

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

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Background: General information about welders and potential visual impairment issues could be mentioned before talking about the fact that the prevalence of visual impairment among welders has not been well studied.

Introduction: 2nd statement should read 'most' and not 'Most'.

Last paragraph: The sentence 'But in Ethiopia, there is a gap in awareness creating training for welders on what and why they use PPE to prevent eye injury from welding activities' should be revised to convey the message properly.

## Study participants and sample size

The whole paragraph must be rewritten to ease understanding. Also, the word 'whereas' is together and not separated as 'where as'

## Data collection procedures and tools

The syntax of the sentence must be revised.

E.g., 'Five ophthalmic nurses and one public health officer participated in data collection'. The use of the word 'have' is unnecessary.

## Behavioral and environmental factors among welders

Among the respondents, 164 (25.9%) were 'coffee drinkers'.... A more appropriate word could be used.

## Workplace-related characteristics of the participants

The syntax of the first statement here 'The majority of study participants, 62.6%,*have* been working as welders for more than five years'. The *have* should be replaced by had.

Similar issue with one sentence under the heading **Severity of visual impairment among study participants'**

## Discussion

The internal referencing style used here is different from the introduction and methods. It can be confusing, especially with the use of rounded rather than square brackets

The statement '**The mean age of Indian participants was old, with a mean age of 45.5 +11.31 years, which could be attributed to differences**' is not grammatically sound and should be rewritten

In paragraph 4, the use of 'my' in 'In my study' should be changed to 'In this study.'

Again, multiple referencing styles, which smack of "cut and paste," should be seriously worked on.

Multiple areas of inappropriate capitalization of words should be worked on.