

Review of: "Prevalence of visual impairment and associated factors among welders in West Shewa Zone Oromia Region, Ethiopia"

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Generally, the manuscript is very good, interesting, and well-written. Starting from the title to the references, it was done vigorously. Authors are appreciated for their effort to come up with a neat and well-written manuscript. But it doesn't mean there are no things that need correction (revision). Here below, I have put areas for correction.

ABSTRACT :

1. In the result section, you have said, "factors include..." You can edit it as "Factors significantly associated with visual impairment include....." or list associated factors first, then add a statement that says, "Were factors significantly associated with visual impairment among welders?"
2. Among the associated factors, you have put working hours per day. But which range of working hours? All ranges or some? You have to write the visual impairment-causing working hours per day rather than generally saying working hours per day.
3. Conclusion part: better to state, "Visual impairment among welders at the study area was 29.34%," because "the" is not grammatically correct here.
4. Methodology: 1. What is your reason to select only five towns from 22 districts in the zone? Is it scientifically sound? Can your findings be generalized for the zonal population if you select five towns randomly?
5. Exclusion criteria: What if the welders had visual impairment before they started the welding job at all? What if the welders have other chronic diseases that are known causes of visual impairment like DM, Hypertension...Though 98 percent responded "no" to having known chronic diseases, it was better to include it in the exclusion criteria and better to check for DM and hypertension before the interview.
6. Remove words like "our eye" (introduction part), "my study" (discussion part, paragraph 4) from the manuscript. You can replace them with words like "the eye is an organ of sight...and this study." It is illogical to say "my study" (you might or will have lots of studies) shows....
7. The funding statement is not logical. If there is no fund for the study, just state it as "there is no funding organization." It looks like you are blaming Gondar University for not funding your research. Silly.
8. Edit the data availability statement; it is fragmented and grammatically incorrect.

