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## Pharmalittle: Combining antibiotics may cause resistance; Lilly moves into dermatitis market with \$1.1 billion deal



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And so, another working week will soon draw to a close. Not a moment too soon, yes? This is, you may recall, our treasured signal to daydream about weekend plans. Our agenda is modest and also abbreviated, since we will eventually make our way to a celebrated, if overcrowded, event starting early next week where biopharma and finance folks huddle and hondel. But what about you? If you are heading to the same destination, well, we hope you have an easy trip. As for the rest of you, this may be a good time to catch up on sundry errands, that growing reading list, or

reaching out to someone special. Or maybe a few long naps are in order. Well, whatever you do, have a grand time. But be safe. Enjoy, and see you soon.

**Combining multiple antibiotics may make bacteria more likely to develop resistance**, [Scientific American](#)<sup>5</sup> writes. A new study suggests that drug combinations can actually speed the development of resistance, and although small, the study reveals a major threat to the way doctors currently think about combination antibiotics. “Our entire approach to antibiotics is going to have to be rethought,” said Ramanan Laxminarayan, director of the Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics and Policy in Washington, D.C., who was not involved in the work.

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