

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

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Title is clear and appropriate.

Abstract has appropriately summarized the manuscript and is understood without reading the whole manuscript.

However, authors need to reduce this section to a maximum of 300 words.

Keywords. Authors need to put 3-5 keywords relevant to the study, which are not already in the title.

Introduction has covered the rationale and clearly defined the purpose of the study. It references previous work rather excessively. Authors might want to reduce and simplify this part to make it more concise.

Methods are clearly stated and organized. They are appropriate for the study design, the sample is sufficient, and the data analysis is also appropriate.

Results are presented in logical order. However, the eye symptoms experienced during welding need to be elaborated. What type of symptoms did they experience or mostly experience?

Discussion. Some arguments in this section could have been better discussed, especially the comparison of prevalence between this study and studies in Malaysia and India. Authors need to compare it with the behavior found in other settings rather than the methodology. And the argument on geographical differences causing a prevalence gap is confusing. How does geographical differences cause variation in VI prevalence among welders?

Authors should improve their writing, with particular attention given to sentence clarity, syntax, and capitalization. The use of "my study" in the discussion should be replaced with "this study". Authors must also adhere to a uniform referencing style.