

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this interesting paper. I am not sure in which journal the author would like to publish the paper, but I suggest that he look at an article in the selected journal using the same design to assist with the structuring and writing style. We usually do not refer to "my" and "I" but talk in the third person – the researcher. Also, some of the sentences are not clear, and the quality of the paper can be improved with English language editing.

The abstract: No citations and acronyms in the abstract, please. The results are missing, and I am not sure if a discussion is appropriate – see the example article. Not sure what the first sentence in the discussion means. The research design is not stated, and the key words and data bases used for the search are not mentioned. Do not refer to the Appendix in the abstract. The conclusion should answer the research question and give a recommendation.

Is the terminology really needed for an article?

Introduction: Best would be if the researcher uses an inductive approach – first the world, and then maybe Europe, and then Italy. There is nothing about pet ownership around the world. The last sentence talks about a narrative review – but I doubt if this is a narrative review.

Methods: The kind of review done should be mentioned and justified. Inclusion and exclusion criteria should be mentioned.

A results section should follow the results, where a discussion (not a list) should follow.

The conclusion should answer the research question. No limitations and recommendations.

I think the author has most of the information in the current article, but the paper is not written in the correct format. It is definitely not a narrative review. SO, most important is to decide what kind of review this was and follow the steps of such a review. Once again, look for a similar article and write your paper accordingly.

Please see the notes made in the hard copy.

Best wishes!

