

Review of:

“The Relationships between the Internal and External Determinants with Patients’ Perceptions of the Health Service System in Thailand”

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Overview:

This paper examines the relationships between and among a range of determinants of patients’ perceptions of the Thai Health Service System. The introduction explains the motivation for this research and suggests the potential significance of the results. A clear summary of the sampling strategies is outlined along with descriptions of the survey methods. A combination of analytical methods is used including descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and stepwise regression. The results clearly demonstrate the relationships among the variables that are studied. The limitations of the study are discussed (opening the door for future research) and references are provided.

Title:

The title of this article is clear and concise and accurately reflects the contents of the article. No changes are required to the title of the article.

Introduction:

The introduction is essentially ideal and follows the best formula for this kind of research paper. It begins by introducing the general research area, and gradually narrows to the specific research questions. It relies on previously published research to build a justification for the research being performed in this paper. The research questions themselves are clearly stated. There are no requested changes to this section of the article.

Materials and Methods:

It is important to give a very clear description of the populations used in this kind of a study, and the detail in this section is very good. The description of the sample is very clear, and the fact that there are 400 participants is appropriate for the methods being applied. The descriptions of the dependent and independent variables are also very clear. It is refreshing to see a mix of both well-documented models from the literature combined with information that is clearly pertinent to the Thai government and health system. It is this kind of novel research that should be published in the highest quality journals. It is appropriate to include the information regarding the validity of the instruments. There are no requested changes for this section.

Results:

As appropriate this section begins with descriptive statistics for the data that are being used. This sets

the stage for the rest of the results. It is very good that the research questions are presented here immediately above the results. The table is very clear regarding the level of correlation and the strength of the relationship. The step-wise regression results are similarly clear, although the fond is different parts of the table. This could be changed for consistency. Only this minor change is required for this section.

Discussion:

The discussion section really does its job in the right way in this paper. The best discussion sessions tell the readers what the significance of the research is. This discussion section does that by suggesting how the research results (effect of technology in particular) can have a lasting influence on the national health system. This really suggests the potential value of this research for policy and practice. There are no requested changes to this section.

Limitations:

It is refreshing that these authors recognize the limitations in the study. These caveats are appropriate for inclusion to fully inform the readers. This also suggests that there is also room in this area for future research opportunities. No changes are requested for this section.

References:

The references used for this article are an appropriate mix of peer-reviewed journal articles, textbooks (for methodological issues), and recent NGO publications. While more literature review can always be done, this is a perfectly acceptable set of references. 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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