Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

I remain concerned at the prospect of BMC Cancer publishing research which suggests or implies that coffee and food coloring are confirmed cancer risk factors. I do not believe there is evidence to confirm this to be the case. The WCRF report (p176) offers a summary on commonly used food coloring confirming currently used food coloring do not - in this view increase cancer risk. The same report (p148) summarises that coffee is unlikely to have an effect on cancer risk. The authors have not adequately addresses these concerns which I note is also a concern of another reviewer.

I wonder if the data can be analysed to report against 12 rather than 14 cancer related risk factors?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests