

Review of: "“Understanding how the design of urban areas can negate the anti-social behaviour and criminal activity” - Taking the example of Hyderabad Urban Areas as Case-Studies"

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Potential competing interests: possible financial benefits or certification if the research work is posted

*I found the manuscript's topic interesting and an area where I would like to see more work done bridging urban design (built environment) and healthy behaviour to avoid criminal behaviour. But unfortunately, there is a lack of theory in the study. The content and structure of the article do not represent the topic. Urban design elements, anti-social behaviour, criminal activity and CPTED must be linked and identified clearly, but researchers focused on CPTED principles.

*The abstract must be improved. When the author talks about quantitative analyses either done by the researcher or is it a questionnaire survey? The analysing parameters must be clear, and a yes or no answer is not enough for the research issue. It needs more clarification. There should be a rich, updated literature review with references. It is better to identify gaps from previous studies.

* The topic and issue are interesting, but the findings do not mention the issue; they just talk qualitatively without references and compare them with previous studies' findings. The study mostly focused on CPTED principles, but on topics related to anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, each must be clearly defined.

Overall, the author must redesign the research study. The structure must represent topics from general to specific. The issue should have a theoretical background representing urban design and behaviour (anti-social and crime). Determine how to match theory with CPTED principles and prove them with reliable mixed methods. The format of the article must be improved. The author should determine where he/she wants to submit and update it based on the format of that journal.