Reviewer’s report

Title: Effects of Green Tea Catechin and Theanine on Preventing Influenza Infection among Healthcare Workers: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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Reviewer: Margret Moré

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1. Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

Not applicable.

2. Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Not applicable.

3. Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Please include subgroup analysis, if possible, with respect to the indicated subgroups e.g. male/female; vaccination; smoking; alcohol consumption.

It would be interesting if the cases of influenza (clinically or lab defined) are especially high in certain subgroups (e.g. more smokers infected, high proportion of non-vaccinated people infected).

Did the researchers also keep track of the incidence common cold episodes? If so, this data should be included.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.