

Review of: "A review of centenarian studies"

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This article is useful mainly because it discusses the different studies done on centenarians (e.g. Heidelberg Centenarian Study, New England Centenarian study) and thus creates an overview of the studies that have been done on longevity across the globe. It also specifies the factors that were being assessed in these studies (e.g. mental health, physical impairment, social infrastructure, etc.) and the methodologies that were being used to study these factors. If the article is to be developed into a research article, it would still need a particular angle: What scientific or methodological argument would the paper advance? What is its own methodological basis? One aspect that could be made stronger is the idea of centenarian studies as a multi-disciplinary endeavor, bringing together gerontology, neurosciences, genetic research, but also sociology. The author might also want to take into account the reasons why these studies were being conducted, e.g. for dementia prevention, for interventions in terms of public health, etc. There are some really interesting aspects here which are already present in the paper and which might be elaborated in more detail in case the article is developed into a research paper.