Review of: "The Loneliness Epidemic: Exploring Its Impact on Mental Health and Social Well-Being in Modern Society"

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This work deepens the knowledge regarding the psychological, emotional, and social dimensions of loneliness in modern society through a review. First of all, I would like to congratulate the author on this research. The manuscript is quite interesting and has some value.

I would just like to make a few observations and suggestions for the author to consider:

1. The first comment concerns the level of English. Extensive editing of the English language and style is required.
2. The number of references is a bit few. In my opinion, there should be at least thirty-five.
3. It is not very clear what the contribution of the paper is. An extension of the research's scope and aims would enhance reader understanding.
4. In some parts of the manuscript, the effect of Covid-19 on mental health is mentioned. Emphasizing this point, I would like to mention a paper published in Mathematics by my co-author and myself, which concerns the mental health effects of the Covid-19 lockdown [*Bonnini, S., Borghesi, M. (2022). Relationship between Mental Health and Socio-Economic, Demographic and Environmental Factors in the COVID-19 Lockdown Period-A Multivariate Regression Analysis. Mathematics, 10(18), 3237*]. In this work, a multivariate regression with the application of combined permutation tests on the significance of the coefficients was carried out.
5. All three figures reported in the manuscript have no caption. I think it's better to insert one and cite the figures directly in the text.
6. At the end of the manuscript, in the paragraph regarding *suggestions for further study*, it would be more readable to remove the numbered list and make it more discursive.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this research, and addressing the abovementioned aspects can strengthen this investigation.