

Identifying New Challenges and Emerging Issues in the Virtual Space during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Systematic Review Based on Wright's Model

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1. Round 1

1.1 Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The paragraph starting with, "The global spread of the coronavirus led to significant changes in social and organizational interactions (Bacq et al., 2020)," could benefit from a deeper contextual discussion. Consider adding a brief summary of previous systematic reviews or meta-analyses in this domain to highlight the study's novelty.

In the paragraph beginning with, "This stage focuses on searching for sources," elaborate on how the authors addressed publication bias, especially since only 20 out of 189 articles were included.

In Table 5, the coding categories for socio-cultural challenges, such as "Identity disruptions," lack operational definitions. Define these terms more clearly in the text to enhance the table's interpretability.

The statement, "These findings align with prior research (Hsu et al., 2021; Perri et al., 2022)," in the findings section does not provide specific insights into how this alignment strengthens the study's validity. Include a comparative analysis.

The sentence, "Despite all the challenges COVID-19 posed...it also offered several positive opportunities," needs elaboration. Provide concrete examples or references supporting the opportunities mentioned.

Author revised the manuscript and uploaded the updated document.

1.2 Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sentence, "The impacts of COVID-19 are nearly incalculable," is too broad and general. Replace it with a more precise statement supported by quantitative data or specific examples.

The phrase, "Today, methods of communication with others through the internet have increased," in the paragraph discussing virtual space usage could include statistics to emphasize the extent of these changes.

The section starting with, "Socio-cultural challenges refer to the emerging harms and issues," lists several issues but does not provide supporting evidence. Add references or examples from the systematic review to substantiate claims.

In Table 3, studies rated "Low" quality are mentioned but not discussed further. Explain whether or how they influenced the overall findings.

The paragraph starting with, "The internet and virtual space, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic," could integrate contrasting perspectives from recent studies to balance the discussion.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.