

# Review of: "Clowns, Clown Doctors, and Coulrophobia: A Scoping Review"

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The review focuses on a contemporary, yet hardly studied topic of coulrophobia. It uses a traditional scientific structure. The researched topic is presented comprehensively, with demographic trends, prevalence, causes, and solutions provided.

Suggestions:

1. Separate inclusion and exclusion criteria for visibility/readability
2. Expand on the effectiveness of clown therapy
3. When dividing effects on children/adults, it would enrich the study to further divide the groups into subgroups based on age/effect

As a scoping review, it covers all the needed requirements. It could serve, however, as a basis for further studies on the topic and as a follow-up systematic review or meta-analysis.