

Review of: "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design — Enhancing Safety and Livability in Maqboolpura, Amritsar: An Adaptive Approach to Crime Prevention in Informal Settlements"

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The article needs a major review. Authors should focus on the structure of an article, such as IMRaD, or the structure suggested by the Journal. It is also important to be more precise and synthetic. 35 pages for an article, in most journals is not allowed, the structure proposed: literature review, demonstration and discussion is interesting, however, the manuscript is divided in five sections, and the method appears only on the fourth place.

In the IMRAD model, the introduction summarizes the literature review, objectives and context, followed by the method.

The authors state that they are employing a quantitative - qualitative approach or paradigms, however, it is not clear how they organize both strategies, moreover, quantitative and qualitative are not methods, which methods, within the quantitative approach are used? which methods within the qualitative approach are used? what is the relationship and sequence between the qualitative and quantitative phase of the study?

The authors can improve, reading:

Creswell, J. W. (2014). *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*. India: SAGE Publications.

The literature review resembles more a collection of quotes. The use of pronouns and ambiguous expressions is confusing: Many researchers: who? They? He?

The article should be rewritten, with more emphasis on the words and arguments of the authors. There are a few mistakes: jhuggi-jhompri / Jhuggi-Jhompri.

The references are incomplete and confusing. If the style of referencing is APA, the authors should adhere to the guidelines of such style.

Some references lack information, or present ambiguity, here are some examples:

- (Urban, 2013) compare:
https://www.pria.org/knowledge_resource/1531717758_Urban%20Poor%20Economic%20Contribution%20-

[%20Final%20Report.pdf](#)

- (Wikipedia, 2013) It is advised not to use tertiary or grey references, such as Wikipedia, remember that Wikipedia is not the author.
- (IJCRT, 2018) normally, you should cite an article, within a journal, remember that the journal is not the author of the articles

Finally, the declared relationship between quality of housing and urban environment is still to demonstrate. Sure, there are ways to improve life in urban areas, however, the relationship of cause effect is not clear. What causes crime?