



Bibliometric Analysis of Articles on Tourism and Disability Published in TR Index Journals

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Abstract

As a disadvantaged group, people with disabilities are affected by almost all activities of the societies they live in. It is known that they do not have the same opportunities as people without disabilities to access services such as maintaining their daily lives in society, meeting their educational and health needs. The issue that all humanity should know and remember is that everyone is a potential disabled person. UNESCO Sustainable Development Commission has set many targets for people with disabilities until 2030. In this direction, it is a known fact that the importance and role of tourism activities in human life is increasing day by day. Scientific fields related to tourism phenomenon, especially disability, attract the attention of academicians and all researchers. Especially in recent years, there has been an increase in the number of publications in various scientific fields related to the concepts of tourism and disability. Analysing the scientific research conducted in the field of tourism and disability within the framework of different standards is a guide for scientists conducting different scientific studies in this field. In line with this goal, the aim of this study is to present a bibliometric analysis of scientific articles on disability and tourism between 2005-2023 in journals indexed in TR Index. For this purpose, 56 articles were found in the TR Index database with the words disability and tourism in the subject content, keywords, or title. In order to reveal the evolution of the articles published in the field of disability and tourism over time, 56 articles included in our research were bibliographically analysed within the framework of 10 different criteria listed as the name of the journal, scientific fields of the articles, publication years, research topics, publication languages, types, countries and cities where the research was conducted, types of research methods, keywords used in the articles and the frequency of these keywords. As a result, it is noteworthy that the number of studies on tourism and disability published in the TR Index has increased rapidly over the last 5 years and that most of the articles are published in the social sciences, especially in tourism journals. In addition, some of the findings are that most of the articles included in the study were prepared as research articles, qualitative research methods were often preferred, and almost all the studies were written in Turkish.

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Introduction

Tourism has increasingly become a primary social need as well as an important economic driver in terms of economic growth and job creation. There are many practical and social barriers that can prevent people with disabilities from fully participating in tourism activities, which involve more than buying a ticket, booking accommodation, or paying for a package tour (Shelton & Tucker, 2005). Tourism is an activity that many people with disabilities can easily give up because it requires a planned combination of mental and social skills. It is an activity that people with disabilities have to think about more before and during the trip and face more difficulties than people without disabilities. People with disabilities are defined as people with mental, physical, or sensory impairments that may prevent them from participating in society on an equal basis with other members of society (Lee, et al. 2021). Tourism



activities should not only serve people who have to live their lives with a permanent or temporary disability, but also keep people with disabilities together with society, not isolate them from it. Through equal and free participation in tourism activities, the tourism movement contributes to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in societies and their access to their right to participate in social life (Kastenholz, vd., 2015). From a social perspective, tourism also offers many benefits, such as the reduction of social adaptation costs for persons with disabilities, social integration, and the realization of social equality (APGEM, 2012: 36). In this context, the World Tourism Organization considers that the right to travel is a fundamental human right necessary for human happiness and that tourism is a basic necessity that serves human health. The Global Ethical Principles in Tourism emphasize that the values of the world are open to all people, that tourism activities should contribute to the development of human rights, and that the participation of persons with disabilities in tourism should be facilitated and encouraged within the framework of the right of all people to participate in tourism (WHO 2011).

Among the 2030 goals of the UNESCO Specialized Committee on Sustainable Development 2030 Goals, set at the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015 under the slogan 'For people by people, by people', there are many decisions and goals for people with disabilities to live an accessible life (UNESCO, 2015). For this reason, especially in recent years, there have been many new developments in the concepts of tourism and disability and a noticeable increase in the number of studies in different scientific fields. The concepts of tourism and disability, and many of the issues related to these concepts, are of great interest to researchers from different scientific fields, especially tourism, health, marketing, and management sciences. Therefore, the analysis of scientific publications in the field of tourism and disability according to different criteria will provide guidance to scholars working in different disciplines related to tourism and disability. Based on these starting points, the aim of the study is to carry out a bibliometric analysis of the articles on tourism and disability published between 2005 and 2023 in the journals indexed in the TR Index. The results of the study, especially due to the limited number of bibliometric studies on publications related to tourism and disability, the point where the related literature has reached and the suggestions on what to do in future research on tourism and disability and the detailed examination of the studies included in our study reveal the importance of our study.

Conceptual Framework

Literature Review

The term 'bibliometrics' was first used as 'statistical bibliography' by Wyndham Hulme (1922) and later changed to 'bibliometrics' instead of statistical bibliography by Pritchard (1969) and is still used in this way today (Kodaş, 2014). Bibliometrics, which can be defined as a method used in the examination and detailed analysis of works containing scientific information, such as articles, books or theses, published using various statistical techniques; the results are obtained by examining the works in detail within the framework of various characteristics, such as year, keywords, subject, number of publishers, field of science studied, country/city where the works were published, citations of the works, languages of publication. In other words, in bibliometric studies, detailed findings are obtained by analysing the various characteristics of works on a particular subject (Turan, 2014). The importance of bibliometrics in tourism research is increasing day by day. The growth of tourism as a field of knowledge and the increase in the number of works and researchers in this field show this importance. With the growth and increasing importance of tourism science, it is necessary to study the works carried out in the field of tourism. In addition, analyzing and evaluating the research performance of organizations and individuals carries the importance of bibliometrics research one step further as it serves as a guide for future studies.

Arman & Bulgan (2022) conducted a bibliometric analysis study to identify the scientific studies on accessible tourism published between 2012 and 2021. A total of 58 studies were identified by searching the national literature using keywords related to the topic from the YÖK Academic and Google Scholar databases. These studies were examined within the scope of the year of publication, journal type, number of authors, number of pages and keywords used, and were examined in line with the necessary analyzes and bibliometric features. The results of the study showed that the evaluated articles focused mainly on "the market of disabled tourism", "the potential of disabled tourism", "the quality of services", "the satisfaction of disabled people", "the analysis of existing problems". It was also concluded that the most used keywords were "disabled" and "accessible tourism", and that most publications were made in 2014, followed by 2017.

Aksöz & Yücel (2020) conducted a bibliometric analysis of postgraduate theses on disabled tourism published between 1987 and 2019. In the study, the researchers searched the database of the Council of

Higher Education using the keywords "disabled tourism", "barrier-free tourism", "accessible tourism", "barrier-free tourism" and "tourism for all" and obtained theses in the field of disabled tourism. The theses obtained were subjected to a frequency analysis and a bibliometric analysis by evaluating the year of publication, types of theses, research designs, languages of writing, keywords, institutes, and departments in which they were published. As a result of the research, it was found that most of the theses were Master's theses. In addition, it was found that dissertations on disability tourism were written in tourism management, business administration, tourism management education, travel management, physical education, interior design, leisure, and marketing. In the postgraduate theses on disabled tourism, the concepts of disabled tourism, accessibility and barrier-free tourism were most often emphasized.

Cevizkaya, İlyas, & Avcıkurt (2014) conducted a bibliometric analysis of scientific research published in the tourism literature between 2000 and 2013. In this direction, postgraduate theses registered on the website of the Council of Higher Education and domestic and foreign journals in the relevant field were examined in terms of bibliometric characteristics. The researchers searched the database of the Council of Higher Education and related journals with the keywords "disable" and "disability" and a total of 603 theses and 49 articles, 515 master's and 88 doctoral theses, were found. These studies were analyzed in terms of bibliometric features such as "thesis type", "year of publication", "university of publication", "institute of publication" and "subject of study", and articles were analyzed on the basis of years. As a result of the studies, it was revealed that most master's and doctoral theses were prepared at Gazi University. It was also found that the majority of these theses belonged to the Institute of Social Sciences and the Institute of Educational Sciences. In addition, it is revealed that most of the theses were published between 2010 and 2013, and education and training issues were the main topics.

Method

The fact that qualified studies written in any scientific field are more easily accessible on the Internet for academics and researchers has greatly influenced the methodology of this research. In developing the research design in this study, the descriptive research method was preferred, which is one of the qualitative types of research aimed at obtaining quantitative data from the study group that characterizes the current situation and world of the research topic. The descriptive method is used to explore, describe, and interpret in detail the current relevant situation of the research problem and research topic (Aydoğdu, Karamustafaoğlu, & Bülbül, 2017; Karataş, 2015). According to Vires (1990), the most important and fundamental feature of the descriptive research method is to accept the research problem as it is and to try to find answers to questions such as what stage we are at and where we want to get to. Descriptive research requires the collection of data in order to find answers to questions about the development and current status of a given topic over time (Çepni, 2010). In this context, in order to obtain the data needed for our study, answers to the following questions were sought:

- Which are the scientific journals that publish the most articles on tourism and disability issues?
- What is the distribution of the articles included in the study by year of publication?
- What are the fields of scientific publication of the articles included in the study?
- In which genre (research articles, review, report) were the articles included in the study written?
- What is the distribution of the subjects of the articles that are included in the study?
- What is the language distribution of the articles that are included in the study?
- Which research methods (qualitative, quantitative, mixed) were preferred in the articles included in the study?
- What is the distribution of the keywords used in the articles that are included in the research?
- What is the frequency of the use of keywords in the articles that are included in the research?
- What is the distribution of the countries and cities that are researched in the articles that are included in the research?

Purpose and Importance of the Research

The aim of this study is to analyze the bibliometric characteristics of articles on disability in the field of tourism, published between 2005 and 2023 in journals indexed in TR Index, according to different criteria. The articles included in the analysis were accessed through the TR Index internet database.

In line with the determined purpose, periodical changes in the articles written on tourism and disability in Turkey will be revealed from many different perspectives. It is expected that the bibliometric information to be produced in this field will shed light on future research. It is also expected to serve as an important guide for researchers, academics, and the general public working in the field of tourism and disability during field research and bibliography scanning.

Population and Sample

The population of the study consists of articles on tourism and disability in Turkey written between 2005 and 2023 and published in journals indexed in the TR Index. The reason for this is that the first study that meets the criteria of our study was conducted in 2005. Between February 20 and March 30, 2023, a number of filtering criteria were applied in the detailed search on the TR Index web page. The keywords used to access the studies were determined as the concept of tourism and disability in the search line, science and social databases, 2005-2023 year range and title scan of the articles. As a result of the detailed search, 56 articles published in the journals indexed in the TR Index and containing the concept of tourism and disability were reached. All of the articles obtained were examined within the scope of the study as a sample group.

Findings

As a result of the searches carried out on the TR Index website, 56 studies were identified that published on tourism and disability between 2005 and 2023. Table 1 shows the journals publishing on tourism and disability and the number of articles in these journals.

Table 1: Journals in which the articles were published and the number of publications.

Journals	Frequency	Percentage
Journal of Turkish Tourism Research	8	14.29%
Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	8	14.29%
Anatolia: Journal of Tourism Research	4	7.14%
Süleyman Demirel University Visionary Journal	3	5.36%
Third Sector Social Economy	2	3.57%
Journal of Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences	2	3.57%
Design Theory	1	1.79%
Ordu University Institute of Social Sciences Journal of Social Sciences Research	1	1.79%
Urban Academy (Online)	1	1.79%
Health and Society	1	1.79%
Journal of Current Tourism Research (Online)	1	1.79%
Turkish Studies - Social Sciences	1	1.79%
Journal of Constitutional Law	1	1.79%
Journal of Gazi Faculty of Education	1	1.79%
Journal of History School	1	1.79%
Journal of Human and Social Sciences Research	1	1.79%
Hacettepe Journal of Health Administration	1	1.79%
Yüzüncü Yıl University Journal of Institute of Social Sciences	1	1.79%
Manas Journal of Social Studies	1	1.79%
Journal of Selcuk University Vocational School of Social Sciences	1	1.79%
Spormetre Journal of Physical Education and Sport Sciences	1	1.79%
Journal of Youth Research	1	1.79%
Gumushane University Journal of Social Sciences	1	1.79%
Business and Management Studies: An International Journal	1	1.79%
Tax World Magazine	1	1.79%
Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Research	1	1.79%
OPUS International Journal of Social Research	1	1.79%
Journal of Travel and Hotel Management	1	1.79%
Erciyes Journal of Communication	1	1.79%
Dokuz Eylül University Journal of Institute of Social Sciences	1	1.79%
Journal of Business Research	1	1.79%
International Journal of Economic and Administrative Studies	1	1.79%
Journal of Süleyman Demirel University Faculty of Medicine	1	1.79%
Contemporary Local Governments	1	1.79%
Suggestion Journal	1	1.79%
Total	56	100

When analyzing the journal names and the number of publications of the articles published in Table 1, it can be seen that the Turkish Journal of Tourism Research and the Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies are the journals that publish the most articles on tourism and disability (f=8, 14.29%). After these two journals, Anatolia: Journal of Tourism Research (f=4, 7.14%), Süleyman Demirel University Visionary Journal (f=3, 5.36%), Third Sector Journal of Social Economy (f=2, 3.57%), Dokuz Eylül University Journal of Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (f=2, 3.57%) are the journals that publish the most.

Table 2: Publication areas of the articles included in the study

Scientific Field of Journals	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Tourism	32	57.14%
Social Policies	9	16.07%
Architectural	4	7.14%
Recreation and Sports	4	7.14%
Marketing	3	5.36%
History	1	1.79%
Communication	1	1.79%
Health Sciences	1	1.79%
Education Sciences	1	1.79%
Other	1	1.79%
Total	57	100,00%

Table 2 analyses the scientific fields in which the articles included in our study were published. As a result of the analysis, it can be seen that the publications were made in 10 different scientific fields. It is noteworthy that the articles were mostly published in the field of tourism and sports (f=32, 57.14%). Then we see that publications were made in the fields of social sciences (f=9, 16,07%), Architectural (f=4, 7.14%), Recreation and Sports (f=4, 7.14%), Marketing (f=3, 5,36%). In addition, publications were found in the fields of history, communication, health science, and other (f=1, 1.79%).

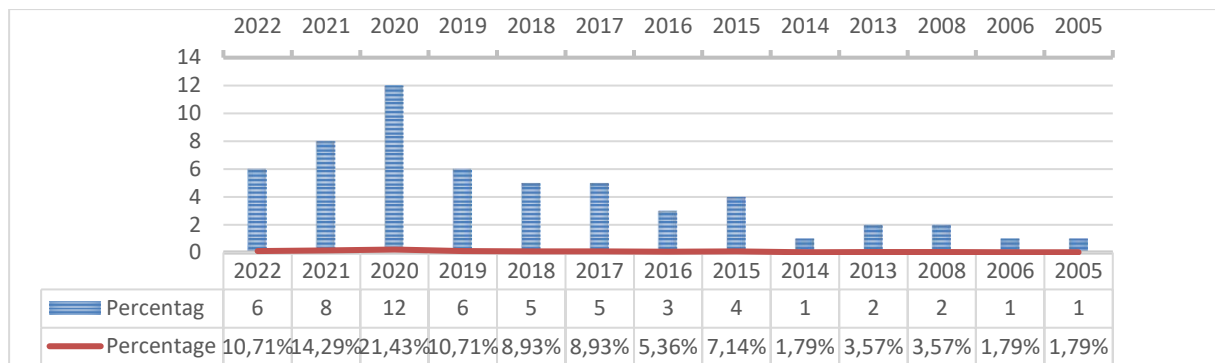


Figure 1: Distribution of Articles by Year

Looking at the distribution of articles by year in Figure 1, we can see that the most studies on tourism and disability have been carried out since 2005 in 2020 (f=12, 21.43%). Then, the most published years are 2021 (f=8, 14.29%), 2022 and 2019 (f=6, 10.71%), 2018 and 2017 (f=5, 8.93%), 2015 (f=4, 7.14%), 2013 and 2008 (f=2, 3.57%) and 2014, 2006 and 2005 (f=1, 1.79%) as the least published years. In 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 it is noteworthy that there are no studies in the journals indexed in the TR Index that include the concept of tourism and disability.



Figure 2: Research Topics of the Articles

Analyzing the research topics of the articles in Figure 2, it can be concluded that studies on tourism and disability have been carried out on 23 different topics. It is noteworthy that the most researched topic in the publications is accessibility (f=18, 32.1%). This is followed by health tourism (f=5, 8.9%), bibliometric research (f=5, 7.1%), marketing (f=5, 7.1%), disabled satisfaction (f=3, 5.3%), legal policies (f=3, 5.3%), expectations of disabled tourists (f=2, 3.5%) and employment of disabled people (f=2, 3.5%).

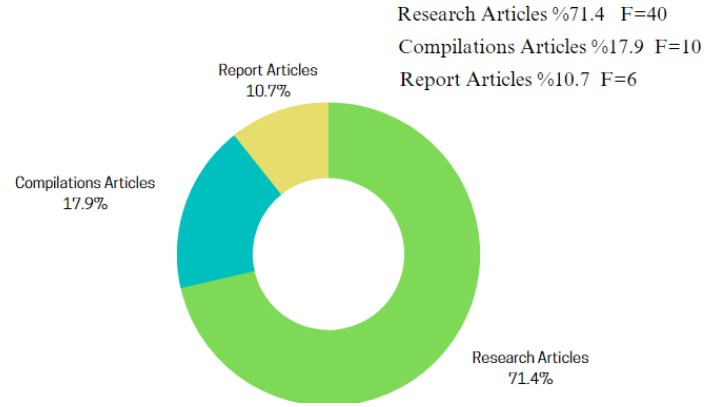


Figure 3: Article Categories

When analyzing the types of articles in Figure 3, it can be seen that the studies on tourism and disability are carried out in 3 different types. These are: research articles (f=40, 71.4%), compilations articles (f=10, 17.9%) and reports articles (f=6, 10.7%).

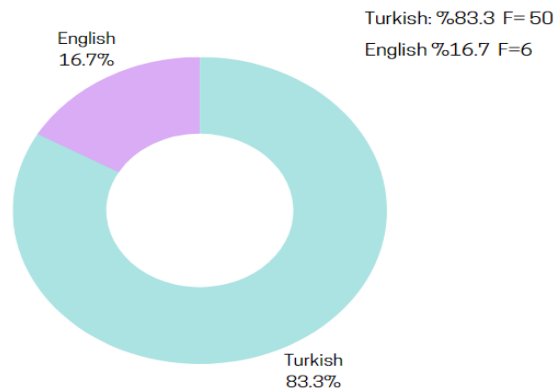


Figure 4: Distribution of Publications by Language

When analyzing the distribution of studies in terms of language in Figure 4, it can be seen that the majority of publications on tourism and disability (f=50, 89.3%) were published in Turkish. Only 6 studies (10.7%) included in our review were published in English. It is thought that the reason for this low rate is that the journals are generally published in Turkish.

Table 2: Country/City where the research was conducted

City/Country Where the Research Was Conducted	Frequency	Percentage
Turkey	22	37.50%
International	5	8.93%
Ankara	6	10.71%
Antalya	5	8.93%
Mugla	3	5.36%
Izmir	2	3.57%
Istanbul	2	3.57%
Mersin	1	1.79%
Denizli	1	1.79%
Kastamonu	1	1.79%
Afyon	1	1.79%
Isparta	1	1.79%
Burdur	1	1.79%
Aydin	1	1.79%
Gaziantep	1	1.79%
Konya	1	1.79%
Rize	1	1.79%
Balikesir	1	1.79%
Total	56	100

Table 3 shows that the studies on tourism and disability were carried out in 16 different cities and 5 different countries. Among these cities and countries, it stands out that the highest number of studies were conducted in Turkey in general (f=21, 37.5%). Furthermore, it can be seen that research on tourism and disability has been conducted in 16 different provinces of our country. Among these provinces, the

top 5 cities with the highest number of studies are Ankara (f=6, 10.7%), Antalya (f=5, 8.9%), Mugla (f=3, 5.3%), Izmir and Istanbul (f=2, 3.5%). In addition, 5 (8,93%) articles were studied internationally.



Figure 5: Keywords Frequently Used in Articles

When analyzing the most preferred keywords in the articles included in the research in Figure 5, it can be seen that a total of 403 keywords were used in 56 the articles. It is understood that the most frequently used keywords are "accessible tourism/disabled tourism" (n=16, 7.17%). Then "disability" (n=15, 6.73%), "tourism" (n=13, 5.83%), "accessibility" (n=12, 5.38%), "disabled people" (n=9, 4.4%), "health tourism" (n=8, 3.59%), "accommodation" (n=6, 2.69%) are the often-preferred keywords in the articles. The least used keywords were "constitution" (f=1, %0.25), "anxiety" (f=1, %0.25), "depression" (f=1, %0.25), "satisfaction" (f=1, %0.25), "recreation" (f=1, %0.25), "tour" (f=1, %0.25), "youth" (f=1, %0.25) and "public" (f=1, %0.25).

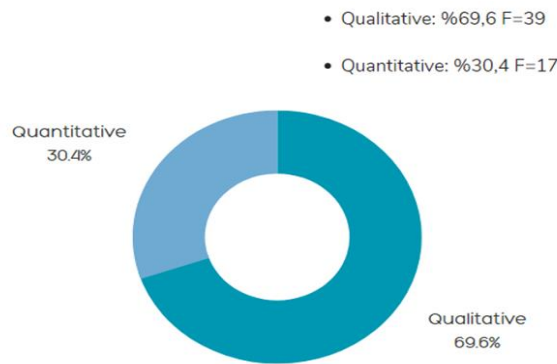


Figure 6: Preferred Research Method in Articles

Looking at the research methods used in the studies in Figure 6, it is seen that qualitative method is mostly used in the studies on tourism and disability (f=39, 69.6%). In other studies (f=17, 30.0%), quantitative method was preferred.

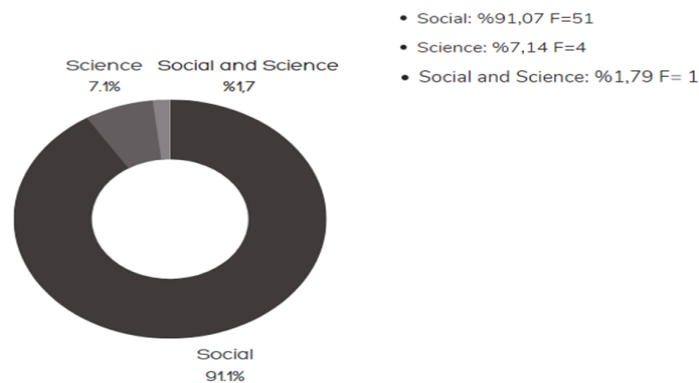


Figure 7: Research Field

When the research areas of the articles are analyzed in Figure 7, it is seen that the research areas belonging to social sciences (f=51, 91.7%) are in the majority. In addition to this result, it is seen that studies were conducted in science research areas (f=4, 7.17%) and both social and science research areas (f=1, 1.79%). The articles included in our research and all bibliometric analyses are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: General Bibliometric Research Table

Journal	Article Title	Research Field	Subject	Year of Publication	Research Type	Language	City where the research was conducted	Scientific Field of Studies	Research Methods	Keywords
Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	Paralympic Games in the Scope of Disabled Sports Policies	Social Policies	Disabled sport policies	2022	Compilation	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Disability Sport policies ParalympicGames
Design and Theory	Areas of Urban Hotels from the Perspective of Wheelchair Users: Three Hotels in Pendik	Architecture	Urban Accessibility	2022	Research	English	Istanbul	Science	Qualitative	City hotels, physically disabled,wheelchair users, accessibility.
Ordu University Institute of Social Sciences Journal of Social Sciences Research	Bibliometric Analysis of Articles on Barrier-Free Tourism in National Literature	Tourism	Bibliometric analysis	2022	Report	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Barrier-Free Tourism, Accessibility, Individuals with Disabilities, Bibliometrics, Article.
Urban Academy (Online)	Evaluating Sustainable Universal Design Accessibility Criteria at Historical Urban Sites	Tourism	Accessibility	2022	Compilation	English	Turkey	Science	Qualitative	Cultural Heritage, Protected Areas, Universal Design, Sustainable Cities, Accessibility
Health and Society	Determination of the Suitability of Social Spaces in Famagusta for Disabled Individuals Using Wheelchairs	Tourism	Accessibility	2022	Research	Turkish	Cyprus / Famagusta	Science	Qualitative	Wheelchair, social space, community participation
Journal of current tourism research (Online)	Evaluation of the Approach to Disability in Accommodation Businesses in the Context of Responsible Tourism: Denizli Case	Tourism	Responsible Tourism	2022	Research	Turkish	Denizli	Social	Qualitative	Disabled Tourism, Accessibility, Responsible Tourism,Accommodation Businesses, Denizli
Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	Evaluation of Applications for Disabled Guests in Thermal Hotel Businesses: An Application in Afyonkarahisar Province	Tourism	Accessibility	2021	Research	Turkish	Afyon	Social	Qualitative	Orthopedically disabled Thermal accommodation establishments Disability tourism Afyonkarahisar

Turkish Studies - Social Sciences	Health Tourism Value: The Case of Kastamonu	Tourism	Health Tourism	2021	Report	Turkish	Kastamonu	Social	Qualitative	Health tourism, health tourism in Turkey, medical tourism, thermal tourism, SWOT analysis, Kastamonu
Journal of Constitutional Law	Mechanisms for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: International Legislation and the Brazilian and Portuguese Cases	Social Policies	Disability rights	2021	Compilation	Turkish	International	Social	Qualitative	Disability, Constitutional Court,EHIS, Brazil, Portugal
Journal of Gazi Faculty of Education	Difficulties of Accommodation Teachers in Special Education, Suggestions for Meb and Education Faculties	Education	Challenges faced by tourism teachersin special education	2021	Research	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Special education vocational school, Housekeeping and disabled people, Hospitality and travelservices teaching, Vocational teachersin special education
Journal of History School	A Research to Measure the Satisfaction of Disabled Individuals in Accommodation Businesses	History	Satisfaction of disabled individuals with accommodation establishments	2021	Research	Turkish	Alanya	Social	Quantitative	Tourism, Disability, Disabled Tourism, Accessible Tourism,Alanya
Journal of Human and Social Sciences Research	Liberating Accessible Design Concept in Cultural Tourism Structures	Architectural	Accessible tourism	2021	Compilation	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Disability, Accessibility, TS9111, TS 12576, Cultural Tourism Structures.
Süleyman Demirel University Visionary Journal	Turist Olarak “Engelli” Algısı, Turist Rehberleri Üzerine Bir Çalışma	Tourism	Perception of disability	2021	Research	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Disability, TouristGuide, Tourism, Recreation
Süleyman Demirel University Visionary Journal	Access Problems Experienced by Disabled Individuals in Restaurants: The Case of Isparta Province	Architectural	Restaurant access issues	2021	Research	Turkish	Isparta	Social	Qualitative	Disabled Individual, Barrier-Free Restaurant, Accessibility, Isparta
Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	Are Prejudices an Obstacle to the Employment of Disabled Individuals? The Case of Food and Beverage Services	Social Policies	Employment of people with disabilities	2020	Research	Turkish	Ankara	Social	Quantitative	Tourism GastronomyFood and beverage establishments Downcafe

Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	Evaluation of Design Elements of Menus of Restaurants in Ankara	Other	Restaurant menu design	2020	Research	Turkish	Ankara	Social	Qualitative	Menu Menu designMenu management
Journal of Turkish Tourism Research	Determination of the Services Affecting the Recommendation of Accommodation Businesses: A Research in Alanya	Tourism	Online advice	2020	Research	Turkish	Alanya	Social	Quantitative	Logistic Regression,Alanya, Holidaycheck, Consumer Reviews,Hotel Ratings
Journal of Turkish Tourism Research	A Research on the Expectations of Accommodation Businesses for the Participation of Disabled Individuals in Tourism and Determination of the Current Situation	Tourism	Expectations of disabled individuals from accommodation businesses	2020	Research	Turkish	Istanbul	Social	Quantitative	Disabled, Disabled Tourism, Accommodation Businesses, Istanbul.
Journal of Turkish Tourism Research	Evaluation of Health Problems Preventing Social Life of Disabled Basketball Players in Terms of Tourism Activities	Tourism	Accessibility	2020	Research	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Quantitative	Disabled, Obstacle, Wheelchair Basketball, Tourism
Journal of Turkish Tourism Research	Factors Affecting Museum Experience: A Qualitative Study on Online Reviews	Tourism	Factors affecting the museum experience	2020	Research	Turkish	Burdur	Social	Qualitative	Museum Experience,Online Visitor Reviews, TripAdvisor, Burdur Museum.
Hacettepe Journal of Health Administration	A Bibliometric Analysis on Health Tourism Subcomponents in International Literature	Tourism	Bibliometric analysis	2020	Report	Turkish	International	Social	Qualitative	Health tourism, medical tourism, elderly and disabled tourism, thermal and spa-wellness tourism, bibliometric analysis
Türk Turizm Araştırmaları Dergisi	A Research to Determine the Perspectives of Tourism Students on Disabled Individuals and Disabled Tourism	Tourism	Overview of disability tourism	2020	Research	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Quantitative	Disability, People with Disabilities, Disability Tourism,Disability Tourism Market, Tourism
Journal of Turkish Tourism Research	Bibliometric Analysis of Postgraduate Theses on Disability Tourism	Tourism	Bibliometric analysis	2020	Report	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Bibliometrics, Disabled Tourism,Accessibility, Graduate Theses
Journal of Turkish Tourism Research	A Descriptive Study on Holiday Difficulties Experienced by Families with Mentally Disabled Children	Tourism	Accessibility	2020	Research	Turkish	Aydin	Social	Qualitative	Mentally Disabled Individuals, Disability Tourism,Tourism

Third Sector Social Economy	Evaluation of Services Provided to Elderly and Disabled Domestic Tourists in Travel Agencies	Tourism	Evaluation of services offered to disabled people in travel agencies	2020	Research	Turkish	Ankara	Social	Qualitative	Elderly, Disabled, Travel Agency, Package Tour, Health Tourism
Yüzüncü Yıl University Journal of Institute of Social Sciences	The Relationship Between Motivation to Participate in Sport and Quality of Life in Wheelchair Basketball Players	Recreation and sports	Motivation of disabled athletes to participate in sports	2020	Research	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Quantitative	Motivation to participate in sports, barriers in social life, quality of life, wheelchair basketball.
Manas Journal of Social Studies	A Research on Determining the Practices of Hotel Businesses for Disabled Tourists	Tourism	Accessibility	2019	Research	Turkish	Gaziantep	Social	Qualitative	Tourism, Disabled Tourist, Hotel Businesses
Anatolia: Tourism Research Journal	Bibliometric Evaluation of Postgraduate Theses on Health Tourism (1988-2017)	Tourism	Bibliometric analysis	2019	Report	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Health tourism, Graduate thesis, Bibliometric analysis, Parameter.
Journal of Turkish Tourism Research	Problems Faced by Disabled Individuals in Hotel Businesses	Tourism	Accessibility	2019	Research	Turkish	Antalya	Social	Qualitative	Disabled Individual, Tourism, Hotel Businesses, Problems
Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	The Relationship between Food and Beverage Services in Tourism Sector and Health Tourism Types	Tourism	Relationship between food and beverage services and health tourism	2019	Compilation	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Health tourism Food and beverage services Types of health tourism
Journal of Selçuk University Vocational School of Social Sciences	A Situation Analysis On The Convenience Of The Hotel Businesses' Accessibility Standards: Case Of Konya Province	Tourism	Accessible tourism	2019	Research	English	Konya	Social	Quantitative	International Accessibility Standards, Disability, Accessible Tourism, Tourism
Sportmetre Journal of Physical Education and Sport Sciences	Marathon and Butterfly Effect	Recreation and sports	Impact of sports activities on tourism	2019	Compilation	Turkish	International	Social and Science	Qualitative	Marathon, Butterfly effect
Süleyman Demirel University Visionary Journal	Hearing Impaired Tourism (Silent Tourism): An Evaluation of the World and Turkey Potential	Tourism	Quiet tourism	2018	Research	Turkish	International	Social	Qualitative	Silent Tourism, Tourism, Disabled Tourism, Hearing Impaired

Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	Accessibility of Restaurants in Ankara for People with Disabilities	Architectural	Restaurant accessibility	2018	Research	Turkish	Ankara	Social	Quantitative	Individuals with disabilities Accessibility in restaurants Disabled Physical condition Restaurant
Journal of Youth Research	Evaluation of the Expectations of Disabled Young People from Hotel Businesses	Tourism	Disabled people's expectations from hotels	2018	Research	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Disabled Youth, Tourism, Hotel Businesses, Service Expectations
Gumushane University Journal of Social Sciences	Disability Tourism: Legal Regulations and Practices	Social Policies	Legal regulations	2018	Compilation	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Disabled Tourism, Accessible Tourism, Disability Law
Business and Management Studies: An International Journal	Exploring The Performance of Hotels' Websites For Guests With Disabilities: A Content Analysis Approach	Recreation and sports	Web site performance analysis	2018	Research	English	Izmir	Social	Qualitative	Disabled Service, Accessible Hotel, Website Content, Disabled Tourist
Tax World Journal	Tax Incentives Provided for Health Tourism	Social Policies	Accessible tourism	2017	Compilation	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Not Accessed
Journal of Dokuz Eylul University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences	Medical Tourism Practices in Turkey: A University and Izmir Health Free Zone Evaluation	Tourism	Medical tourism applications	2017	Research	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Health tourism, Medical tourism, Health free zone
Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	Evaluation of Disability Tourism Market in the World and Turkey	Marketing	Marketing	2017	Compilation	Turkish	International	Social	Qualitative	Disability concept, Disability tourism, Disability tourism market
Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Research	Individuals with Orthopaedic Disabilities and Serious Leisure: Benefits and Barriers	Recreation and sports	Serious leisure benefit barriers for people with orthopedic disabilities	2017	Research	English	Izmir?	Social	Qualitative	Serious leisure time, Leisure time disabilities, orthopedic disability
OPUS International Journal of Social Research	Analysis of Motivation and Expectations of Disabled Individuals towards Tourism Activities: Muğla Case	Tourism	Motivation and expectations of people with disabilities towards tourism activities	2017	Research	Turkish	Muğla	Social	Qualitative	Disabled, tourism, disabled tourism, motivation, expectation

Journal of Tourism and Gastronomy Studies	Nature Based Accessible Tourism: The Case of Rize	Tourism	Accessible tourism	2016	Research	Turkish	Rize	Social	Quantitative	Accessible tourism, Nature-based, tourism, Rize
Journal of Travel and Hotel Management	Disabled Accessibility in Thermal Facilities and Evaluation of Services Provided to Disabled Tourists: Research on Thermal Facilities in Balıkesir	Tourism	Accessible tourism	2016	Research	Turkish	Balıkesir	Social	Quantitative	Disability, Accessibility, TS9111, TS 12576, Cultural Tourism Structures.
Erciyes Journal of Communication	A Study on Improving Communication with Disabled People in Tourism Sector	Tourism	Communication development and marketing	2016	Research	Turkish	Antalya	Social	Qualitative	Tourism Sector, Disability, Communication, Tree Diagram
Third Sector Social Economy	Problems and Solution Suggestions Encountered in Food and Beverage Businesses from the Perspective of Disabled Individuals	Sosyal Politikalar	Problems in food and beverage businesses	2015	Research	Turkish	Mugla	Social	Quantitative	Disabled individual, food and beverage business, disability issues
Anatolia: Tourism Research Journal	A Qualitative Research on the Evaluation of Accessible Tourism Expectations of Disabled Individuals	Tourism	Accessible tourism	2015	Research	Turkish	Mediterranean region	Social	Qualitative	Disability, Public and non-governmental organizations, Accessible tourism.
Dokuz Eylül University Journal of Institute of Social Sciences	A Research on Tourism Experiences of Disabled Individuals: The Case of Alanya	Tourism	Tourism experience of people with disabilities	2015	Research	Turkish	Alanya	Social	Quantitative	Accessible Tourism, Disability, Alanya, Tourism Experience
Journal of Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences	Protected Workplace as a Method of Employment of Disabled People in Turkey	Social Policies	Sheltered workplace, employment of disabled people	2015	Compilation	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Protected Workplace, Quota System, Employment of Disabled
Anatolia: Tourism Research Journal	Mediating Variables in the Relationship between Disabled People's Tourism Constraints and Intention to Be a Tourist: Motivational Power and Learned Helplessness	Tourism	Disabled people's tourism constraints and tourism intention	2014	Research	Turkish	Ankara, Izmir and Istanbul	Social	Quantitative	Disabilities, Tourism constraints, Motivational strength, Learned helplessness, Intention to be a tourist

Journal of Business Research	New Opportunities in Health Tourism and Marketing Efforts of Healthcare Organisations in Turkey	Marketing	Health tourism	2013	Report	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Service marketing, health tourism, medical tourism, thermal tourism, thirdaye and disabled tourism
International Journal of Economic and Administrative Studies	Evaluation of the disabled tourism market in Bodrum destination	Tourism	Disabled tourism market	2013	Research	Turkish	Muğla	Social	Quantitative	Disability, Disability, Disabled Tourism Market, Hotel, Holiday Resort
Journal of Süleyman Demirel University Faculty of Medicine	Anxiety, depression and quality of life in mothers of disabled children	Health Research	Quality of life	2008	Research	English	Ankara	Science	Quantitative	Depression, anxiety, quality of life, mothers of disabled children
Contemporary Local Management	Measurement Of Citizen Satisfaction In Municipalities: The Case Of Mersin Metropolitan Municipality	Social Policies	Satisfaction of disabled people with local government	2008	Research	Turkish	Mersin	Social	Quantitative	Mersin citizen satisfaction metropolitan municipality metering municipality
Anatolia: Tourism Research Journal	A Research on the Perspectives of Accommodation Business Managers on the Physically Disabled Market	Marketing	Overview of the disabled market in the hospitality industry	2006	Research	Turkish	Ankara	Social	Quantitative	Hospitality marketing, disabilitymarket, Turkey.
Suggestion Journal	Discrimination of Physically and Mentally Disabled Employees in Organisations: An Evaluation from an Applied Ethical Perspective	Social Policies	Discrimination	2005	Research	Turkish	Turkey	Social	Qualitative	Ethics, Business ethics, Applied ethics, Discrimination, Disabled employee

Conclusion and Recommendations

Studies on people with disabilities have become a very important topic in various academic studies carried out at international and national level. The results of this study, which bibliometrically evaluates the studies published in the journals within the scope of TR Index between 2005-2023 on tourism and disability issues, reveal important findings. In this context, 56 articles containing tourism and disability issues were reached. It was revealed that the relevant articles were published in 35 journals in 10 different fields. This situation reveals that the concept of tourism and disability has no boundaries and that they are multidisciplinary concepts that are researched in many fields of science such as social sciences (history, law, tourism), science, health sciences and sports sciences. In addition, when the articles in the field of tourism and disability are examined in terms of subject, it is seen that they are mostly focused on issues such as accessibility, health tourism, marketing, and disabled satisfaction. It is understood that the first article was published in 2005 within the scope of the Tr Index, the number of articles increased with each passing year, and the most publications were made especially between 2019-2020. It is thought that the most important reason for this is that the COVID-19 Pandemic, which affected the whole world, started to spread rapidly in our country in early 2020 and the restrictions imposed in our country within the scope of combating the epidemic since March 2020. In addition, it can be seen that most of the articles written on tourism and disability are research articles (40) and qualitative research methods are mostly used in the articles (39).

It was found that 51 of the 56 articles included in the research were published in Turkish and 5 of them were published in English. This situation can be considered as a rich source of data for local and foreign researchers, academics, students and the general public. Looking at the keywords in the publications, the words disabled / barrier-free tourism (16), disability (15), tourism (13) and accessibility (12) stand out among the 403 keywords.

When analyzing the country and city distribution of the studies in the articles, it can be seen that most of the studies cover Turkey in general. It was also found that research on tourism and disability was carried out in 16 different cities in Turkey. It can be seen that the most researched cities are Ankara (10.71%), Antalya (8.93%), Muğla (5.36%), İzmir and İstanbul (3.57%). It is noteworthy, however, that 5 (8.93%) studies are international in scope.

Within the framework of the findings and results obtained from the study, the following suggestions can be made for future scientific studies in the field of tourism and disability:

- It is understood that the majority of articles published on tourism and disability are in the field of social sciences. For this reason, it is very important to increase the number of studies on tourism and disability in different fields of science and to expand and develop the literature in terms of national and international literature.
- Further studies to be conducted by researchers from different professions and areas of expertise can enrich the literature on tourism and disability.
- Increasing the number of articles in English on tourism and disability in the national literature will strengthen the interest of foreign scientists and readers in research.
- The inclusion of other cities in Turkey in the literature with various researches in the studies to be conducted on tourism and disability is of great importance both in terms of disability awareness and the growth and development of the literature.

Looking at the articles included in the study, it is clearly seen that although there are many applications that have been implemented for disabled people to carry out better tourism activities, these are not enough, more tourism policies for disabled people should be implemented and the problems that face the integration of disabled people in tourism should be eliminated. As a result, this study, which was carried out on 56 articles with the method of bibliometric analysis, has shown that it is of great importance for disabled people to subject tourism practices for disabled people to interdisciplinary studies, to develop policies and strategies that eliminate disability in this context and support social integration with tourism activities, to increase the number of studies centered on disability and disabled people, and to ensure the necessary cooperation with all stakeholders in overcoming disability problems.

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