

## Review of: "Natural Polyphenols of Pomegranate and Black Tea Juices can Combat COVID-19 through their SARS-CoV-2 3C-like Protease-inhibitory Activity"

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Dear Dr. Alberto Bedogni

I would like to appreciate for the given chance to review this Qeios article entitled "Natural Polyphenols of Pomegranate and Black Tea Juices can Combat COVID-19 through their SARS-CoV-2 3C-like Protease-inhibitory Activity".

I have carefully read the manuscript and you can find my comments below:

- 1. Grammatical errors can be seen through the manuscript, which should be carefully checked.
- 2. The author has tried to review some previously researches on the antiviral activities of natural polyphenoles, and interestinly, suggested that these polyphenoles are strong antiviral copounds against SARS-CoV-2 main protease with no data or even analysis to prove his claims.
- 3. Notably by far, the article lacks the materials & methods and discussion sections, making the manuscript looks like a fairy tale story.
- 4. Materials & methods and discussion parts must be included in order to be reviewed by reviewers.
- 5. In this package, manuscript cannot be accepted at all.

I hope the comments would be helpful to make a decision on the manuscript.

Best wishes

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