

Review of: "Expectation of Life at Birth by Sex and Area of Residence in India and Bigger States/UT's (2013-2017): A Review"

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Dear Khritish Swargiary, I have read your manuscript. Although the topic is interesting, I wrote some suggestions to improve its quality.

About Introduction:

The relevance of Life Expectancy at Birth is clear, but why is it important to study it in India? As in the title of the manuscript appears the word "review", I suggest you to search for records of other studies that give some previous data of the country or the continent.

On the other hand, it would be clarifier for those who read the manuscript to have a map of India and its larger states and union territories (UTs).

About Methodology:

To understand the background of the theme it would be useful give more information about how the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India collect the data. Also, if this research is a review, it would expect to find previous results about Expectation of Life at Birth from Indian population. I recommend to add an analysis to look for any disparities between males and females.

About Results:

To provide some sustenance to data of table one and the findings related to them, it would be necessary to make any statistical analysis, as chi-square or another similar to compare the data between sexes or considering the area of residence (rural versus urban).

I recommend to include references of current publications which give some evidence about the affirmation *This period witnessed a noteworthy increase in ELB, indicating an overall improvement in the health and living conditions of the population.*

I did not find data related with this finding: *‘For males, ELB increased from 67.8 years in 2013 to 71.2 years in 2017. Similarly, for females, ELB rose from 70.4n years in 2013 to 73.7 years in 2017’*. I suggest you to add a table or a figure which shows the changes of ELB in males and females between 2013-2017.

It is necessary to provide bibliography that supports the assertions about the factors which could explain the discrepancy between ELB in urban and rural areas. I suggest you do the same for the other assertions included in *Results*.

About Discussions:

I agree with the statement that the analysis of disparities in ELB requires a holistic approach. That is the reason why I recommend to include references that support the need to use this type of approach.

About Conclusions:

Although conclusions are related with statements that are mentioned in the manuscript it is imperative to include different sources of information (papers, yearbooks of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India or others) that support them.