Reviewer's report

Title: Polyphenols of CAMELLIA SINENESIS decrease mortality, hepatic injury and generation of cytokines and reactive oxygen and nitrogen species after hemorrhage/resuscitation in rats

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1. None of the findings in this report are very surprising, given what we know about polyphenols and the role of ROS and RNS in hemorrhagic shock.

2. The authors should point out the limitations of their study in the discussion. Specifically: 1) the authors used a pre-treatment design, which lacks clinical relevance as it relates to most cases of hemorrhagic shock in humans; 2) the authors used a crude green tea extract, and so we don't know, which chemical entities were responsible for the treatment effect; 3) dose-response data are lacking.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests