

## 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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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read your article.

However, I believe there are some areas that could be further strengthened.

First, while it is widely acknowledged that SARS-CoV-2 shares similarities with SARS-CoV, it would be beneficial to include a statement highlighting the structural similarities between the two viruses. This would reinforce the notion that compounds targeting the structural similarities could potentially be effective against both viruses, thus supporting your main thesis.

Additionally, rather than discussing the action of lopinavir and ritonavir, it would be more conclusive to directly expand on the available scientific references that support the effectiveness of the molecules you present, since this would, again, strengthen your argument.

Overall, your idea shows promise; however, it would greatly benefit from the inclusion of more experimental data that supports your claims and the development of more impactful conclusions. By summarizing the key findings and emphasizing the potential implications of your research, you can provide a more compelling closing to your article, until that moment I would strongly recommend to let your pomegranate and black tea juices for your tea time only.

Thank you once again for sharing your work, I appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback.

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