

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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1. Introduction - Very short. The objective/ rationale of this manuscript is not mentioned.
2. Findings - The author states that there is an increasing trend in the ELB. However, there is no such analysis presented. The data is mentioned as "For males, ELB increased from 67.8 years in 2013 to 71.2 years in 2017. Similarly, for females, ELB rose from 70.4 years in 2013 to 73.7 years in 2017" in the subsequent lines. However, this is only for urban area and not overall. Is the previous data mentioned also for urban area or overall? Please check and make necessary specifications in the text. Reference of the past data is also not mentioned.
3. the last paragraph in findings section is more of a recommendation/ discussion point. Please omit it from there and include in recommendation.
4. No references given in the discussion.
5. The author mentions the importance of maternal and child health indicators in determining ELB. It would be good to support the statement with existing data of these indicators for some high ELB and low ELB states.
6. Overall, the statements in the manuscript are very generic and the discussion/recommendation does not add much value to existing understanding. The manuscripts talks in general about strengthening the public health system. The manuscript does not even look like a review. It looks more like a viewpoint
7. It would be good to talk about some examples from developed countries with better ELBs or states like kerela and the process which has led to an improvement in the ELBs. In the current shape the manuscript does not add anything to the existing scientific knowledge nor does it bring information from multiple sources at a place (which is sometimes the objective of a review article)