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| Title of the Manuscript: | **The Impact of Neighborhood Environment on the Quality of Life of the Elderly** |
| Type of the Article | **Book chapter** |

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| **PART 1: Comments** |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part**in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This study provides a comprehensive review of the relationship between neighbourhood environment and quality of life (QoL) among older adults. It synthesizes existing literature to understand the various pathways through which the neighbourhood environment influences QoL, including physical health, mental health, and social relationships. The findings have significant implications for policymakers, urban planners, and healthcare professionals seeking to promote healthy ageing and improve QoL among older adults. The study's importance lies in advancing knowledge, highlighting gaps in existing literature, and information policy and practice. It also highlights the need for age-friendly urban design and community-based interventions. The study also promotes interdisciplinary research, drawing on insights from urban planning, public health, sociology, and psychology to understand the complex relationships between neighbourhood environment and QoL among older adults. Overall, this manuscript contributes significantly to the scientific community, advancing our understanding of the relationship between neighbourhood environment and QoL among older adults and identifying areas for future research and policy action. |  |

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| **Is the title of the article suitable?****(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The suggested title should be “ Neighbourhood Matters: Understanding the Impact of Environmental Factors on Elderly Quality of Life”. |  |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | The abstract of the article provides a good overview, but there are suggestions for improvement.ABSTRACT**Background:** The community is the primary living environment for the elderly, and the neighbourhood environment plays a critical role in shaping their health status and quality of life.**Objective:** This review aims to synthesize the empirical evidence on the impact of the neighbourhood environment on the quality of life of the elderly, with a focus on the physical and mental health benefits of age-friendly community design.**Methods:** A comprehensive literature search was conducted using Google Scholar, Pubmed, CNKI, and Wanfang databases, yielding 48 articles published in English or Chinese over the past 11 years.**Results:** The findings highlight the significance of the neighbourhood environment in promoting healthy ageing, including access to green spaces, transportation, and social support. **Conclusion**: This review underscores the need for further research on the intersection of neighbourhood environment and healthy ageing, particularly in the development of morerobust research tools and the exploration of understudied populations." |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | This manuscript provides a comprehensive review of the impact of the neighbourhood environment on the quality of life (QoL) of the elderly. However, it could benefit from improvements such as clarifying the research question, organizing the literature review more clearly around themes or concepts, using more precise language, providing more context, using headings and subheadings, adding a conceptual framework, providing more detail about the methods used, and adding a discussion section.The introduction provides a good overview of the topic, but it could be strengthened by providing more context about the research question. The literature review is extensive, but it could be organized more clearly around themes or concepts. The section on "Path of Action" is unclear, and the conclusion provides a good summary of the main points but could be strengthened by providing more detail about the implications of the findings.In conclusion, this manuscript provides a valuable contribution to the field of neighbourhood environment and quality of life, but it could benefit from some revisions to clarify the research question, organize the literature review, and provide more context. By addressing these suggestions, the manuscript can enhance its overall contribution to the field. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.****-** | The references provided cover various topics related to the impact of the neighbourhood environment on the quality of life of the elderly, with most published within the past decade. They offer a diverse range of topics, including physical activity, social support, built environment, and health outcomes. The references are relatively recent, with most published since 2015 or later, ensuring the information is current and relevant. They also provide aglobal perspective, including studies from different countries. However, some suggestions for |  |

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|  | additional references include focusing on specific populations, including older adults with disabilities or those from diverse cultural backgrounds, longitudinal studies examining the impact of the neighbourhood environment on the elderly's quality of life over time, and intervention studies evaluating the effectiveness of interventions aimed at improving the neighbourhood environment and promoting healthy ageing. |  |

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| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | The article is generally well-written and has a clear structure, covering various aspects of the neighbourhood environment and its impact on the quality of life of the elderly. It uses technical terms related to the field of study, such as "health-related quality of life" (HRQoL) and "social capital." However, there are weaknesses, such as long and convoluted sentences, grammatical errors and inconsistencies in punctuation, and lack of clear transitions and connections between paragraphs and sections. The article is written mainly in the passive voice, which can make it appear less engaging and less clear. Additionally, some sections, such as the introduction and conclusion, could benefit from concise summaries of the main points.To improve the article, it is suggested to edit for clarity and concision, check grammar and punctuation, use active voice instead of passive voice, provide concise summaries at the beginning and end of the article, and use transitional phrases and words to connect paragraphs and sections, making the article flow more smoothly. |  |
| **Optional/General** comments | This article provides a comprehensive analysis of the impact of the neighbourhood environment on the quality of life (QoL) of the elderly. The authors conducted a thorough literature review, analyzing 48 articles published over the past 11 years. They found that the neighbourhood environment significantly influences the physical health, mental health, and social relationships of the elderly, ultimately affecting their QoL. The study identifies three pathways through which the neighbourhood environment affects QoL: physical health, mental health, and social relationships. The authors emphasize the importance of considering both the built environment (e.g., architecture, roads, service facilities) and social environment (e.g., interpersonal relationships, social inequality) in understanding the impact of neighbourhood environmentonQoL.The study also highlights the differences in the impact of the neighbourhood environment on QoL among various subgroups of the elderly population, such as those with chronic diseases, different socioeconomic statuses, and ethnic backgrounds. The authors conclude that the neighbourhood environment plays a crucial role in promoting healthy ageing and improving QoL among the elderly. They emphasize the need for policymakers and urban planners to prioritize the creation of age-friendly environments that promote physical activity, social interaction,andmentalwell-being.However, the article has limitations, including a lack of in-depth exploration, methodological limitations, and a limited focus on health-related quality of life (HRQoL). Despite these limitations, the article provides valuable insights for policymakers, urban planners, and researchers seeking to promote healthy ageing and improve QoL among older adults. |  |

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| **PART 2:**  |
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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?**  | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |

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