

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

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Dear authors,

Thank you, and congratulations on covering and writing such an important topic.

I have a few comments to improve the manuscript, as follows:

Introduction:

1. Authors mentioned that "2.3 billion people still live without basic sanitation facilities like toilets or latrines". Can the authors please elaborate on what year this information is referring to so that readers may understand the situation in the context of the time?
2. In the same context, it would be good to describe the regions heavily affected by this problem and the prevalence (if available). Or is this a global problem affecting most countries?
3. I suggest rephrasing the sentence "they are forced to accept dangerous circumstances and endure assault and abuse" to "they are exposed to dangerous circumstance, assault, and abuse".
4. The statement "The entire study is based on secondary survey, taking into consideration the time period of the academic semester, even though the indicators were validated through primary data collection through interviews" could be further clarified. At the moment, it is a bit ambiguous on what it is referring to.

Literature review:

I suggest authors to group the problems listed in the literature review into several themes/subheadings to ease readers into understanding the issues.

Methodology:

1. I suggest the authors provide more detail into how the literature review was performed. Granted, it was not labelled as a systematic review. However, a greater description, including the keywords used in the search strategy, the database used for the search, and the duration of literature included, would help readers understand and replicate the method.
2. The number mentioned in the result, 6663, could be further clarified. Was it referring to the number of literature found or the number of affected women?

Thank you.

