

Review of: "Are Pain and Mourning for a Pet and a Family Member the Same?"

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First of all, I find the topic addressed by the author very interesting and relevant, and it indeed deserves further exploration in the literature, which currently seems rather sparse. To achieve this goal, however, it is important to address several points:

1. The introduction should be expanded by delving into the cognitive, emotional, and somatic symptoms of grief related to the loss of a pet, and whether there are indications of a hypothetical duration. I wonder if it is possible that the signs are shorter compared to the loss of a human?
2. The method section is completely missing the flowchart and PRISMA guidelines necessary to understand how many articles were initially selected and the criteria used for their inclusion and exclusion in the current study. [addressed]
3. The inclusion criteria are missing, such as the temporal criteria; from which year were the articles included?
4. It is not clear why the summary table of the results is divided into three tables. Do they represent three different things, or were they divided for other reasons? Please explain.
5. When discussing the results, it would be best not to treat them as bullet points, but rather as a cohesive topic supported by citations.

Overall, the work is significant but needs revisions to be positively evaluated by a scientific journal.