

**Review of:**  
**“Study of the Determinants Affecting Health Status of Health Care  
Providers in Thailand”**

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**Overview:**

This paper examines the external and internal determinants affecting health status of health care providers in Thailand, the relationship between the external and internal determinants and their health status, and the factors that best predict the health status of Thai health care providers. The introduction explains the importance of the research and provides an overview of the structure of the article. The Materials and Methods section describes the sample used for the experiment, the questionnaires that were employed, and the data collection process. Results regarding socio-demographic break-downs of the sample are provided along with correlation results among the variables that were captured. Finally, step-wise regression was used to predict health status from the study variables. The significance of the results for policy and practice is discussed.

**Title:**

The title of this article accurately reflects the content of the article. There are no changes requested to the title of the article.

**Introduction:**

The introduction serves its purpose very well in motivating this research paper. First, there is a suggestion that there are international and national interests in the research area. Second, it makes the argument that a study of health care providers is important for a greater overall understanding of the health service system. Finally, the objectives of the study are outlined. There are no changes needed to this section of the article. It should remain as it is.

**Materials and Methods:**

This section begins by making it clear that a mixed method approach is being taken in this research. The description of the sample is very clear, although some may be concerned with the sample size of 60. Perhaps a justification could be made for why a larger sample could not be collected in this case. The description of the questionnaires is very good, as is the details

of the instruments and the reliability checks. It may be appropriate in this section to include at least a brief mention of the methods that are used for data analysis. Particularly an explanation of the correlation and step-wise regression methods would set the stage for the results to be presented in the next section.

### **Results:**

The sections concerning the socio-demographic results and the Assessment of external and internal determinants are very clear. The information in the tables is presented in an appropriate way. Similarly, the correlation analysis describing the relationships among the variables is clearly presented. Finally, the step-wise regression results clearly show that an equation has been developed that can be used in future prediction exercises with data of this type. No changes are requested to this section.

### **Discussion:**

The discussion section is one of the strongest parts of this paper. We now can clearly see that education and income both have a strong effect on the health status of health care providers. The conclusions drawn from that finding are very clearly explained. Further discussion of the results strengthens the argument that has been made. A very strong argument is made regarding the possible hidden health hazards, and this opens the door for future research in this area. This section is very well done and there are no requested changes.

### **References:**

The references used for this article are an appropriate for this kind of research article. There are some peer-reviewed journal articles, and these are complimented by references to textbooks and other government or private agency publications. No necessary changes are required for the references section.

### **Recommendation:**

After a comprehensive review of this paper it is my belief that this is a high-quality research article that deserves to be published in the International Journal of East Asian Studies. The topic is of interest to the readership of the journal, the methods are appropriate for the research question, and the results provide significant insights into a problem that have not previously appeared in the literature. My recommendation is that this article be accepted for publication. Thank you for allowing me to participate in the editorial process at the International Journal of East Asian Studies.

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