

Review of: "The Moderating Effects of Urban Design on Willingness to Walk in a Tropical City"

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- The relevance of the paper to Singapore's climate and ongoing national projects (The National Steps Challenge), as well as to the global context of sedentary lifestyles, the importance of walking, and heat waves, reinforces its significance and the need to assess it scientifically and statistically.
- In the hypotheses presented, include the urban planning aspect; all the hypotheses focus on environmental issues. Why not address the type of materials used on the ground? Architectural aspects were investigated but not included in the hypotheses.
- I remain skeptical about the choice of "Orchard Road," the shopping area, as a study site, which is known to host both commercial and recreational functions, so the animation itself invites walking. Would the choice of another street have different results?
- The comparison between the outdoor and indoor circuits needs further explanation. It is of vital interest and deserves to be discussed in depth.

Do not hesitate to present different perspectives in the conclusion: asking younger or older participants questions, as they may be less resilient to long distances and may or may not be able to confirm the results obtained. In addition, concluding the study with some design hypotheses (shade structures, trees with large canopies, water bodies...) will be useful for the importance of the study.