Reviewer's report

Title: Survival of cancer patients treated with mistletoe extract (Iscador): a systematic literature review

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The review is well written and timely. There are only very few specific comments:
1. The authors are - quite rightly - critical about the work of Grossarth-Maticek. There have been reports in the Spiegel that many of the datas reported by him are not traceable. I would like to see the analysis of the survival data without the data from Grossarth-Maticek included. Are they still significant.

It should be made clear that strong links exist between Hiscia, who supported this study and Weleda which produces Iscador.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have received research grants from the producers of misteltoe extracts
Nothing else to declare