

Peer Review

Review of: "Medical Tourism in the Thessaly Region, Greece: Hotel Managers' Attitudes, Opinions, and Perspectives"

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The paper deals with an interesting theme, and I highly appreciate the authors' efforts in examining the topic. The following are areas that I consider need improvement or refinement.

1. The study aimed to "evaluate the attitudes, opinions, and perspectives of the hotel managers." However, a clear and compelling research gap has not been articulated to justify the study. The relevance of the study would be accentuated if the research gap(s) being addressed were clarified. For example, what are the current gaps in the policies supporting medical tourism in Greece, and how can this study fill some of those gaps? Moreover, the three constructs investigated - 'attitude, opinion, and perspective' - could be contextualized to eliminate ambiguity for the reader. Please see below for more details regarding my views about the study. It is also pertinent to know how the three constructs were defined in the questionnaire administered to the survey participants.
2. Both section 2 (literature review) and section 3 (Some previous studies in brief) could benefit from deeper reflection by the authors. Currently, many previous studies have been cited with minimal critical evaluation of how they have extended the body of knowledge or deepened our understanding of medical tourism. Both sections also provide the authors with the opportunity to enunciate the theoretical underpinnings of this study and frame their hypotheses.
3. Sections 5 (theoretical contribution), 6 (practical contribution), and 7 (limitations) would greatly benefit from addressing my comments in point 2 above.
4. Can you also clarify the use of the dollar (\$) sign in section 2? I want to assume that it is USD (American dollar), but I am not sure. There are probably close to 50 countries using the dollar as their currency, including Australia, Canada, and the United States. Therefore, stating which dollar yours is will be helpful.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.