

Review of: "Analysing crimes in public spaces of New Delhi through news reports: The need and possibility of integrating Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Principles."

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Thanks so much for the opportunity to review your manuscript. It is an interesting and valuable topic as you explore the possibility of integrating Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Principles. However, some issues should be further addressed to make the results more rigorous and convincing.

1. The major question is about the methods of the study, especially when the authors do not provide details in the methods section about how they determined that the CPTED could prevent the crime, and which dimension could prevent the crime. Because it is not easy to prevent crime, it is arbitrary to conclude that a case could be prevented if they considered CPTED, if it is only a subjective judgment that the case is related to a CPTED dimension. So, the authors need to give more details about the criteria for this judgment to achieve repeatable results. Otherwise, different individuals may have different results, which leads to unreliable results.

Also, the manuscript has some minor problems:

2. Introduction, Background, Aims and Objectives, and Need for Study could be integrated to follow the framework of Research Background (Problem)-Literature Review-Research Objectives. This is because in the existing four sections, the same content is repeated in different sections (e.g., the introduction of New Delhi's crime problem), which leads to a confusing framework.

3. The discussion section needs to be contrasted with the existing knowledge to emphasize the new findings of this study.

4. The format of references in the text is not consistent.