

Peer Review

Review of: "Medical Tourism in the Thessaly Region, Greece: Hotel Managers' Attitudes, Opinions, and Perspectives"

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The paper is **well-structured, methodologically sound, and provides valuable insights**, but there are **areas where improvements could enhance its contribution**.

While the study discusses medical tourism trends and prior studies, it does not strongly integrate theoretical frameworks. Stakeholder Theory, Resource-Based View, or Tourism Development Theories could provide deeper contextual grounding.

The discussion largely restates the results without critically engaging with broader implications. The study does not compare Thessaly's case with successful medical tourism destinations (e.g., Thailand, Turkey, Hungary).

The study focuses solely on 4- and 5-star hotels, excluding smaller hospitality providers.

The regional focus is valuable but may not reflect national or international trends. Acknowledge these limitations more explicitly and suggest comparative studies across different Greek regions.

Include insights on patient decision-making factors (e.g., cost, quality of care, regulatory barriers).

The paper briefly suggests policy recommendations, but future research areas are not well-developed.

Declarations

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