

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

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Overall, this manuscript provides a comprehensive overview of coulrophobia, shedding light on its prevalence, demographic trends, and potential causes. The introduction effectively sets the stage by highlighting the increasing popularity of clown therapy in pediatric care settings and the need to address the discomfort and fear experienced by some children, parents, and healthcare personnel. The objective and methods are clearly outlined, with a scoping review approach adopted to synthesize existing literature. The results section presents key findings regarding the prevalence of coulrophobia across different age groups, genders, and potential contributing factors. However, there is a need for more clarity regarding the inclusion criteria for the studies reviewed and the specific databases and web resources consulted. Additionally, the conclusion appropriately emphasizes the importance of further research in this area. Consider providing suggestions for practical interventions or recommendations for future studies to enhance the manuscript's impact.