

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

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Good job to the authors for the study done on such an important topic and for writing the manuscript. Overall, it was difficult to do a detailed comprehensive review of the paper, as it is a published paper with no line references, but these are a few points I would like the authors to consider. Thank you.

- The presentation of the mean age of participants in the abstract reads "29.13+8.06SD", which I think should be 29.13 ± 8.06 years (mean/SD) for easy visualization and understanding.
- The concluding statement in the abstract could read ".....were significantly associated with visual impairment among this population". As these risk factors cannot be generalized.
- The definition of visual impairment by WHO is incomplete as it omits the recent addition of near visual acuity.
- In the methods, the data collection tool is mentioned to be from different literature and WHO, but no reference was given.
- In the results, visual impairment is presented as severe, moderate, and mild, but the criteria for how this classification was done is not clearly stated in the methods. It seems the WHO classification was used, and this should be stated.
- Since near visual acuity is now an integral part of the definition or scope of visual impairment, the authors might want to consider including the fact that the near vision of these participants was not assessed as a limitation of the study.