

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

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The article examines the issue of accessibility status of public hospitals in Delhi regarding compliance with accessibility standards for a barrier-free physical environment, equal opportunities, appropriate information features, and communication on the internet for persons with disabilities. The article deals with a very important topic, bearing in mind that the accessibility of various places and activities for people with disabilities is necessary for the exercise of their rights and contributes to their quality of life.

All parts of the article are clearly and thoroughly covered. The theoretical background is sufficiently comprehensive and provides an appropriate context for the empirical part of the work. Materials and methods are clearly described. Presentation of the results in the form of tables, figures and text gives a complete picture of the obtained findings of the study. The discussion brings the results of this study into relation with the previous one, while the conclusions indicate the key findings of the study, on the basis of which the practical implications, which derive from those results, are formulated.

I think that certain sentences from the Background part of the abstract would be better suited to another part of the abstract. For example, I believe that the sentence "The Right to Information Act (RTI), 2005 has been used as the primary research tool to obtain information that is accessible under the open public domain." better suited to the Settings and Design/Methods part of the abstract. Also, the sentences "The study's findings showed that most hospitals were aware of the RPwDs Act of 2016, yet only 14 admitted to making all their buildings accessible as per the five-year deadline. The study found that the public hospitals in Delhi have not fully undergone the necessary upgrades to create an accessible and barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities as per the RPwDs" would be better moved to the Results section of the abstract.