

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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The author tried to make an argument about the potentials of polyphenols from phytomedicine to manage COVID-19. The role of herbal supplements in the management of COVID-19 has been extensively discussed in literature and the author's efforts to add to the body of existing literature is commended. However, the following are the gaps identified in this article which the author should carefully consider. **The article in its present form cannot be accepted for publication**

1. The topic lacks clarity. Author should consider revising manuscript to read **Natural Polyphenols from Pomegranate and Black Tea Juices in managing COVID-19: An Opinion**
2. The abstract was incoherent and lacked clarity. Author should consider revision. The statement "the recent studies proved that the novel COVID-19 acts via a similar mechanism with SARS". Is confusing. COVID-19 is a diseases and SARS is a virus. Which SARS is the author referring to; SARS-CoV-2 or other SARS in terms of acting via similar pathway?
3. The concluding section of the abstract sounded as if the author conducted a research . This is confusing .The conclusion should either sound suggestive or proposive, but not empirical.
4. The author was not specific if this was an opinion, mini review or scoping review. Pls specify.
5. The entire manuscript needs massive English and grammar editing from a native English speaker. Manuscript has serious structural gaps. This should be critically addressed.
6. Referencing style was not specific. Author should adhere to a specific ref style.
7. Please s consult a detailed review we made recently on herbal supplements and COVID-19 available here: [10.1016/j.sciaf.2023.e01627](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sciaf.2023.e01627) or PMC9985929. This can help you restructure your article and make your article more robust.
8. In conclusion, author should be clear on the thoughts being presented to the scientific community. Article can not be accepted in its current form until issues raised are addressed