

# Review of: "The Universal Accessibility Provisions in Hospitals of New Delhi, India"

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The research and the topic is interesting and pertinent.

However the paper looks a technical report, when scientific papers have a strong component about the state of the art, about the context, for example, this issue is pertinent in a social sustainability context, and could be aligned with SDG 11: Making cities more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, from United Nations Agenda 2030.

It is important that authors explain better the concepts of “universal design”, “accessible built environment” and “accessible information”.

See:

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The organization of the paper could be better if you separate two different issues: “accessible built environment” and “accessible information”.

The discussion is too short. The authors must cross references and discuss.

Where is Table 6?

There are graphic issues that must be better.

Concerning the content of Table 7:

the authors are oversimplifying the issue. For example: it is not enough to have a ramp having the condition of accessibility. Some ramps are so steep that wheelchair users cannot use them safely (autonomously).

The same goes for handrails, car parks, benches.

The authors can explain better the attributes of accessible built environment and accessible information.

Regards!