

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

Damien Brulin<sup>1</sup>

1 LAAS-CNRS

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

The author focuses on the Loneliness Epidemic and its impact. Loneliness is indeed an important issue that modern societies have to take into account, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the paper has some weak points:

- (1) It is not clear if it is a systematic review or not if we look at the title. If so, readers need to know the method used (PRISMA, for example), and the method needs to be described in order to guide readers.
- (2) The objective (the question that the author wants to address) is not clearly defined, nor are the propositions of the author in the end.
- (3) Tools and technologies to detect and evaluate loneliness are not presented, especially their weaknesses. It could help identify the scientific obstacles that have to be overcome.
- (3) There are not enough references on some points and precise values extracted from studies, especially in the Introduction.
- (3) Loneliness is not clearly defined, and sometimes the author uses the term "social isolation," which is not the same as loneliness. Definitions of both terms and a clear distinction between them are required. Tools or technologies to detect or evaluate loneliness are different from the ones used for social isolation.
- (4) Figures need a number and a clear title, which is not always the case in the paper.

Qeios ID: S06GLP · https://doi.org/10.32388/S06GLP