

Review of: "Women in Slum, Risking Their Safety to Access and Usage of Basic Sanitation Facilities-A Literature Review"

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Thank you to the authors for forth bringing this and congratulations to the 4th year student for writing this manuscript.

Abstract: The aim should be before the findings. The sentence starting with these factors (mention those factors), Public toilets (PTs)- first define the word the abbreviations.

Introduction:

This section is too long and some of the information here can be moved to literature view section. The first sentence UN should be defined first and then UN can be used and reference at the end of the sentence. On the definition this sentence can be paraphrased and use commas instead of numbers because now the sentence looks exactly like the one Laura B Nolan wrote in 2015. Maybe give us the gaps on the first line and then define slums. Line starting with In developing countries.....paraphrase it please to show the gaps identified or the problem. Please add a ref on the line starting with Sanitation ending with urine. There is a lack of flow in your sentences. Most of the sentences looks like a repetition so I would suggest that you move them to literature review and have subtitles so that its clear, the same sub tittles used in you discussion and if sentences sound or looks similar you can just merge the references. Please define because you tell us more about it and not define it at the end.

On the sentence starting with Fear of rape, it's not clear what you are trying to say, they don't drink fluids because they have a fear of being raped or they want to use buckets because they are scared or they end up using because of fear, the sentence is a bit confusing maybe try and rephrase it and be clear on those points. Sentence starting with "women discipline their bodies" and punishment can be rephrased to more scientific words. A sentence starting with according to a report- which report because it is not mentioned? and also mention where they get urinary tract infection is it from the public toilets or from not drinking water, please be specific. Sentence starting with poor sanitation must be moved to the first paragraph of the introduction as it carries more weight with regards to the topic at hand (great sentence). Taking into consideration the period of academic semester, this can be removed.

Literature

This section looks the same as introduction, please include subheadings so that everything is clear and take some of the paragraphs from the introduction (see comment on the introduction)

Methodology

This section is not that clear, maybe include percentages so we have an idea of the prevalence.

Results and discussion

Also, here we need to see a bit of stats showing us problem burden and if your results can be compared to other studies.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to review the paper, Looking forward to an updated version.