

Review of: "The Impact of Urban Design in minimizing Women's Fear of Crime"

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I have read many of the reviews and generally agree that the paper needs quite a lot of work. One aspect that is not addressed relates to the statistics of crime - there are normally big differences between levels of crime reported to the police and actual levels, which may be captured in other kinds of surveys, meaning that the real levels are usually much higher - and therefore the problem is likely to be greater. However, it is also often the case that most crimes against the person do not occur in public spaces but in domestic circumstances. It would be useful to know if the crime statistics include the kind of location of crimes so that the scale of the problem can be properly assessed. Therefore, the context of the problem should be clarified. A much richer literature review would help to solve this. The methodological problems have already been identified by other reviewers. The results are only reported descriptively and contain quite simple analysis which basically reinforces the hypothesis about where women feel safe or not. There is nothing identified about where the attacks took place on the women surveyed who had been victims of crime. This would help to see if there were any correlations. There is nothing new here, unfortunately, despite it being a major problem in India and elsewhere.