

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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The article needs substantial edit and expansion.

Abstract: no specific result is mentioned. There is a general statement which cannot be considered as results but rather the objective of the study. The author also needs to add at least one sentence on the implications.

Introduction: the author needs to add in more background on the Expectation of Life at Birth (ELB) in India, what is the current evidence in the field, and what are the research gaps to be filled by this study.

Methodology: the author needs to add in a formal definition of the ELB, with some formula. The data source is also not clearly explained. What type of data is this, survey, sample registration system, or something else? Is the sample representative of the urban and rural areas and for each state/union territory? What is the sample size? What are the basic demographic distributions of the sampled data (e.g. by sex, by age, by urban/rural, etc.)?

Results: a map plot can illustrate better on the disparity in ELB by state/UT and by urban/rural residency status.

References: no single reference is cited in the main text, but a reference list is provided at the end of the paper. In order to properly cite these references, each listed reference should occur in the main paper as citation.