63±0.38
	domatinostat+GemTax	0.86±0.02	1.01 ±0.16	3.15±1.34	3.43±0.32	1.27±0.13	1.11±0.06	1.55±0.47	1.58±1.11
	domatinostat+Gemoitabine (Gem)	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Rhite	domatinostat+Taxol (Tax)	2.51 ±0.66	12.14±17.28	0.56±0.35	7.16±7.71	1.28±0.58	1.4±1.12	3.54±2.51	2.15±1.9
	domatinostat+GemTax	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND



Supplementary Table 2. Screening domatinostat in combination with chemotherapeutics on cell proliferation by SRB assay and Calcusyn software. Combination Index 50 and Index 75 of simultaneous and sequential treatment of domatinostat plus Chemiotherapeutics (gemcitabine, taxol and gemcitabine plus taxol) at equi-toxic doses.

		75:25 (75:25 Combination domatinostat+ Chemio96h				75:25 Sequential Treatment domatinostat96h -> Chemio72h			
Cell lines	treatment	Cl ₅₀ (±SD)	Cl ₇₅ (±SD)	DRI ₅₀ (±SD) domatinostat	DRIatCl ₅₀ (±SD) chemio	Cl ₅₀ (±SD)	Cl ₇₅ (±SD)	DRI ₅₀ (±SD) domatinostat	DRIatCl ₅₀ (±SD) chemio	
6 <u>7</u> 8	domatinostat+Gemoitabine (Gem)	0.71 ±0.32	0.90±0.5	1.24±0.57	7.03±2.41	0.66±0.15	0.64±0.16	1.57±0.41	10.04±3.20	
PAN	domatinostat+Taxol (Tax)	0.74±0.16	0.58±0.21	8.51 ±1.81	1.60±0.77	0.47±0.35	0.66±0.35	1.38±0.28	10.29±5.82	
	domatinostat+GemTax	0.80±0.11	0.84±0.12	1.52±0.44	6.27±3.11	1.04±0.08	0.74±0.06	1.18±0.20	3.38±1.69	
ъ	domatinostat+Gemcilabine (Gem)	0.46±0.03	0.71 ±0.12	10.18±5.03	2.22±1.54	0.65±0.12	0.68±0.16	1.56±0.30	21.14±3.37	
PAN	domatinostat+Taxol (Tax)	0.67±0.04	0.87±0.24	1.56±0.58	4.09±0.99	1.17±0.22	1.17±0.36	0.99±0.29	4 <u>2+2</u>	
	domatinostat+GemTax	0.58±0.11	0.78±0.03	1.8±0.45	8.3±1.41	0.73±0.23	0.7±0.02	2.12±1.30	6.35±2.00	
δ	domatinostat+Gemoitabine (Gem)	0.50±0.27	0.56±0.21	257±1.22	2.52±1.22	0.66±0.08	0.65±0.21	1.55±0.21	26.30±3.25	
ASP	domatinostat+Taxol (Tax)	0.67±0.04	1.05±0.28	1.17±0.23	4.09±0.99	0.68±0.14	0.85±0.32	1.69±0.28	8.83±2.47	
	domatinostat+GemTax	0.79±0.08	0.90±0.05	1.39±0.09	7.07±1.46	0.72±0.18	1.04±0.03	1.50±0.48	17.43±2.31	
ERT	domatinostat+Gemoitabine (Gem)	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
ILINE	domatinostat+Taxol (Tax)	1.85±1.7	1.65±1.13	0.91±0.67	48.45±13.05	1.1 ±0.19	1.2.0±0.12	2.4±0.	1.46±0.61	
	domatinostat+GemTax	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	



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		50:50 (Combination dom	atinostat+ Cher	nio96h	50:50 Sequential Treatment domatinostat96h -> Chemio72h			
Cell Ines	treatment	Cl ₅₀ (±SD)	Cl ₇₅ (±SD)	DRI ₅₀ (±SD) domatinost at	DRIatCl _{so} (±SD) chemio	Cl ₅₀ (±SD)	Cl ₇₅ (±SD)	DRI _∞ (±SD) domatinostat	DRIatCl _{so} (±SD) chemio
	domatinostat+5'DFUR	1.06±0.03	1.12±0.10	2.73±0.40	1.42±0.03	0.62±0.25	0.56±0.27	245±1.06	2.66±0.19
83	domatinostat+ SN-38	0.68±0.14	0.58±0.29	123±022	123±022	0.65±0.07	0.91 ±0.27	1.62±0.86	2.18±2.00
PAN	domatinostat+ 5DFUR/SN- 38	1.22±0.08	0.90±0.27	2.94±0.82	2.88±0.11	0.89±0.16	0.89±0.01	2.14±0.57	283±124
	domatinostat+Oxaliplatin	0.82±0.39	0.91 ±0.37	2.5±1.13	3.1±1.41	0.75±0.17	0.68±0.04	2.19±1.00	2.18±0.29
	domatinostat+5'DFUR	1.05±0.32	1.36±0.26	2.73±0.06	1.78±1.03	0.47±0.00	0.48±0.06	2.97±0.16	6.82±0.55
ß	domatinostat+ SN-38	1.08±0.03	0.80±0.13	7.55±12	2.4±0.42	0.60±0.29	0.76±0.29	1.29±0.60	2.15±1.26
PAN	domatinostat+ 5DFUR/SN- 38	1.10±0.13	1.03±0.02	2.19±0.98	1.46±0.79	0.65±0.16	0.53±0.09	5.95±2.05	2.72±0.44
	domatinostat+Oxaliplatin	0.79±0.25	0.77 <u>±</u> 0.27	2.32±1.02	3.45±1.31	0.67±0.07	0.85±0.15	2.96±1.81	2.83±1.56
	domatinostat+5'DFUR	1.05±0.06	2.54±0.36	2.36±0.08	1.46±0.80	0.88±0.09	0.88±0.13	1.64±0.09	38.00±0.00
ß	domatinostat+ SN-38	0.45±0.21	0.81 ±0.09	3.35±1.81	1.87±0.84	0.73±0.06	0.98±0.16	1.68±1.15	61.46±18.75
ASP	domatinostat+ 5DFUR/SN- 38	0.75±0.08	0.70±0.15	2.02±1.07	2.90±1.40	0.66±0.02	0.93±0.03	1.41 ±0.49	6.35±2.94
	domatinostat+Oxaliplatin	0.81 ±0.03	0.76±0.02	2.19±0.38	2.88±0.96	0.47±0.05	0.81 ±0.39	3.42±1.01	8.69±7.08
	domatinostat+5'DFUR	0.74±0.41	1.02±0.23	1.87±1.16	5.46±5.08	1.18±0.28	1.57±0.42	1.60±0.26	3.91±1.13
ЫТЕК	domatinostat+ SN-38	0.89±0.25	3.93±1.52	2.08±10.7	2.92±0.62	1.00±0.12	1.23±0.5	1.5±0.14	3.43±1.86
Bh	domatinostat+ 5DFUR/SN- 38	1.25±0.18	1.96±0.34	1.69±0.75	1.75±0.24	1.06±0.10	1.22±0.18	1.65±0.54	3.33±1.57
	domatinostat+Oxaliplatin	1.05±0.15	1.43±0.35	1.70±0.71	2.83±1.04	1.02±0.04	1.17±0.29	1.90±0.70	3.01±1.21

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		75:25 (75:25 Combination domatinostat+ Chemio96h			75:25 Sequential Treatment domatinostat 96h -> Chemio 72h			
Cell Ines	treatment	Cl ₅₀ (±SD)	Cl ₇₅ (±SD)	DRI ₅₀ (±SD) domatinost at	DRIatCl₅o (±SD) chemio	Cl ₅₀ (±SD)	Cl ₇₅ (±SD)	DRI ₅₀ (±SD) domatinostat	DRIatCl₅o (±SD) chemio
	domatinostat+5'DFUR	0.95±0.05	0.71 ±0.17	1.41 ±0.30	2.58±0.55	0.64±0.19	0.61 ±0.20	2.0±0.56	7.97±2.58
g	domatinostat+ SN3-8	0.81 ±0.14	1.09±0.04	1.23±0.20	4.80±2.60	0.56±0.32	0.68±0.19	1.75±1.19	24.92±5.14
PAN	domatinostat+ 5DFUR/SN- 38	0.61 ±0.09	0.96±0.08	2.16±0.50	5.30±1.69	0.59±0.07	0.63±0.14	1.52±0.39	29.8±6.95
	domatinostat+Oxaliplatin	0.70±0.36	0.92±0.36	1.69±1.05	3.12±0.43	1.03±0.04	1.02±0.02	1.07±0.30	3.75±0.45
	domatinostat+5'DFUR	0.87±0.07	1.10±0.54	1.24±0.27	4.29±0.3.52	0.61 ±0.02	0.61 ±0.20	2±0.56	7.97±2.58
ъ	domatinostat+ SN-38	1.18±0.14	1.26±0.26	0.98±0.08	4.09±1.55	0.53±0.10	1.24±0.21	1.34±0.70	16.05±9.31
PAN	domatinostat+ 5DFUR/SN- 38	1.07±0.11	1.45±0.51	1.14±0.38	262±1.05	0.86±0.03	0.66±0.04	1.59±0.40	7.63±2.87
	domatinostat+Oxaliplatin	0.77±0.103	0.52 <u>+</u> 0.24	3.23±1.16	2.66±0.87	1.47±0.50	1.08±0.05	0.79±0.23	3.71±0.19
	domatinostat+5'DFUR	1.08±0.04	1.09±0.09	1.13±0.16	3.49±0.43	0.67±0.16	1.05±0.02	1.82±0.13	7.28±5.74
ğ	domatinostat+ SN-38	1.29±0.12	1.63±0.61	0.85±0.01	37.8±12.3	0.86±0.23	0.98±0.11	1.54±0.48	9.61 ±1.68
ASP	domatinostat+ 5DFUR/SN- 38	0.9±0.17	1.08±0.18	1.18±0.36	4.91 ±1.66	0.75±0.09	0.63±0.17	1.36±0.19	29.45±0.07
	domatinostat+Oxaliplatin	1.24±0.06	1.65±0.51	0.89±0.04	8.80±3.79	0.73±0.13	0.88±0.02	1.21 ±0.78	3.05±1.59
	domatinostat+5'DFUR	0.68±0.6	0.96±0.16	2.54 <u>+</u> 2.2	21.4±11.6	1.65±0.57	0.83±0.14	1.53±0.73	14.58 ±3.19
hier	domatinostat+ SN-38	2.76±1.47	2.45±0.62	0.44±25	23.18±3.15	1.51±0.18	1.31±0.40	0.88±0.35	9.77±1.47
B	domatinostat+ 5DFUR/SN- 38	1.88±0.70	1.42±0.52	1.11±0.53	3.45±0.53	1.26±0.19	1.02±0.15	1.53±0.57	14.58 ±3.19
	domatinostat+Oxaliplatin	1.14±0.07	1.4±0.38	1.12±0.31	425±2.05	0.85±0.12	1.25±0.55	1.34±0.21	10.67±3.36

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Oxidative stress genes related to bad prognosis [9]	baseMean	log ₂ FoldChange	lfcSE	stat	pvalue	padj
FOXM1	1.33E+03	-3.79E+00	1.04E-01	-3.63E+01	3.37E-288	1.07E-285
NUDT1	1.49E+02	-2.25E+00	1.89E-01	-1.19E+01	1.74E-32	1.52E-31
RNF7	6.95E+02	-7.76E-02	1.02E-01	-7.61E-01	4.47E-01	5.09E-01
EPHX2	1.40E+01	-2.04E-02	4.97E-01	-4.11E-02	9.67E-01	9.74E-01
SEPP1	6.36E+01	2.04E+00	2.69E-01	7.61E+00	2.83E-14	1.16E-13
DUSP1	2.25E+03	2.20E+0	8.37E-02	2.63E+01	3.48E-152	3.16E-150
TXNRD1	1.52E+04	2.22E+00	6.50E-02	3.41E+01	1.58E-254	4.18E-252

Supplementary Table S6. **Domatinostat modulates FOXM1 activity.** The top stress-related genes [9] that established the greatest fold change in pancreatic cancer cells when domatinostat is administered at low dose for 24 hours compared to DMSO treatment. The RNA-Seq data are obtained from a domatinostat transcriptome-wide effects study in L3.6, BxPC3 and PANC1, performed by Mishra VK et al [15].

GENE SYMBOL	GENE ID	PCC	
CDCA3	ENSG00000111665.11		0.89
NCAPD2	ENSG00000010292.12		0.85
RAD51AP1	ENSG00000111247.14		0.83
CCNB2	ENSG00000157456.7		0.74
BIRC5	ENSG0000089685.14		0.74
CCNF	ENSG00000162063.12		0.74
TPX2	ENSG00000088325.15		0.74
PLK1	ENSG00000166851.14		0.73
UBE2C	ENSG00000215021.8 ENSG00000175063.16		0.73
RP3-461F17.3	ENSG00000268439.5		0.73
ORC6	ENSG00000091651.8		0.73
KIF4A	ENSG00000090889.11		0.73
CDC20	ENSG00000117399.13		0.73
KIFC1 KIF18B	ENSG00000237649.7 ENSG00000186185.13		0.73
MRPL51	ENSG00000111639.7		0.72
TROAP	ENSG00000135451.12		0.72
GAPDH	ENSG00000111640.14		0.72
CENPH	ENSG00000153044.9		0.72
HMMR CONR1	ENSG00000072571.19		0.72
MAD2I 1	ENSG00000164109 13		0.71
KIF23	ENSG00000137807.13		0.71
RHNO1	ENSG00000171792.10		0.71
CDC25C	ENSG00000158402.18		0.7
I PI1	ENSG00000111669.14		0.7
ERCC6L	ENSG00000186871.6		0.7
KIF2C	ENSG00000142945.12		0.7
SCNN1A	ENSG00000111319.12		0.7
CDCA8	ENSG00000134690.10		0.7
C1/orf53	ENSG00000125319.14		0.7
NCAPH	ENSG00000121152.9		0.7
PTTG1	ENSG00000164611.12		0.7
NOP2	ENSG00000111641.10		0.69
CCNA2	ENSG00000145386.9		0.69
NDC80	ENSG0000080986.12		0.69
BLM	ENSG00000105480.15		0.69
MLF2	ENSG00000089693.10		0.69
KIF20A	ENSG00000112984.11		0.68
CENPF	ENSG00000117724.12		0.68
	ENSG00000111652.9		0.68
NEK2	ENSG00000105011.8		0.68
CD9	ENSG00000010278.11		0.67
CEP55	ENSG00000138180.15		0.67
KIF18A	ENSG00000121621.6		0.67
CENPU CINIS1	ENSG00000151725.11		0.67
MIS18A	ENSG00000159055.3		0.66
ASPM	ENSG0000066279.16		0.66
AURKA	ENSG0000087586.17		0.66
RP5-940J5.6	ENSG00000247853.2		0.66
	ENSG00000164045.11		0.66
GAPDHP1	ENSG00000142731110		0.00
EZH2	ENSG00000106462.10		0.66
DIAPH3	ENSG00000139734.17		0.66
HJURP	ENSG00000123485.11		0.66
CENPA	ENSG00000115163.14		0.66
USP5	ENSG00000198901.13		0.00
TICRR	ENSG00000140534.13		0.65
TYMS	ENSG00000176890.15		0.65
CCDC77	ENSG00000120647.9		0.65
	ENSG00000163808.16		0.65
FANCI	ENSG00000140525.17		0.62
TRIP13	ENSG00000071539.13		0.64
EXO1	ENSG00000174371.16		0.64
ТТК	ENSG00000112742.9		0.64
FAM72B	ENSG00000188610.12		0.64
MCM2	ENSG00000137563.11 ENSG00000073111 13		0.64
MYBL2	ENSG00000101057.15		0.64
NCAPG2	ENSG00000146918.19		0.64
SGOL1	ENSG00000129810.14		0.64
	ENSG00000162062.14		0.64
PIF1	ENSG00000140451.12		0.64
ORC1	ENSG00000085840.12		0.64
BUB1	ENSG00000169679.14		0.63
	ENSG0000004478.7		0.63
XRCC2	ENSG00000196584 2		0.63
DLGAP5	ENSG00000126787.12		0.63
DEPDC1	ENSG0000024526.16		0.63
CENPN	ENSG00000166451.13		0.63
CDCA5	ENSG00000146670.9		0.63
GINS2	ENSG0000131153.8		0.63
CKS2	ENSG00000123975.4		0.62
E2F1	ENSG00000101412.12		0.62
AUNIP	ENSG00000127423.10		0.62
CDKN3	ENSG00000100526.19		0.62
	EN3GUUUUU16/513.8		U.61

D	NA repair/DNA damage
D	Differentiation
N	/letabolism
F	OXM1 deubiquitinase

Supplementary Table S7. Critical FOXM1 role in pancreatic cancer patients.

GEPIA generated a list of top 100 genes that have similar expression pattern ranked by Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC) in PAAD TCGA dataset. In yellow genes involved in DNA damage and repair, in green genes involved in differentiation pathways, in blue genes involved in metabolism process and in red USP5, the deubiquitinase involved FOXM1 gene in deubiquitination.



Supplementary Figure S1. Chemotherapy effect on pancreatic cancer cells.

Cytotoxicity curves for gemcitabine, taxol, 5'DFUR, SN-38 and oxaliplatin. ASPC1, PANC1, PANC28 and BJhTERT cells were treated for 96h with increasing concentration of single drugs (doses are reported in the figure). Cell growth expressed as percentage of control was assessed by sulforhodamine B colorimetric assay.

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Supplementary Figure S2. Domatinostat plus gemcitabine/taxol combination induces Annexin-V exposure.

Flow cytometry analysis of Annexin-V shows the outcome of the induced chemosensitivity in PANC1, PANC28, ASPC1 cells when domatinostat (0.5 μ M) is combined with gemcitabine/taxol (GT) (IC50 at 96h) for 24h and when domatinostat (0.5 μ M) is given 24h before gemcitabine/taxol (GT) (IC50 at 96h) for 24h.



Supplementary Figure S3. Domatinostat plus gemcitabine/taxol combination induces cell cycle perturbation and a clear block in phase S.

Cell cycle analysis was performed in PANC1, PANC28, ASPC1 and BJhTERT cell lines. The percentage of G1, S and G2/M population were analyzed by flow cytometry on cells treated for 48 h with or without domatinostat 0.5 μ M and gemcitabine/taxol (IC50 measured for each cell lines) for 48 hours.



Supplementary Figure 4. Pancreatic cancer cells enriched in stem-cell features, culturing model validation.

A. Images of PANC1, PANC28, ASPC1 cells cultured in standard condition are referred as *differentiated (D)* and PANC1, PANC28, ASPC1 cells cultured in sphere medium (see Material and Methods) in low-adherent wells for 48h are referred as *spheroids (S)*. White bar 100µM. Magnification 10X. **B.** Flow cytometry shows increased levels of associated stem-cell marker CD133 in PANC1, PANC28, ASPC1 culturing as spheroids for 24 and 48 hours. **C.** qRT-PCR analysis shows OCT-4 levels increase in PANC1, PANC28 and ASPC1 spheroids (S) compared to PANC1, PANC28 and ASPC1 differentiated cells (D). **D.** Flow cytometry shows increased levels of associated stem-cell marker CD133 more in spheroids than differentiated cells upon gemcitabine/taxol (IC50 at 96h) 24 hours treatment.



Supplementary Figure 5. Domatinostat effects on CSC population.

A qRT-PCR analysis shows CD133 levels drop when PANC1 and ASPC1 spheroids are treated with domatinostat (0.5 μ M) for 16h. **B.** The effect of domatinostat (0.5 μ M) on PANC28 spheroid cultures. Cells seeded as described in methods were collected 7 days after treatment. A representative image of one spheroid for each condition is shown (white scale bar: 50 μ m, magnification 20X). On the right, bar graphs show the numbers of spheroids for well (mean±SD of 2 or more separate experiments each one with technical triplicate). **C.** PANC28 spheroids viability treated with and without domatinostat (0.5 μ M and 1 μ M) was assessed by cell titer luminescence assay (mean±SD of 2 or more separate experiments each one with technical triplicate). **D.** Flow cytometry shows decreased levels of associated stem cell marker CD133 upon increasing concentration of domatinostat (0.5 and 1 μ M) for 16h. **E.** qRT-PCR analysis shows Oct-4 levels drop when spheroids are treated with domatinostat (0.5 μ M) for 16h. **F.** qRT-PCR analysis shows CD133 levels drop when PANC28 spheroids are treated with domatinostat (0.5 μ M) for 8h.

PANC1

PANC28

ASPC1



Supplementary Figure S6. The effect of domatinostat on PDAC spheroid cultures.

PANC1, PANC28 and ASPC1 cells seeded in sphere medium were treated with and without domatinostat (0.5 μ M and 1 μ M) and collected 3 days after treatment. Images of spheroids for each condition in a representative experiment are by Opera Phenix confocal microscopy (magnification 20X-white scale bar: 200 μ m).



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Supplementary Figure S7. Domatinostat effects on FOXM1 expression.

A. qRT-PCR analysis shows FOXM1 levels drop when PANC1, PANC28 and ASPC1 spheroids are treated with domatinostat (0.5 μ M) for 16h. **B**. ChIP-qPCR analysis showing the relative decrease of enrichment. Data obtained on immunoprecipitated fractions were normalized to input chromatin (IP/Input). After 16 hours of domatinostat (1 μ M) treatment, PANC1 spheroids are crosslinked and a chromatin immunoprecipitation has been performed as described in Materials and Methods. A representative single experiment is reported.



Supplementary Figure S8. Domatinostat modulates FOXM1 activity

Western Blot analysis shows decreased protein levels of FOXM1 and associated stem-cell markers (β -Catenin and Oct-4) and increased γ H2AX protein as stress marker in PANC28 (A) and in ASPC1 spheroids (B), treated for 16 hours with domatinostat, GT (IC50 at 96h) and their combination. β -actin serves as control for equal protein loading.





YY2	transcription regulator 7,06E-08	NANOG,POU5F1,SOX2
EPAS1	transcription regulator 6,57E-08	CAT,NANOG,POU5F1,SOD2,SOX2
GMNN	transcription regulator 5,57E-08	CTNNB1,NANOG,POU5F1,SOX2
E2F1	transcription regulator 5,27E-08	BIRC5,CTNNB1,NANOG,RAD51,SOD2,XRCC1
ТВХЗ	transcription regulator 3,94E-08	NANOG,POU5F1,SOX2
FOXD3	transcription regulator 1,91E-08	NANOG,POU5F1,SOX2
SIRT1	transcription regulator 1,53E-08	BIRC5,CAT,CTNNB1,NANOG,POU5F1,SOD2
PRMT5	enzyme 7,63E-09	BIRC5,NANOG,POU5F1,SOX2
SOX17	transcription regulator 1,10E-09	CTNNB1,NANOG,POU5F1,SOX2
FUXIVI1	transcription regulator 4,20E-16	BIRC5,CA1,C1NNB1,NANUG,PUU5F1,SUD2,SUX2,XRCC1

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Supplementary Figure S9. A network analysis revealed FOXM1 as upstream regulator of significant domatinostat-modulated proteins involved in stemness, oxidative stress and DNA repair.

FOXM1 came out in an Ingenuity Pathway analysis as main significant upstream regulator in a pathway that directly links all domatinostat-targets. Specifically, we used as input to generate the pathway: stemness proteins (BIRC5, NANOG, POU5F1 and SOX2), oxidative stress and DNA damage-related proteins (such as XRCC1, RAD51, SOD2, CAT and GPX2) and HDAC protein.



Supplementary Figure S10. Critical FOXM1 role in pancreatic cancer patients.

A. Scatter plots of mRNA levels (RSEM normalized values) of FOXM1 and representative DNAdamage induced genes (EXO1, RAD51, XRCC2,) in the TCGA PAAD cohort. **B.** Scatter plots of mRNA levels (RSEM normalized values) of FOXM1 and BIRC5 in the TCGA PAAD cohort. **C.** Scatter plots of mRNA levels (RSEM normalized values) of FOXM1 and USP5 in the TCGA PAAD cohort.



Supplementary Figure S11. domatinostat modulates FOXM1 activity

The expression of FOXM1 in PANC1 cells transfected with FOXM1(OE-FOXM1) or with empty vector (EV-FOMX1) evaluated by transcript quantification (A) or by WB analysis, β -actin serves as control for equal protein loading (B).



Supplementary Figure S12. Domatinostat modulates FOXM1 activity

A. Cellular ROS in OE-FOXM1 and EV-FOXM1 PANC1, treated or untreated with domatinostat (0.5µM) for 16h, visualized by Hydroethidine staining. **B.** PANC1 cells transfected with FOXM1 (OE-FOXM1) or with empty vector (EV-FOMX1) were treated for 96h with increasing concentration of domatinostat. Cell growth expressed as percentage of control was assessed by sulforhodamine B colorimetric assay.



Supplementary Figure S13. Domatinostat does not exert toxic effect alone and in combination *in vivo*.

A. Representative schedule of in vivo treatments with timing and agents concentration **B-C.** Mice body weight measured two times/week in PANC28 and PANC1 xenografts.



Supplementary Figure S14. Domatinostat synergistically improves overall survival of PANC1 mice affecting FOXM1 and OCT4 expression.

A. FOXM1 mRNA expression determined by qRT-PCR in PANC1 samples obtained from three PANC1 xenografts from each treatment group at the end of treatment. **B.** OCT-4 mRNA expression determined by qRT-PCR in PANC1 samples obtained from three PANC1 xenografts from each treatment group at the end of treatment. β -actin was used as housekeeping control gene.