

Review of: "Fear Factors in Open Spaces – Children's Perception of Public Open Spaces"

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ABSTRACT:

Please specify the particular qualitative method that was used for the analysis. In which country is Pune located? Many of the readers will not know where that is? This statement seems to be ambiguous; "Further, the paper discusses the fear factors associated with open space aspects like design, aesthetics, density, accessibility, traffic, etc., which contribute to children's perception of open spaces, thus affecting children's independent mobility, the choice of the space of play, and the amount of time spent during outdoor play." Please rephrase it. The important conclusions are missing from the sections

INTRODUCTION

"This paper intends to understand factors like the quality of the environment around children, the physical characteristics of the environment and its quality, the factors affecting the perception of the space that may influence a child's outdoor play, and how the above two are associated." This statement in paragraph 3 is wrong. It was referring to three things while mentioning that there are only two things. This section did not justify the choice of Pune as a study area and why the study is limited to open spaces in residential areas and not in other areas like schools, parks, and so on. It also did not specify why this study is important and the category of people that will benefit from the research findings.

METHODOLOGY

It is imperative to mention the country where Pune is located because this paper will be read from all over the world. What is the justification for the methodology used in collecting and analyzing the data? Why the choice of 105 children? What is the total population of children in the city? What type of sampling was used and what is the justification for the sampling technique? If there was stratification for example, how did you stratify and why? Why did you select more girls than boys? Why the age range of 6 to 12 years?

ANALYSIS

This section should have read RESULTS AND DISCUSSION instead. Manuscript should mention and discuss all Tables

and Images in the text. This is imperative. The readers want to know what you are showing them. Table 1 seems to be faulty. Data was collected from 105 respondents and Table 1 reads 186 responses and the 186 respondents still amounted to 100%. Please reconcile. How does this study compare or contrast from previous studies? This vital information is conspicuously missing.

CONCLUSION

This statement: "Maliyok (Maliyok, 2015) defines risks as subjective and objective risks." should have read; "Maliyok (2015) defines risks as subjective and objective risks." However, there is no need to cite in this section. In addition, it is improper to cite a references in the latter section which was not cited earlier in the text. Therefore, this citation should be expunged or the work cited in the Introduction or methodology section.

Most of the references are dated. Out of 16 references, only 6 are recent.