Reviewer's report

Title: Mistletoe lectin is not the only cytotoxic component in fermented preparations of Viscum album from white fir (Abies pectinata)

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General
In the manuscript, Eggenschwiler et al, show the cytotoxic effects of various Viscum album preparations towards cancer cell lines with particular reference to breast cancer and bladder cancer cell lines. Using the MTT assay, the authors compare the IC50 values of various samples.

It’s interesting to note that the authors show that there could be components other than the lectins in these preparations that can also be responsible for the cytotoxic effects of these preparations. The author’s suggestion that the study can lead to exploration of new cytotoxic components in the preparations may be a reality in future.

The authors have satisfactorily corrected the manuscript and answered my previous queries. The manuscript is now ready for publication with small minor corrections in the language as suggested below.

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

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
1. Lot No instead of Charge Nr in Page 5
2. Incubated instead of kept in page 5 line 18

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'