

Review of: "Coronaviruses in Wild Canids: A review of the literature"

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Generally, the language used is unambiguous and precise. Sections are well presented. The information or summaries presented are of high value. However, the style could be improved in several sections. There is a need to indicate explicitly the objectives of this literature survey, the methods used to search for the articles, and the criteria for selection of articles. Furthermore, there is a need to indicate the sample size for the reviewed articles.

Abstract:

Although well presented, the abstract needs to include the following:

1. The purpose/goal of this review/work.
2. A high-level summary of the outcomes of the review/ work [at least a take home message from this work]
3. Methods used for literature searches

Introduction:

This section needs significant improvements; it is poorly presented. The first 200 words or so of the introduction are critical. In them, readers want to know what the problem is, why it is important to do a review on Coronaviruses in Wild Canids. As is, the section is not comprehensive enough. The research objectives/ or purpose of this review should be explicit.

The methods followed to search the literature databases should be presented. [i.e. indicate how studies were selected and for which time period]. Indicate the sample size of the journals

Discussion:

The discussion section is not comprehensive. The discussion should clearly establish the link between the aim, objectives, and what the review established around the coronaviruses in wild canids. In other words, it should answer objectively the question of whether a specific objective had been addressed or not, and provide the meaning of the findings in the context of the aim (s). I propose that the authors need to:

- They should give readers a high-level assessment or direction of research on Coronaviruses in Wild Canids
- Assess their findings in light of their objectives/questions.
- Then provide a take home message from that assessment.

It is clear that the absence of clear research questions leads to difficulties in interpreting the information presented.

To the Editor:

- The greatest weakness of this review are as follows:

- The absence of a research goal/purpose or aims of the review
- The methods and criteria used to select the articles for review
- Some indications of which databases were used.
- A high-level summary of the outcomes of the review/ work