Reviewer's report

Title: GFS, a preparation of Tasmanian Undaria pinnatifida is associated with healing and inhibition of reactivation of Herpes

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Level of interest: An exceptional paper that breaks new ground and has implications well beyond its field

Advice on publication: Accept after discretionary revisions

1. There is still some inconsistency in the use of Herpetic and herpetic (see Abstract "Background" and "Methods" usage.

2. In the last line of Background, seropositivity is reported to be higher in Japan, but is symptom prevalence also higher?

3. There is still inconsistency in the use of "anti viral" and "anti-viral". The common use in articles indexed the National Library of Medicine Gateway seems to be "anti-viral".

4. On page 3, third paragraph, "Epstein Bar Virus" should not have quotation marks.

5. Under Patient Study, it would be good to add something like the following: "The known risks and benefits of participating in the study were explained to patients. Adult patients gave their verbal consent and patients under 18 years of age gave their verbal assent, as did their parents."

Competing interests:

None declared.