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Mistletoe extracts in small animal and horse oncology

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Sponsor(s):

Weleda AG (Arlesheim) and Institute Hiscia, the Society for Cancer Research (Arlesheim).

Partner(s):

University of Zürich, Vet.Med. Faculty; University of Bern, Clinic for Small Domestic Animals.

Brief Description:

The aim of the project is to evaluate, if the immuno-modulative and antitumorous effect of mistletoe remedies described in human medicine are applicable to veterinary medicine. Expected spin-offs for human medicine.

Methods:

A survey was conducted to collect data from veterinarians and pet owners which will serve as the basis for a clinical study that will include small animals suffering from types of cancer that appear responsive to mistletoe treatment. The mistletoe (ISCADOR) will be administered in conjunction with primary therapy.

Results:

Effects observed in horses and small animals include improved vitality and when combined with other therapies, better stability in seriously ill animals. The magnitude of the effects varied by individual. No therapeutic effect was noted in cattle while pigs demonstrated evidence of antibodies against mistletoe in the blood.

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