

# Review of: "The Moderating Effects of Urban Design on Willingness to Walk in a Tropical City"

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The article is useful for urban design practice, and I congratulate the author on the topic selection and field study. Some comments I have on the following points could help the author further sharpen the study.

Some of the terminology may not be interpreted the same way by participants. For example, in sun-seeking cities, the sun may be seen as a positive aspect of the environment, but it may be something to avoid in a tropical hot and humid environment.

The aesthetic enhancement of the environment should extend to the landscape, the design of the walkway, the complexity of the environment, etc.; the selected stretches of Orchard Road may be too similar in the various stretches. It would have been good to cover areas that are arcaded or more lushly landscaped portions, which exist further down Orchard Road (near Emerald Hill, Istana Park, etc.), so it isn't very clear what kinds of designed environments are attractive and increase WTW.

Should WTW also be linked to particular nodes and destinations? Having a goal in mind may affect participants' WTW.

These are just some areas I think could help give urban planners and designers more clues in taking away insights from the study.