

Mistletoe in Tumour Therapy



BASIC RESEARCH AND CLINICAL PRACTICE
5th Mistletoe Symposium

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Objectives

The symposium announced here will continue a series of mistletoe symposiums which are held about every four years. The objective of these symposiums has always been and remains to bring together scientists and doctors and create a forum for discussions – from different standpoints as well. Only by this means can the use of mistletoe preparations be developed further, and their potential and limitations be identified. This explains why this interdisciplinary dialogue, which cuts across the borders of the various therapy approaches, is so important. The organisers would like to invite to this symposium.

They are calling for scientific papers on the following subjects and/or questions which are vitally important for mistletoe therapy and its scientific advancement:

- Correct standardisation, ensuring the pharmaceutical quality, analysis
- Characterisation of the action profiles of the active ingredients
- Total extract vs. active ingredients
- Dosing regimens (standardised vs. individual) and therapeutic range
- Effects of the route of application on the therapeutic range
- Analysis of side effects in respect of action and efficacy
- Nature and incidence of adverse effects (anaphylactic reactions?)
- The effects of mistletoe therapy on metastatic spread
- Indications for epithelial tumours and haematological malignant diseases (e.g. lymphomas)
- Which objective criteria exist for demonstrating efficacy?
- Do the biological reactions observed during mistletoe therapy allow any conclusions to be drawn concerning tumour defence?
- What outcome measures are suitable for the control of a mistletoe therapy?
- Which types of clinical studies are needed for mistletoe in the future?
- Importance of outcomes research

In order to create a common basis for discussion, summary papers are planned in the following fields and on the following subjects:

- Clinical effects and side effects
- Efficacy evaluation
- Immunology and cytotoxicity, preclinical features
- Botany
- Pharmacy

Languages:

The symposium language is German. But all lectures and posters can be presented also in English language.

Publication of a book:

In turn, all lectures and posters presented on this symposium are to be published as quickly as possible after the symposium. Thus all authors are requested to provide their manuscripts ready for printing. The manuscripts should meet our instructions for authors (see "Instructions for authors"). They should be submitted until 31 December 2011.

Continuing education certificates:

Applications for recognition as a continuing education event will be submitted to the medical association of Saarland and the pharmacy association of Saarland.

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