

Review of: "The Impact of TikTok on Students: A Literature Review"

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I miss in abstract to mention methodology followed the main objective. For the literature review, what was the followed methodology?

I also miss in abstract to mention at the end main practical implications of this study.

The introduction needs to be reorganized.

First, speak about social media and its impact on certain segments, after defining and provide antecedents and figures about tik tok, then pay attention to the different literature review on Tik Tok and impacts, inform about what has been analysed and what not and recognise a gap to fill in this article.

For example, this paragraph should be placed at the beginning of the introduction, even before providing information about figures about the use of Tik Tok:

"Social media has become an integral portion of society, with rising usage and prevalence since its creation and further expansion during the COVID-19 pandemic. The marked growth in social media was fuelled by a large shift to all virtual platforms for human interactions. This is driven by increased public safety measures through widespread business and school closures, as well as lockdowns restricting public travel and large gatherings. These strict physical distancing measures caused people to be heavily reliant on virtual media, especially social media, for the latest pandemic news and to remain connected to each other"

Some statements are repeated in different paragraph, as for example "TikTok is one of the most popular music video social platforms through the world, which currently has 800 million active users in 155 countries. This video app was launched in 2017 by a Chinese company named Byte Dance and within one and half years, it has become the most popular short music video app in the world".

At the end of the article, I miss that authors inform about the main objective of the paper, after that they should stress briefly main implications of doing this paper and end the introduction with a last brief paragraph describing in brief the structure of article...(something that starts as: After this introduction, section 2 presents,...and section 3...Finally conclusions are described..).

I find very interesting the part 2 Tik tok and Mental Health and the citations included. However, I miss to provide deeper

information on the different works cited.

In part 4 considering this statement in text: "TikTok is considered a social network because it offers great potential for making new friends and forming new connections. This platform has millions of users worldwide, so it can also be great for inclusiveness. Some teens are naturally shy, so making in-person friends can be difficult." Please explain better, connect it with the difficulties of doing friends in a face-to-face basis with an online one.

In part 5, please include citations for the different statements included: "Teenagers must strike a balance between their online activities and other aspects of their lives. Studies have connected overuse of social media to a number of negative consequences on mental health, including depression. The sharing of explicit content related to suicide must also be avoided because it could potentially injure vulnerable people and help the spread of dangerous ideas".

Before part 6 conclusion, and once that you have included some relations amongst tik tok and potential effects in the previous parts, I suggest you a previous part of results and or discussion between 5 and 6, where you as authors offer the information found in tables, figures to evidence what you have found and you can according to it start a discussion... previous to conclusions.

I think that this analysis lacks of methodological approach, I suggest authors apply, for example, a bibliometric analysis, by using, as example, some easy software tools.