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Comments:
In this manuscript the authors introduce the concept of integrative oncology, describe a practice model and discuss future challenges in the field. I believe it is important for readers to learn about different models of integrative medicine practice and this manuscript is important toward that end. The manuscript can be strengthened if some quantitative outcome data is shown and discussed, as the authors have treated 1500 patients.

In many passages, the syntax and language need polishing. Consider having a native English speaker to proofread and edit the text. A couple of examples of sentences that read a bit awkward: page 7 “one of three breast cancer” should be “one in three breast cancer”. Page 8 “the limited or even insufficient scientific evidence” is redundant. “Limited” is “insufficient”.

Other minor points:
Page 2, “Primary symptom-orientation” is an unusual term. Needs explanation.

“Especially the uncontrolled use of herbal medicine or dietary supplements may lead to fatal interactions with their primary cancer treatment.” Do they mean “detrimental interactions”? Fatal interactions are very rare.

Page 6, “Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital”. The full name is “Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center”. “Division of Integrative Oncology” should be “Integrative Medicine Service.”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.