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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This is my first experience as a reviewer for Qeios and I probably misunderstood the meaning of this review process. I expected to revise a scientific article, not a short abstract that lacks novelty and is highly misleading. A statement such as "… Hence, based on the above discussion, we strongly proposed that the black tea and pomegranate juices can be useful to combat COVID-19 through the inhibition of SARS-CoV-2 3C-like protease by their natural polyphenolic contents …", is not only without scientific fundaments but can generate in non-specialist readers false expectations.