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Minor comments
1. Delete the third “and” from the title.
2. Line 4 page 2 insert “flowers” before ethanol extract.
3. Line 8 page 2 replace total with ethanol.
4. in the all the manuscript replace total extract with ethanol extract.
5. Line 11 page 2 put comma after (GAE and RE).
6. You can use the abbreviated P. granatum instead of Punica granatum.
7. TE extract should be ethanol extract or EE.

Major revision
1. Basically when we use funnel separation for fraction we dissolve the crude extract in the respective solvent and then shacked it with another solvent which results in two layers. The major problem with the work in the ethanol extract and its fractions, which the result in Table 1 doesn’t match with the methods. When I said ethanol extract 26 % from 750 g, I should also said the chloroform fraction afforded percent from the ethanol extract not from 200 g of sample as shown in Table 1.
2. We know that methanol and ethanol extract are used for the crude extract and you can see from Table 2 most of results are the same.
3. How did the authors make the methanol fraction from ethanol extract?
4. Why you didn’t assay the ethanol extract.
5. Please refers to the quantities of ethanol extracts and its fraction from 750 g sample. And how many letters of solvents used.
6. Why the chloroform fraction had the lowest and the methanol fraction had the
highest total phenolic and flavonoid contents.

7. in Table 5 you can use a,b,c instead of crowded symbols.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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' below.