Reviewer's report

Title: On integrative cancer biology approaches to therapeutic gain

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Reviewer: Herbert Sauro

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General

The text has been significantly improved over the first draft. I am not a cancer specialist but I was able to follow the manuscript this time. The first draft proved very difficult to follow. The improvement is significant because I am sure the authors are introducing many new concepts to the cancer community in this paper and it is important that the text is as clear as possible. The idea of exploiting two different approaches to a treatment (direct and indirect) is interesting and it is described quite well in the text. The paper is more of a position paper than a genuine research paper, however I have no objection to this. However, if this is the case then it is even more important that the authors make sure the ideas they are presenting are as clear as possible and to avoid as much jargon as is possible.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

I have no major criticisms other than ask the author to look carefully at the text again and determine if the manuscript can be further improved. This is in their best interests.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No