

Review of: "The Loneliness Epidemic: Exploring Its Impact on Mental Health and Social Well-Being in Modern Society"

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The review is very informative, detailed, and well-written. However, some statements lack literature evidence. For example, on page 2: "Individuals who experience chronic loneliness are at higher risk of developing mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, and substance abuse, ...". Such statements should be proven by citing respective literature from preclinical and/or clinical studies. Please see our review, Gryksa and Neumann 2022, "Consequences of pandemic-associated social restrictions: Role of social support and the oxytocin system," *Psychoneuroendocrinology*.