

# Review of: "Analysing crimes in public spaces of New Delhi through news reports: The need and possibility of integrating Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Principles."

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

This is an overall comprehensive study. However, some observations are as follows:

It would be advisable to update and refer to more recent literature w.r.t. CPTED especially as stated in the BACKGROUND section. The literature review needs to be accordingly updated. More recent references will add more value and context of crimes and concerns of the present times.

The aim and the second objective are same. Kindly revise in a manner that objectives help in achieving the aim. The methodology may be referred to for the same.

It is suggested to mention the particular analytical tests/tools adopted for the statistical analyses and include representative tables and graphs to validate the same. Correlation tables/graphs may be included in this endeavour.

The study has been suitably able to establish the importance of CPTED, however a comprehensive and concise table mentioning the different types of crimes and the CPTED measure (one or more) especially in terms of some urban design intervention that could have deterred it would serve as a meaningful takeaway from the research study. It will further validate Fig 3.

Hope the above points help in further refining and enriching the paper.