

Review of: "Death needs, culture and emotional death proximity: Keys to intervene in social discrimination"

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Thank you for inviting me to review this article. My comments are below:

- The Abstract needs significant revision as it does not clearly describe and define the focus and parameters of the article
- The Introduction needs re writing as it doesn't really work as an Introduction to the article
- Terms need defining in the Introduction - for example the use of valence and terror management
- The section on death denial and discrimination needs re writing so the purpose of this discussion is clear
- There is a limited literature review and an over reliance on Kubler Ross who is the subject of much critique in contemporary thanatology - I'd suggest either saying why there is such a focus on KR or broadening the focus. The Reference list is very full but this is not reflected in the article
- I would suggest proof reading the article thoroughly as at times the meaning could do with clarification
- There are some interesting sections - for example the section on history but generally in my view the article needs pulling together so that there is a narrative flow from Introduction to Conclusion