

Review of: "Building Design Parameters for the Safety of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder"

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The writer commends the authors of this article for approaching a significant gap in the literature, which is the accessibility of urban spaces beyond their physical barriers. Please do not be discouraged by the star rating, as no doubt you will be able to greatly improve this article with some edits. Some initial suggestions:

- Connecting with Autistic lead organisations (and better yet engaging an autistic co-designer) may help you create a study and paper which reflects the realities of Autistic people. For example, most autistic people prefer identity-first language (i.e. 'Autistic person' to person-first language 'person with Autism'). There are also many unreferenced statements about autism that perpetuate inaccurate and harmful stereotypes which would need to be removed.
- Reading and citing more literature, particularly literature from the social sciences, may help you bridge the gap between your no doubt extensive understanding of urban environments, and an understanding of accessibility and disability justice. I recommend looking into disability justice and social model frameworks of disability, and seeking to understand Autism from the perspective of Autistic people.
- Working on the story of your paper which isn't currently present, so that there is a clear narrative. Currently the aim of your paper is not clear. I was confused by the references to crime prevention and surveillance when many of the 'results' were surrounding improving the safety and comfort of Autistic people in education. I think framing your paper around one issue, how Autistic people can be better supported in urban environments (and then specifying the environments you are exploring) is a platform for a great article!
- Structure your paper in a way which is consistent with most journal articles. Many universities have great guidelines on how to format a journal article, and I still refer to these as I write to make sure I have ticked off everything I need to.
- Include a discussion of the results which is currently missing