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Indoor Air Quality Perception in Built Cultural Heritage in Times of Climate Change

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Abstract: Low quality in a museum's internal microclimate can induce both the deterioration of the exhibit collections, as well as affecting the health of visitors, employees and restorers. Starting from this premise, the present study aims to study the perception of visitors and employees of Darvas-La Roche Museum House (Romania) in relation to the air quality in the exhibition spaces. Their opinions were analyzed based on a questionnaire comprising 11 items aimed at understanding the influence of the indoor environment on the health of individuals, the degree of disturbance induced by the indoor air, if they experienced symptoms of illness after visiting the museum, etc. The obtained data were analyzed statistically in the SPSS 28 program, using tests such as coefficient, analysis of variance (ANOVA) and model summary, in order to obtain correlations between the sets of variables. The results obtained indicate that the majority of respondents perceived the indoor air quality as good, but there were also exceptions (approximately 20% of the respondents), which indicated different symptoms induced by the indoor air. Most of those (%) affected stated that they had pre-existing conditions, wear contact lenses or are smokers. In their case, the statistical-mathematical analyses indicated strong correlations between the ailments they suffer from and the appearance of certain discomforts (caused by too low or too high temperature, dust or dry air, etc.) and disease symptoms (nasal congestion, eye and skin irritations, coughs, migraines, frequent colds, etc.).

Keywords: perception; indoor air quality; museums; cultural heritage; tourism; human health; microclimate change

1. Introduction

Cultural tourism is one of the emerging activities in urban environments, which has seen a constant development recently at urban tourist destinations [1–5]. One of the basic

pillars on which cultural tourism is premised is represented by museums [6–8]. Museums diversify tourist activity, thus contributing to increasing the length of stay in a tourist destination, improving the image of the destination and, finally, increasing the satisfaction of tourists by improving the lived experiences [9].

In the Oradea Tourist Destination, there are 12 museums and museum collections, all operating in heritage buildings, some with historical monument status [10]. These buildings have existed without much attention from researchers regarding the internal microclimate [11]. Recently, there have been numerous studies that refer both to the conservation of heritage buildings and their interiors [12–16], and to indoor air quality [17–21]. Monitoring and analyzing the concentration of pollutants that decrease air quality is paramount to prevent the potential risk to human health caused by sick building syndrome [22–25]. In order to assess the danger to which the citizens are subjected, it is also necessary to determine the microbial load of the surfaces and the air inside the building [26–36].

The climate change—indoor air quality—public health nexus, known and argued over since the first decade of the 21st century [37–40], has today become an emerging issue, the understanding and solution of which largely depends on maintaining a balance between the use of heritage buildings and their preservation over time [41,42]. In this sense, EU-project FP7 “Climate for Culture” [43], which continues the research activity focused on climate change and heritage from the FP6 Noah’s Ark project, based on two moderate scenarios regarding gas emissions. Scenarios A1B and RCP4.5 [44], carried out by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), forecast indoor climates in historic buildings until the year 2100. The results of the project show that the temperature increases forecast for outdoor climates in Europe (between 1–3 °C for RCP4.5 and 2–4.5 °C for A1B) and extreme weather events will accelerate building degradation rates and raise air conditioning costs. Increases in the temperature inside buildings (indoor temperature) are expected in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, central Romania, the Alps, Italy, on the Adriatic coast and Greece. An increase in indoor temperature is also indicated by the study carried out for the southern part of England (Southern England) by Lankester and Brimblecombe [45], and the analysis carried out by González et al. [46], demonstrates that these temperature changes will affect the thermal comfort of visitors. Vardoulakis et al. [47] shows that the measures aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions have positive effects for public health, but there are also secondary effects, in the sense that the sealing of buildings to increase energy efficiency can lead to an increase in pollutant concentrations inside them. This means an increase in energy consumption for ventilation and air conditioning systems [46,48–50] and smart building technologies, with a possible indirect effect of increasing the degree of pollution outside [51].

In order to accredit and operate the heritage buildings as museum institutions, they have undergone some structural (recompartmentalization of the interiors) and functional (change of the original purpose for which they were built) modifications. Often, these changes affected the optimal functionality of the buildings, represented by microclimatic variations and deviations (temperature, relative humidity, carbon dioxide, suspended particles, brightness, formaldehyde concentration and volatile organic compounds) and biological (bacteria, molds and fungi) [26,52].

Indoor air quality has a decisive role for human health, for a healthy working environment and leisure time. The level of pollutant concentration, the indoor microclimate, as well as the exposure time are determinants both for human health and for the interiors of heritage buildings and their exhibits [53–56]. Air pollution inside heritage buildings, as well as an inadequate indoor microclimate, can negatively affect the health of visitors and employees [52,57–60] and can have consequences on the degree of preservation inside the building [61,62].

Too high temperatures can cause symptoms of physical and mental exhaustion, while low temperatures can lead to constriction of blood vessels and chills. Air humidity has significant effects on the quality of life over time. Too much humidity produces a favorable environment for the development of mold and considerably increases the risk of allergies

and bronchial asthma, leading to fatigue, lack of concentration and headaches. In contrast, low humidity leads to drying of the nasal mucosa, skin irritations, allergies and drying of the skin. For the well-being of the human body, the relative humidity should be between 40–70% [63].

Indoor air pollution is a risk factor for people's health, the most exposed being workers and restaurateurs who spend longer time indoors. Among the manifested symptoms are respiratory problems, allergies and decreased work capacity [64,65]. Tourists, even if they spend a shorter time inside heritage buildings, can be affected by the microclimate and indoor air quality [66–68]. Among their manifested symptoms are dizziness, vomiting, headache, fatigue, eye irritation and skin rashes, coughs, etc. [69,70]. Indoor air pollution with suspended particles, especially with PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀, has been associated with the intensification of bronchial asthma and cognitive disorders [71–73].

Indoor air quality also damages in time the interiors of heritage buildings by degrading walls and equipment. Temperature variations, as well as high or low humidity, contribute to damage to equipment and specific objects (religious, artistic, etc.). A high humidity of over 70% and a reduced ventilation is conducive for the growth of fungi [66].

The state of health is an interesting and important aspect that must be taken into account when the problem of the perception of indoor air quality is raised, in parallel with the knowledge of the consumption behavior of potential visitors [74,75]. The perception of indoor air quality refers to how each individual, thanks to the endosomatic instruments with which he/she is naturally endowed, perceives the air quality as good or otherwise [76–78]. In this context, the aim of the present study is to study the perception of indoor air quality in the Darvas-La Roche Museum in Oradea, Romania (Figures 1 and 2). This is a heritage building, built in the Art Nouveau style, between 1911 and 1912. Starting in 2020, after an extensive restoration aimed at restoring its former beauty and glory, Darvas-La Roche House reopened its doors in the form of an Art Nouveau museum. Within it, there are numerous important pieces of furniture, clothing, crockery, as well as other household items dating from La Belle Époque.

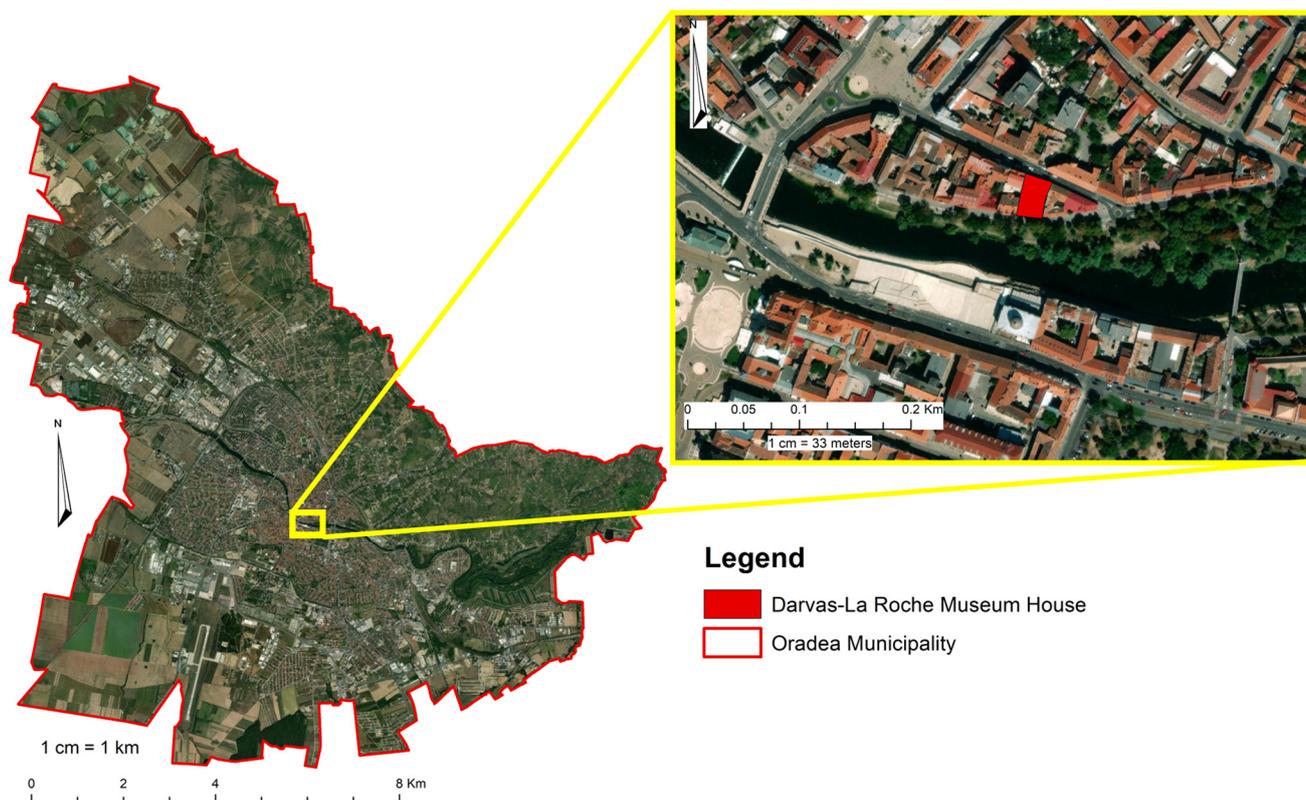


Figure 1. The location of Darvas-La Roche Museum House in the Oradea Municipality.



Figure 2. The main facade of Darvas-La Roche Museum House.

The working hypothesis is that air quality influences the perception of visitors and staff, thus good air quality will be reflected in good perception and vice versa. We note that the present study is a continuation of other studies aimed at understanding air quality [66] and the bacteriological microflora inside buildings [79]. Regarding indoor air quality, previous studies have revealed that the indoor environment can be quite unstable, mainly due to wide and very frequent fluctuations in temperature, relative humidity (RH), carbon dioxide (CO₂) and particles in suspension (PM). Exceedances of the international standards in force were also recorded for pollutants such as SO₂, O₃, NO₂, NO and H₂S, but these were sporadic and limited in terms of quantity. The pollutants VOC and HCHO have a high degree of risk for human health and the integrity of the exhibits, considering that during the measurement period, they exceeded the allowed limits by 28% (VOC) and 125% (HCHO).

At the same time, in the research conducted by Ilies et al. [79], the interior of the museum was monitored to determine the bacteriological microflora in the air and on the surfaces for establishing the degree of security for the health of museum employees, restorers and visitors. The results obtained emphasize the presence of some fungi and bacteria, among them *Alternaria* spp., *Aspergillus* spp., *Penicillium* spp., *Cladosporium* spp. and *Botrytis* spp., while the degree of contamination of the rooms was high to very high (between 524 and 3674 CFU/m³). These results indicate a high degree of risk for human health, considering that some types of identified fungi can cause health problems for people with low sensitivity, while also being able to amplify already existing conditions.

Taking into account the issues identified in previous studies, and to extend existing information, the current study aims to understand the perception that museum employees and visitors have of the quality of the microclimate inside the Darvas-La Roche House. Thus, this series of studies not only aims to identify quantitatively and qualitatively the main indicators of the internal microclimate and bacteriological microflora, but also aims to obtain valuable information from those actively involved inside the museum. The data obtained are important as they include both employees and restaurateurs (those who spend up to 8 h a day/6 out of 7 days per week in this environment), as well as visitors (who spend between 1 and 4 h in this environment); starting from the premise that their experiences in relation to the inner environment are definitely different.

2. Materials and Methods

Considering the fact that poor quality air can negatively affect humans, the study also took into account the analysis of their perception of the air quality inside the exhibition spaces of Darvas-La Roche House. This study is mainly based on primary data from the questionnaire survey. Secondary sources of data were also used to supplement primary data sources. In the period September 2023–March 2023, 250 questionnaires were administered to study the perception of both employees and visitors of the museum in terms of air

quality. The target group was chosen in such a way as to cover all age groups and genders, to include both people sensitive to impure air, under treatment, as well as healthy people, people who come into daily contact with the indoor environment and people who visit the museum only occasionally, etc.

The opinions of the visitors and staff were analyzed based on a questionnaire comprising 11 items, which aimed to determine the influence of the indoor environment on the health of individuals, the degree of disturbance induced by the indoor air, if they experienced symptoms of illness after visiting the museum, etc. At the same time, for an accurate interpretation, the analysis of the details that take into account the age of the respondents, their occupation, the number of visits they have made so far inside the Darvas-La Roche House and the average duration of a visit were taken into account.

Regarding the questions on the disturbing factors inside the exhibition spaces, they had a choice between multiple answer options, prepared following the identification of shortcomings at the site. Irregularities in terms of temperature and air humidity, unpleasant odors, dust in suspension and the presence of molds were thus taken into account. At the same time, the visitors were also questioned regarding the symptoms they felt after visiting the museum, such as: headaches, vomiting, repeated coughing and sneezing, eye and skin irritations, severe fatigue, etc.

In order to determine the effects of indoor air on human health, the data obtained from the respondents were entered into the SPSS 28 program, where various analyses and statistical calculations were carried out. Among the statistical calculations, coefficient, analysis of variance (ANOVA) and model summary are applied in this study.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. The Results of the Questionnaire Implementation

Among the 250 respondents, 108 (43%) were men, and 142 (57%) were women. Most of them, 71 respondents, were aged between 19–25 years, followed by those between 14–18 years (62 respondents) and the 26–35 age group (52 respondents). The smallest group comprised those over 61, represented by only 12 respondents. About 11% declared that they were workers, 10% did not have a stable job (they were mainly represented by pupils and students), 8% were staff with higher education, and 7% were entrepreneurs and 7% were workers in the tourism and services industry (Figure 3). The majority of respondents (220–88%) visited Darvas-La Roche House less than five times, 16 respondents (6%) visited more than 10 times, while 12 (5%) between five and 10 times (Figure 4a). According to the respondents, visiting the museum mostly lasted (50% of the cases) between 1 and 2 h, 101 (40%) of them usually visited it in 2–4 h, while only 23 (9%) needed more than four hours for a visit (Figure 4b).

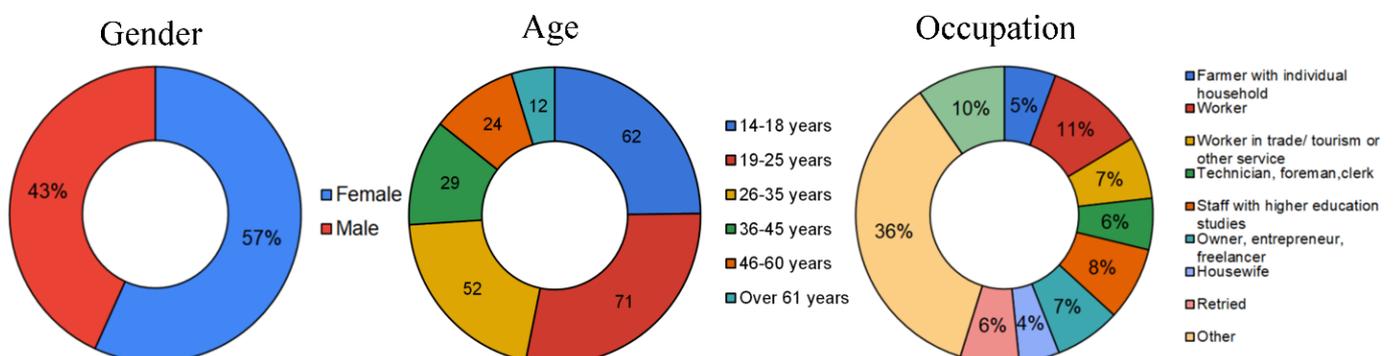


Figure 3. The characteristics of the 250 respondents in terms of gender, age group and occupation.

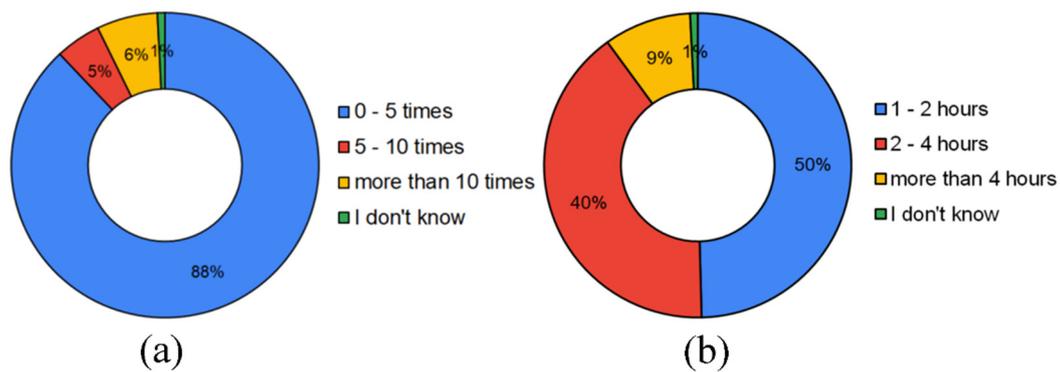


Figure 4. The number of visits and the visiting time of Darvas-La Roche House ((a)—How many times have you visited Casa Darvas La Roche? (b)—Approximately how many hours did it take to visit the Darvas La Roche House?).

Approximately 77% of the respondents were satisfied with the indoor air quality, 23% evaluating its quality as very good, while 54% recognized it as good. On the contrary, 13% of them claim that the air is poor, while 5% stated that it is very poor (Figure 5a). Among those who report problems regarding air quality, they claimed that they felt most acutely throughout the activities (36%), at the end of the activities (11%) but also at the beginning (9%) (Figure 5b).

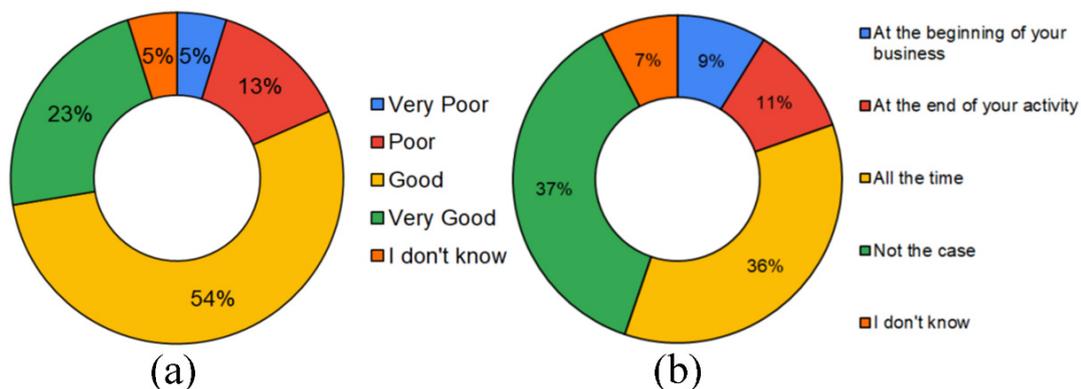


Figure 5. Evaluation of the indoor air quality by the 250 respondents ((a)—In general, how do you assess the air quality in the exhibition spaces? (b)—If you noticed problems with the air quality in the exhibition spaces, when do you think they are more pronounced?).

Based on the data presented in Figure 6a, it can be explained that, generally, the respondents never experienced disease symptoms when they visited the exhibition spaces. Of the 24 respondents out of 250, approximately 9.8% often felt dizziness/fainting. More than 54% never felt any disease symptoms during a visit to the exhibition room. The most common ailments that respondents felt were headache, dry throat, cough, fatigue and eye irritation; but these symptoms appeared only sometimes, without being based on a well-established pattern. Regarding the influence of the quality of the indoor microclimate on visitors and employees, most of them declared that they never encountered any inconveniences. Some claimed that sometimes they suffered due to high temperature differences, dry and unventilated air, dust in suspension and unpleasant smells. Other respondents (47) stated that they quite often encountered air that was too dry and dusty (Figure 6b).

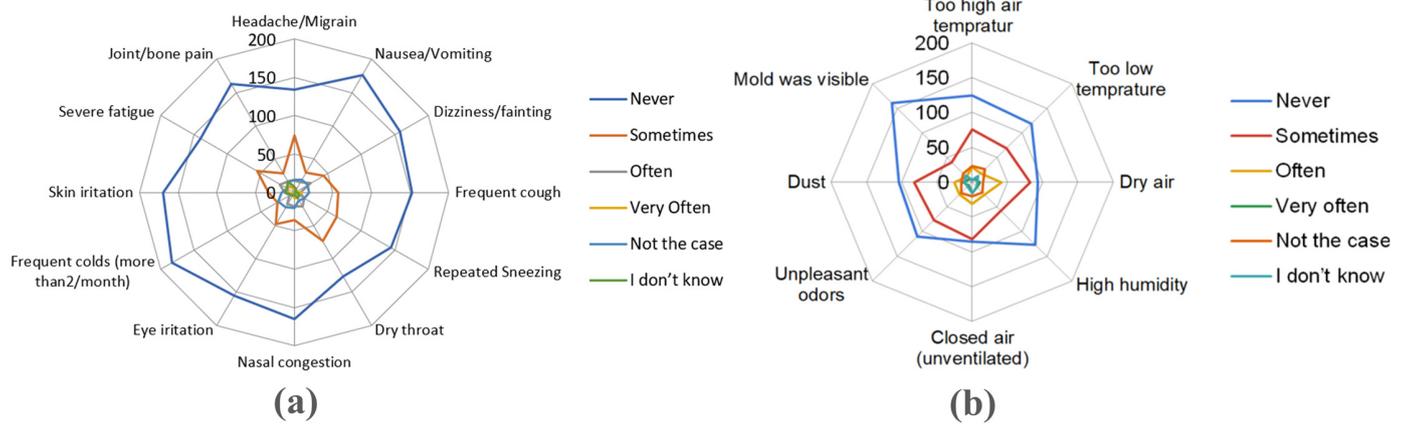


Figure 6. (a)—The symptoms induced to visitors and employees by the internal microclimate of Darvas-La Roche House; (b)—The influence of indoor air quality of Darvas-La Roche House, potentially harmful to human health.

3.2. Implementation of Statistical Analyses

Furthermore, to determine the effect of the respondent's health on the discomfort and disease symptoms when visiting the exhibition spaces, two statistical calculations were applied. The results show that there is a strong correlation between the pre-existing conditions/habits of visitors and employees and the symptoms they face after spending a certain amount of time inside the exhibition spaces.

3.2.1. The Influence between Health and Discomfort in the Exhibition Spaces

Based on the data presented in Table 1, it can be seen that smokers have an effect on discomfort in exhibition spaces seen from the significance value of very high temperature ($0.023 < 0.05$), closed and unventilated air ($0.000 < 0.05$) and dust ($0.013 < 0.05$). Wearing contact lenses influences discomfort in exhibition spaces, seen from the significance value of too low temperature ($0.048 < 0.05$), high humidity ($0.010 < 0.05$) and unventilated ($0.000 < 0.05$). Medical treatment to which the respondents were subjected contributed to the disturbance created in the exhibition spaces by the significance value of unpleasant odors ($0.015 < 0.05$) and visible mold ($0.000 < 0.05$); while health problems affected discomfort by significance value of too high temperature ($0.006 < 0.05$), dry air (0.018), high humidity (0.001), unventilated air ($0.000 < 0.05$), unpleasant odors ($0.002 < 0.05$), dust ($0.001 < 0.05$) and molds ($0.006 < 0.05$). All this indicates a positive correlation between the analyzed variables, so that the influence between health and discomfort is one of reciprocity and interdependence. We want to note that the significance value, the p -value, is the coefficient utilized in this argument. The p -value is used in this situation to establish whether there is a significant association between the variables being studied and their impact on discomfort in exhibition spaces, such as smoking, using contact lenses, receiving medical treatment, and having health issues. The null hypothesis, according to which there is no association between the variables under investigation, is tested using the p -value. A statistically significant association exists between the variables if the p -value is less than 0.05. According to this argument, there is a substantial correlation between smoking, using contact lenses, receiving medical attention, and health issues and their impact on discomfort in exhibition spaces. All of the p -values stated in this argument are less than 0.05.

Table 1. Health and bother in exhibition spaces based on coefficient.

	Smoker	Wearing Contact Lenses	Medical Treatment	Health Problem
Too high air temperature	0.023	0.183	0.091	0.006
Too low temperature	0.652	0.048	0.684	0.405
Dry air	0.505	0.863	0.188	0.018
High humidity	0.134	0.010	0.448	0.001
Closed air (unventilated)	0.0	0.0	0.485	0.0
Unpleasant odors	0.907	0.075	0.015	0.002
Dust	0.013	0.644	0.852	0.001
Visible mold	0.349	0.485	0.0	0.006

The statistical analysis's findings suggest a significant linear association between the number of severe smokers and the discomfort felt in the exhibition area. The null hypothesis (H0) was rejected, indicating a statistically significant correlation between the two variables. This study underscores the need for initiatives to lower smoking prevalence in such situations and has significant implications for understanding the factors influencing smoking behavior in public settings. The data also showed a substantial linear link between the discomfort felt in the exhibition space and additional elements such as contact lens use, medical care, and health issues. In this instance, the rejection of H0 shows that these characteristics are also significant predictors of discomfort felt in public areas. This finding emphasizes the significance of considering various variables when developing treatments to enhance public health outcomes. Overall, our results shed important light on the intricate interplay between personality traits and environmental variables affecting public health behaviors. This study can guide focused actions to lower smoking prevalence and enhance overall public health outcomes by identifying important determinants of bother experienced in exhibition settings. More research is required to fully understand these links and create successful ways to promote healthy behaviors in public environments (Table 2).

Table 2. Health and discomfort in exhibition spaces based on test.

	Smoker	Wearing Contact Lenses	Medical Treatment	Health Problem
Too high air temperature				
Too low temperature				
Dry air				
High humidity	0.000 < 0.05	0.002 < 0.05	0.000 < 0.05	0.000 < 0.05
Closed air (unventilated)				
Unpleasant odors				
Dust				
Visible mold				

The study's summary model sheds light on the degree of correlation between different variables, according to the Adjusted R-Square correlation coefficient, which is used to gauge the strength of the correlation between smoker variables and Y. Variable X influences Y to the extent of 10.9%, with other variables influencing the remaining percentage. The Adjusted R-Square correlation coefficient for medical treatment variables is 0.113, which shows a strong link between these and Y. Variable X controls Y by 11.3%. Wearing contacts, on the other hand, offers a weaker connection with Y, with an Adjusted R-square correlation coefficient of 0.065 and variable X having a 6.5% effect on Y. The study also shows that, as demonstrated by an Adjusted R-Square correlation coefficient of 0.24, health problem factors reveal a much higher association level with Y than any other variable evaluated. This implies that, while other factors affect the remaining percentage, variable X significantly impacts Y by 24.6%. It is critical to emphasize that these findings substantially influence healthcare practitioners and decision-makers in creating efficient interventions and strategies to deal with smoking-related health issues and medical care. Additionally, by being aware of the

different degrees of connection between various variables, healthcare professionals can better adapt their treatment to fit each patient's specific needs and circumstances (Table 3).

Table 3. Health and bother in exhibition spaces based on model summary.

	Smoker	Wearing Contact Lenses	Edical Treatment	Health Problem
Too high air temperature	R = 370		R = 0.376	R = 0.520
Too low temperature		R = 308		
Dry air	R-square 0.137		R-square 0.142	R-square 0.271
High humidity		R-square 0.095		
Closed air (unventilated)	Adjusted R-square	Adjusted R-square 0.065	Adjusted R-square	Adjusted R-square
Unpleasant odors	0.109		0.113	0.246
Dust				
Visible mold	DW 1.812	DW 2.094	DW 1.768	DW 1.139

A multiple linear regression test using the Enter method is to enter all predictor variables with sig $t >$. The value of the variable regression coefficient is as follows. The multiple linear regression equation model proves that:

- Smoker = 2.322 – 0.321 (too high temperature) + 0.033 (too low temperature) – 0.062 (dry air) + 0.150 (high humidity) + 0.211 (closed air unventilated) + 0.010 (Unpleasant odors) + 0.187 (dust) – 0.061 (visible mold);
- Wearing Contact Lenses = 1.286 – 0.131 (too high temperature) – 0.101 (too low temperature) + 0.011 (dry air) + 0.182 (high humidity) + 0.138 (closed air unventilated) – 0.106 (Unpleasant odors) + 0.024 (dust) + 0.032 (visible mold);
- Medical Treatment = 1.261 – 0.178 (too high temperature) + 0.022 (too low temperature) + 0.091 (dry air) + 0.056 (high humidity) + 0.029 (closed air unventilated) – 0.153 (Unpleasant odors) – 0.010 dust + 0.244 (visible mold);
- Health Problems = 0.648 – 0.269 (too high temperature) – 0.042 (too low temperature) + 0.151 (dry air) + 0.219 (high humidity) + 0.294 (closed air unventilated) – 0.185 (Unpleasant odors) – 0.178 (dust) + 0.124 (visible mold).

3.2.2. The Influence between Health and Disease Symptoms in the Exhibitions Space

Based on the data presented in Table 4, it could be stated that smoking has an effect on symptoms in exhibition spaces seen from the headache significance value ($0.000 < 0.05$), nausea ($0.001 < 0.05$), dizziness ($0.022 < 0.05$), dry throat ($0.000 < 0.05$) and skin irritation ($0.007 < 0.05$). Those who wear contact lenses declared that they feel affected inside the museum by dizziness ($0.000 < 0.05$), dry throat ($0.000 < 0.05$), nasal congestion ($0.000 < 0.05$) and joint/bone pain ($0.029 < 0.05$). Those under treatment indicated increased sensitivity to dizziness ($0.041 < 0.05$), repeated sneezing ($0.000 < 0.05$) and skin irritation ($0.000 < 0.05$). Finally, health problems affected symptoms in exhibition spaces seen from the significance value of dizziness ($0.044 < 0.05$), dry throat ($0.000 < 0.05$), skin irritation ($0.000 < 0.05$) and joint/bone pain ($0.000 < 0.05$).

The current study aimed to examine the connections between symptoms in an exhibition setting and significant smoking variables, as well as other potential influences such as contact lens use, medical care, and health issues. With a Sig value of 0.000, less than the preset alpha limit, the statistical analysis's findings showed that the linear model between smokers and symptoms in the exhibition space was significant. According to this result, H₀—which contends that no conclusive link exists between smokers and symptoms in the exhibition space—can be ruled out. Additionally, the linear model between symptoms in the exhibition space and contact lens use, medical care and health issues yielded comparable results. Given that each component has a Sig value of 0.000, which is less than, H₀ can also be rejected for each. These results indicate a strong correlation between these factors and the symptoms people experience in exhibition venues.

Table 4. Health and disease symptoms in exhibition spaces based on coefficient.

	Smoker	Wearing Contact Lenses	Medical Treatment	Health Problem
Headache/migraine	0.0	0.907	0.850	0.536
Nausea/vomiting	0.001	0.874	0.216	0.860
Dizziness/fainting	0.022	0.0	0.041	0.044
Frequent cough	0.543	0.900	0.583	0.801
Repeated sneezing	0.229	0.385	0.0	0.057
Dry throat	0.0	0.0	0.784	0.0
Nasal congestion	0.990	0.0	0.807	0.455
Eye irritation	0.633	0.255	0.668	0.074
Frequent colds	0.981	0.669	0.732	0.476
Skin irritation	0.007	0.050	0.0	0.0
Severe fatigue	0.656	0.625	0.919	0.200
Joint/bone pain	0.464	0.029	0.197	0.0

It is important to remember that smoking has been a significant risk factor for several health issues, including cancer and respiratory disorders (CDC, 2021). Smokers may develop more symptoms when exposed to environmental elements such as those in exhibition rooms. Similarly, wearing contact lenses or having specific medical conditions may worsen the sensations people experience in these situations. These findings significantly impact public health initiatives intended to lessen exposure to hazardous environmental elements in exhibition venues. Targeted interventions can be created to limit exposure and enhance overall health outcomes for those who frequent these places by identifying the precise risk variables linked to symptom exacerbation (Table 5).

Table 5. Health and disease symptoms in exhibition spaces based on AVONA test.

	Smoker	Wearing Contact Lenses	Medical Treatment	Health Problem
Headache/migraine				
Nausea/vomiting				
Dizziness/fainting				
Frequent cough				
Repeated sneezing				
Dry throat				
Nasal congestion	0.00 < 0.05	0.00 < 0.05	0.00 < 0.05	0.00 < 0.05
Eye irritation				
Frequent colds				
Skin irritation				
Severe fatigue				
Joint/bone pain				

The summary model provides an overview of the Adjusted R-Square correlation coefficient, which measures the level of relationship between medical treatment variables and their impact on Y. The coefficient for medical treatment variables is 0.145, indicating that variable X affects Y by 14.5%, while other variables influence the remaining percentage. Similarly, the summary model reveals that smoker variables have a correlation coefficient of 0.255, meaning that variable X affects Y by 25.5%. On the other hand, the summary model also shows that wearing contact lenses has a correlation coefficient of 0.290, indicating that variable X affects Y by 29%. This suggests a stronger relationship between wearing contact lenses and their impact on Y than medical treatment and smoker variables (Table 6).

Table 6. Health and disease symptoms in exhibition spaces based on model summary.

	Smoker	Wearing Contact Lenses	Medical Treatment	Health Problem
Migraine				
Nausea/vomiting	R = 0.539	R = 0.570	R = 0.431	R = 0.681
Dizziness/fainting				
Frequent cough	R-Square 0.290	R-Square 0.324	R-Square 0.186	R-Square 0.464
Repeated sneezing				
Dry throat	Adjusted R-Square	Adjusted R-Square	Adjusted R-Square	Adjusted R-Square
Nasal congestion	0.255	0.290	0.145	0.437
Eye irritation				
Frequent colds	DW	DW	DW	DW
Skin irritation	1.679	2.260	1.622	1.440
Severe fatigue				
Joint/bone pain				

Additionally, the summary model highlights that health problem variables have a correlation coefficient of 0.437, meaning that variable X affects Y by 43.7%. This indicates a significant relationship between health problems and their impact on Y. Overall, these findings suggest that different variables have varying degrees of influence on Y and should be considered when analyzing data related to medical treatment, smoking habits, wearing contact lenses and health problems. Further research could explore these relationships in more detail to better understand how these factors affect outcomes in various contexts.

A multiple linear regression test using the enter method is to enter all predictor variables with $\text{sig } t > \alpha$. The value of the variable regression coefficient is as follows:

- Smoker = 3.151 + 0.829 (headache) – 0.446 (nausea) – 0.692 (dizziness) + 0.113 (frequent cough) + 0.128 (repeated sneezing) + 0.306 (dry throat) + 0.004 (nasal congestion) – 0.058 (eye irritation) + 0.002 (frequent colds) – 0.221 (skin irritation) – 0.044 (severe fatigue) + 0.045 (joint/bone pain);
- Wearing Contact Lenses = 0.999 + 0.012 (headache) + 0.014 (nausea) – 1.138 (dizziness) – 0.016 (frequent cough) + 0.061 (repeated sneezing) + 0.254 (dry throat) + 0.936 (nasal congestion) – 0.092 (eye irritation) + 0.028 (frequent colds) – 0.107 (skin irritation) – 0.032 (severe fatigue) + 0.090 (joint/bone pain);
- Medical Treatment = 1.976 + 0.023 (headache) + 0.135 (nausea) – 0.496 (dizziness) – 0.082 (frequent cough) + 0.544 (repeated sneezing) + 0.017 (dry throat) + 0.058 (nasal congestion) – 0.041 (eye irritation) + 0.027 (frequent colds) – 0.262 (skin irritation) – 0.008 (severe fatigue) + 0.064 (joint/bone pain);
- Health problems = 0.871 + 0.061 (headache) + 0.061 (nausea) – 0.395 (dizziness) + 0.030 (frequent cough) + 0.131 (repeated sneezing) + 0.522 (dry throat) – 0.144 (nasal congestion) – 0.140 (eye irritation) + 0.046 (frequent colds) – 0.252 (skin irritation) – 0.081 (severe fatigue) + 0.211 (joint/bone pain).

4. Conclusions

The findings of the study revealed that the perception of employees and visitors on the quality of the microclimate inside Darvas-La Roche House is mostly good; most respondents viewed the indoor air as good (54%) or very good (23%), only a small percentage perceiving it as poor (13%) or very poor (5%). Among those who categorized the indoor microclimate as inappropriate, 37% felt discomfort throughout the indoor activity, while 11% reported discomfort at the end of the tour and 9% at the beginning of the activity. Most of the respondents symptoms disappeared after leaving the museum, but in some cases, it persisted throughout the day.

The respondents associated most of the symptoms with too high or too low temperature, dry and unventilated air, as well as a large amount of dust in suspension. All these mainly led to the appearance of migraines, severe fatigue, dizziness, frequent coughing, repeated sneezing, dry throat and eye irritation among the visitors. Most of the respondents

who declared that they experienced such symptoms after spending time in the museum also indicated that they have health problems, are under medical treatment, wear contact lenses or are smokers. Statistical analyses have indicated a strong correlation between pre-existing conditions and the variables related to disease symptoms (nasal congestion, eye and skin irritations, coughs, migraines, frequent colds, etc.) and/or discomfort sensations (dry air, humidity sea, unpleasant smells, etc.) induced by the internal microclimate.

In conclusion, for most of the respondents, the indoor microclimate in Darvas-La Roche House did not pose any potential harmful effect. Of the 20% who were affected, most reported pre-existing conditions and health problems. Thus, it can be assumed that the internal microclimate is not favorable for those who face health problems, having the potential to accentuate the manifestations of pre-existing conditions.

Regarding the limitations of the present study, it does not take into account the identification of the exhibition spaces where the discomfort is more pronounced, taking into account that the influence on human health is not constant over the entire museum. At the same time, it was impossible to monitor the medium and long-term effects that the indoor microclimate has on the visitors, in respect to what extent the symptoms experienced pass after leaving the museum or not.

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